

St Andrew's

R O S E V I L L E

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026

St Andrew's Roseville

We are a church that loves Jesus and wants the good news of His death and resurrection proclaimed to all people, so that they can believe in Him. If you would like to know more about following Jesus or about St Andrew's, please visit our website - www.standrews.net.au

Coming up:

June 13 - Bush Walk

June 14 - 8:30am Special Morning Tea

June 14 - 10:30am 'Friends for Lunch'

June 21 - Dinner Church (5pm & 6.45pm)

June 27 - Working Bee

Staff Work Days

James Smith - Mon-Fri, Sun

Scott Warner - Mon, Wed-Sun

Ness Hughes - Mon-Thu, Sun

Mel Bell - Mon, Wed-Sun

Indira Ryan - Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun

Emily Tong - Mon, Wed, Fri

Amelia Ross - Mon-Fri

Matt Ryan - Sun

PRAYER & COMMUNITY

Dear St Andrew's

Last Wednesday was a special day for me. From beginning to end, its themes were prayer and community.

It began at the **Sydney Prayer Breakfast** at 6.30am. About 1,800 Christians from across our city, and from many walks of life — business, the arts, charities, education, medicine, politics and the church — gathered at the ICC in Darling Harbour. Over breakfast, we sang, heard an inspiring talk, and prayed for those sectors and for our city.

We also prayed in small groups around our tables, often with people we had only just met, for one another and for whatever needs God placed on our hearts. Thousands of prayers, rising from that room to our heavenly Father. It was uplifting and a wonderful way to start the day.

But that was not the only reason Wednesday was special.

At the other end of the day, I came to St Andrew's for our quarterly **Prayer and Praise Night**. About 50 of us gathered in the church and, for an hour, sang, recited Scripture, prayed in small groups, and encouraged one another with what God has been doing among us.

It was much smaller than the gathering in the morning, and in many ways we did the same things. But for me, it was even more uplifting.

Why? Because this was my church family.

We share not only a common faith in Jesus, as we did at the ICC, but a common life together. Over these last five months, I have been doing life with you. We have been journeying together as a community: rejoicing in good times, weeping in hard times, being with one another in the ordinary times in between, learning and applying God's word, and growing as disciples of Jesus.

In a world that is often fragmented, even within our biological families for some of us, Wednesday evening was a wonderful moment of unity: a local expression of the body of Christ, meeting in Jesus' name, by his Spirit, praising and praying to the Father.

The first Christians "**devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer**" (Acts 2:42). Last Wednesday night felt like a small but precious expression of that same devotion. Speaking to some of you afterwards, I know I was not alone in finding it joyful. I would love more of us to be there next time.

One final thought, if it is not too sentimental. At the end of the evening, it struck me that one day I will leave this church family. By then the bonds will be even stronger, through more years — God willing — spent together. That will bring grief, because of the love we will have shared.

And one day, I will leave whatever earthly church I am part of to join the heavenly one. Then loneliness will be overwhelmed by fellowship with thousands upon thousands of saints, and grief overcome by love, as I finally meet my Saviour face to face.

Blessings,
James

Mission & Aid Partners

Please pray for Ben Lim and his work with international students and the Sydney Uni Evangelical Union



- As Semester 1 wraps up, give thanks for how God has worked through the EU to share the Good News on campus
- Please pray for the students who encountered Jesus for the first time this semester, and ask that the Spirit would continue to work in their hearts
- Pray for the EU's ministry workers over the break as they prepare teaching material for AnCon, and ask the Lord that they get sufficient rest
- Pray for the ongoing work of Bible teaching and proclamation, that it might form and shape the hearts and minds of many students and staff at Sydney University
- Please pray for ongoing wisdom, humility and grace in all our EU faculty communities to welcome and love people from all cultural backgrounds.
- Please pray that God would provide all that they need through the generosity of his people, strengthening them to be diligent and to trust him with these needs as our Heavenly Father, our Good Provider.

SOUTHERN CROSS MAGAZINE

The June/July edition is available now via the link below:

<https://sydneyanglicans.net/about/southerncross>

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for the work of Scripture in Schools:

- For Scripture at Roseville Public School.
- That the students will grow in their understanding of Jesus and that it might cause them to attend a local church with their families.
- For those who teach the students and pray that God will sustain them as they do so.

Please pray for our Belonging to one another:

- That we will be a church that helps people who come to feel they belong
- Pray for wisdom as we welcome people on site and that every member of the church will be looking to welcome and include new people
- Pray especially for our welcome programs such as the 'belonging' and 'newish' lunches. Pray that we might become a church that looks to show hospitality to one another and build authentic relationships with each other.
- Pray that we will be known as a church that loves Jesus and each other.

Please pray for all Churches in Australia:

- For the many churches that meet, not just in Sydney, but around Australia.
- Pray for the salvation of Australians and pray that Australian churches may be a good witness of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God will protect the churches in Australia from false teaching and protect those who minister in them from the work of the evil one.
- Pray that the churches of Australia might unite under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, by his Spirit, so that we can show a unified message of Salvation.

Please pray for each other:

- For the 10:30am congregation

That out of God's glorious riches, they will be strengthened with power through your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. And we pray that they, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that they may be filled to the measure of all your fullness. AMEN.

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

There is a weekly morning prayer meeting (online) every Wednesday 7:30-8:00am. All are welcome.

Please visit the link below to join the meeting

<http://tiny.cc/730amPrayer>

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The preferred method for contributing to the ministry and operational costs of St Andrew's is via regular EFT giving to:

BSB 032 086

Account 387 248

St Andrew's Roseville

Cash/cheque contributions can be made via the offertory collection boxes inside the church (no funds are kept on site).

For enquiries about financial matters, please contact our Treasurer, David Vidilini via accounts@standrews.net.au.

To contribute to our Hall Redevelopment, visit:

standrews.net.au/building-a-home

SAFE MINISTRY

We take safety seriously at St Andrew's and we are committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of those in our care. If you have questions or concerns please contact our (voluntary) Safe Ministry Representative, Megan Webster at safeministryrep@standrews.net.au

PARISH COUNCIL & WARDENS

Wardens

Alys Martin - 10:30am

Luke Hall - 10:30am

Aaron Black - 6.45pm

wardens@standrews.net.au

Treasurer

David Vidilini - 10:30am

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Parish Councillors

Ursula Keen - 8:30am

Narelle Barbarino - 10:30am

Andrew Loel - 10:30am

Adrian Perry - 10:30am

Helen Vernon - 10:30am

Varya Davidson - 5pm

Olivia Shinfield - 6:45pm

James Russell - 6:45pm

BUSH WALK - CITY EDITION

Walk across the Harbour Bridge to the new fish markets – Saturday, 13 June

We will travel by train from Roseville to Milsons Point, where we will start our walk across the Harbour Bridge to the Rocks, Barangaroo, Darling Harbour and our final destination, the new fish markets.

Along the way we will enjoy our beautiful Sydney Harbour, a brief visit to the Garrison Church, and cobblestone streets with historic cottages and buildings including the Hero of Waterloo Hotel.

After morning tea at the fish markets, we will return by light rail to Central Station and train to Roseville.

Time (Milsons Point to Fish Markets): about 2 hours at a relaxed pace. Approx. 3 hours including travel time from Roseville and return.

Distance: approximately 6 kms

Grade: easy

Meet at Roseville station 8:20am for the 8:30am train

If you would like to join, or if you have any questions, please text Nick



8:30AM SPECIAL MORNING TEA

Sunday 14 June at James and Karen Smith's house

Straight after the 8:30am service. 1 Dudley Ave Roseville.

BIBLE READING TRAINING

Sunday 21 June 12-1pm at Church

Are you on the Bible reading team or interested in learning some public speaking skills? This training event is for you!

It will be run by Anita Savage and Scott Warner, and promises to be informative, interactive, and fun!

Please RSVP to scott.warner@standrews.net.au

BELONGING EVENTS - EVENING SERVICES

Sunday 21 June at 5pm and 6.45pm - Dinner Church

Dinner Church is a wonderful night of fellowship and worship-all in one evening!! Come to church as usual for our 5pm or 6:45pm service and you will be able to grab some dinner before we get started. It's informal, but we will still be gathering around God's word and spending time in prayer and fellowship with one another.

\$5 contribution to help cover costs if you are able.

Sign up to serve at 5pm <http://tiny.cc/5pmdinnerchurch>

Sign up to serve at 6:45pm <http://tiny.cc/645dinnerchurch>

WORKING BEE

Saturday 27 June 8am-12pm

Many hands make light work! Please come along to our next working bee and lend a hand to tidy up our site. Whether you can come for half an hour or three hours, all helping hands will be welcome and appreciated.

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Thursdays 10am-12pm during the school term, in the Kelman Room

Xtreme

Years 4-6

Fridays 3:15-5:30pm

StAR Kids program

Sundays 10:30am Service

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Years 7-12

Fridays 6:30-8:30pm

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Years 7-9

Sundays during 10:30am service

Snr Youth (years 10-12) are encouraged to attend the 6.45pm Service.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH CLASSES

Everyday English classes are held weekly during term time.

Thursdays 10am-12pm

In the office @ 1 Bancroft Ave

STAFF TEAM:

Senior Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister (*Kids & Youth*)
Youth Minister
Ministry Support Coordinator
Assistant Children's Minister
Student Minister
Office

PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

Around 50 people from across all four congregations gathered this week for our Prayer and Praise Night, providing a wonderful opportunity to come together as one church family. We gave thanks for the way God has been speaking through our Isaiah sermon series and prayed for the remainder of the series, and our vision, "Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ through Belonging, Maturity, and Outreach." A highlight of the night was gathering in smaller groups to encourage and pray for one another. If you missed it this time, we'd love to see you at the next Prayer and Praise Night in Term 3.



HALL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

This week, if you peer through the fence or the south door of the church building, you will see that our hall has reached another important milestone: the concrete has now been poured for the upper floor. And you may have noticed a stormwater pit installed outside the church office.



Over the next few weeks, we expect to see the roof steel installed, further concrete poured for the paths around the hall, and new tiles laid across the whole hall roof. We remain on track to be back in the hall at the beginning of Term 1, 2027, and our finances are in a healthy position.

However, as we approach the end of the financial year, this is a good opportunity to consider making a tax-deductible donation to the Building Fund. Every gift helps us minimise the amount we need to draw down from our approved loan facility. If you have not yet contributed, or would like to make an additional donation, details are available here: <https://standrews.net.au/building-a-home/#Financial> Please give thanks for Laycock, our builders; Midson, our project managers; Stanton Dahl, our architects; and the Building Committee, as they work together on this project. And please pray that the hall will be completed on time and on budget, and that it will serve ministry and mission at St Andrew's for the glory of God.

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