St Andrew's
ROSEVILLE

GROWING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

2027 VISION AND GIVING

A Home for Growing Disciples

Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ
through Belonging, Maturity and Outreach

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A booklet for prayerful consideration of our 2027 giving

Introduction

Dear St Andrew's family,

On Sunday 25 October, we begun a five-week Vision series through 22 November. The first nine months of this year have been an encouraging start: new people have joined us, guests have heard the gospel, and young people have been ministered to and taken steps towards Jesus. We thank God for his kindness and ask him to keep drawing people to Christ and growing us as his disciples.

Across January to September, average total Sunday attendance (adults, youth and children) was 337, compared with 309 over the same period in 2025—an increase of 9%. At Summer Camp, five young people committed their lives to Christ; at KYCK, one trusted Jesus for the first time and eight recommitted themselves to following him; after our 321 course 1 person was baptized and others have moved towards faith. We give thanks for each person and pray that they will keep growing in Christ.

The weekday Bible-reading blog began this year and now reaches around 80 people each day, some reading the Bible regularly for the first time. So far this year, 25 people have been welcomed as new members; HUB Sunday brought 21 families, including 13 who do not usually attend church. We thank God for these signs of welcome and discipleship. Growth brings responsibility: we want people to hear the gospel, find a church family, grow as disciples and serve others. That takes prayer, time, people and practical resources.

This is the first year St Andrew's has invited households to pledge annually. We do so to help Parish Council plan ministry responsibly and, above all, as an act of discipleship. In Jesus, God has shown us his grace; Christ gave himself for us, and our giving is a grateful response (2 Corinthians 8:9). This is a call to meet needs and future opportunities for ministry and mission as they arise.

Our vision is not changing. The series invites us to see it afresh as we move into the new hall, and imagine what God may do among us next year, as we expand a **home for growing disciples.**

Please read, pray and consider how you can share in the work God is doing at St Andrew's.

Grace and peace,
James Smith
Senior Minister

Vision of St Andrew's

Our vision is a settled one. The invitation is to recover its imagination.

Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ through Belonging, Maturity and Outreach. Those words can become familiar enough that we stop noticing what they ask of us. During the series, we will explore what they mean for our life together and the people God is bringing among us.

At the AGM I described four kinds of growth I long to see among us:

Growing in our delight in God

We are here to know, love, trust, obey and rejoice in God through Jesus Christ. We want the Bible to be opened with hunger, prayer to express dependence, and our worship to be marked by truth, reverence, warmth and joy.

Growing in our love for one another

The church is a family, not a collection of people who happen to attend the same service. We want newcomers to be welcomed, the lonely noticed, the grieving held, and generations to encourage one another in Christ.

Growing in our capacity for ministry

Buildings, money and staff are not the mission. They are practical gifts that can serve the mission. We want the people and resources God has entrusted to us to be used faithfully, generously and sustainably.

Growing through outreach

We are here because Jesus is Lord and people need to know him. We want to pray boldly, invite naturally, speak the gospel clearly and welcome warmly, trusting God to bring people to Christ.

This is growth for God's glory and the salvation of many, not for our ego or prestige. God grows his people and builds his church (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Our part is to pray, love, serve, give and bear witness to Jesus.

Our home for the next season

With your support, St Andrew's is prayerfully preparing the way for the next generation of kingdom growth in Roseville.

A welcoming home

After more than a decade of vision, consultation, planning and building, the Hall Development is expected to reach handover for Easter 2027. Its new spaces will help people of all ages and abilities to safely meet, learn, share food and grow together.

This development gives us a home for welcome, family, community and the future. Buildings cannot make disciples, but these spaces can give congregations, small groups, children's and youth ministries, and community programs a comfortable place to grow. We look forward to sharing meals, opening the Bible, praying, welcoming neighbours and growing in Christ.

Investing in the discipleship of our youth and young adults

A key opportunity for this next chapter is a new full-time Youth and Young Adults Minister role.

REVIVE serves around 60 young people, supported by 18 leaders. Young people are discovering Jesus, asking big questions, forming friendships and taking first steps as disciples. Young Adults ministry gained some momentum during 2026 starting at the Young Adults' Weekend Away and with increasing social connection during the year.

Youth and young adulthood are critical to discipleship. Children and young people are 24.1% of the population; 78% of Sydney Anglicans (about 80% in NCLS findings) came to Christ before age 18. But research shows that as young people leave the church structure of youth many fail to maintain their faith.

The proposed role responds directly to this opportunity and risk. It joins youth and young-adult responsibility in one portfolio so that Year 12 students are not simply farewelled from youth group but accompanied into the 6:45pm congregation, adult Bible study, service and leadership. This strengthens continuity while retaining the important roles of parents, peers, volunteer leaders and the whole church family.

A full-time minister would deepen pastoral care, support young people and leaders, and help disciples flourish into adult church life. This invests in young lives God is shaping and our church's future. The estimated annual package is $66,912–$87,527; the upper estimate assumes the church apartment instead of extra cash housing. Appointment and cost remain subject to recruitment and approval.

Commitment Sunday

Sunday 22 November 2026

Throughout the five-week series we will give thanks for God's work, look at the ministry opportunities before us and consider how we can support them. The main invitation to pledge will come on 15 November. We will receive pledges on Commitment Sunday, 22 November, and follow up afterwards.

We are asking households to indicate what they intend to give during 2027 to two separate accounts. The first is the General Offertory, which supports the ongoing ministry and staffing costs of St Andrew's. The second is the Mission and Aid account, which supports gospel and mercy work beyond our parish. Please consider each pledge separately.

2027 giving target	Annual target	Monthly equivalent
General Offertory	$968,496	$80,708
Mission and Aid	$100,000	$8,333

The 2027 General Offertory target is $80,708 a month, compared with $73,200 a month in 2026—a gap of $7,508. If current givers increased giving by 5%, that would add about $3,660 each month. The remaining $3,848 could be met if about 140 households not currently giving contributed an average of $28 a month. This is an illustration of shared participation, not a forecast or required amount; each household should give as it has prayerfully decided.

Additional giving to St Andrew's DGR funds

We also hope to receive $100,000 in gifts to St Andrew's designated Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) funds during 2027. These gifts are separate from pledges for 2027 General Offertory and Mission and Aid, and will be applied to eligible 2027 expenses in accordance with each fund's purpose.

Christian giving is a response to God's generosity, not a price paid for church services. We give willingly and cheerfully, according to what we have decided in our hearts (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why are we introducing pledging?

Giving is part of following Jesus. A yearly pledge invites each household to think and pray intentionally, helps us see what ministry can be planned, and gives us a chance to celebrate God's provision together. This is our first year of pledging at St Andrew's; we will learn and improve as we go.

2. What am I being asked to pledge?

Your household's intended giving during 2027 to the General Offertory and, separately, to the Mission and Aid account. The form will record each amount separately.

3. How much should I give?

There is no set amount or percentage. Please consider what generous, willing and sustainable giving looks like for your household, in light of God's generosity to you. The figures in this booklet explain the shared needs; they are not a measure of anyone's faithfulness.

4. Is a pledge legally binding?

No. A pledge is a prayerful statement of intention, not a legally binding promise. If your circumstances change, you may revise it.

5. Who will know what I pledge?

Individual amounts will be available only to the Treasurer. Parish Council and the church will receive aggregate information, not a list of household amounts. On 15 November James and Karen intend to share their own pledge; a combined leadership total will be shared only with each participant's consent.

6. Can I give if I do not pledge?

Yes. We are grateful for every gift, whether or not you complete the pledge form. A pledge is helpful for planning, but it is not a condition of belonging or serving at St Andrew's.

7. Can I change or stop my giving?

Yes. Your circumstances can change, and no one will be pressured to maintain an amount they can no longer give.

Frequently Asked Questions

Giving accounts and tax-deductible gifts

8. Can I give to the General Offertory tax-deductibly?

The General Offertory is not a tax-deductible fund. St Andrew's does have designated DGR funds that are able to receive tax-deductible gifts for their approved purposes. If you would like to explore this, please contact the Treasurer directly. Gifts to DGR funds are separate from your 2027 pledge – details are on our website.

9. Can I give to Mission and Aid tax-deductibly?

Yes, in part. Register a Donor ID with the Treasurer so your giving can be identified. Because not all Mission and Aid partners have DGR status, only the portion expected to be distributed to deductible recipients can be receipted. Under the current arrangement, at least 30% of a joint-giving contribution is expected to be tax-deductible; this proportion will be reviewed. Some partners may also issue receipts for direct gifts.

10. Does the General Offertory automatically fund Mission and Aid?

No. The two accounts are separate. If you want to support Mission and Aid through St Andrew's, please consider a separate pledge to the Mission and Aid account. You may also support partners directly.

11. What if I cannot use a QR code?

The QR code is the main way to submit a pledge – either on this booklet or email. If you need help accessing the form, please speak with the Treasurer; we will help you complete the digital process.

12. Will we have to pledge every year?

We intend this to become an annual rhythm in which vision, ministry planning, giving and reporting help one another. Parish Council will review how the first year goes and communicate the outcome honestly.

Questions about giving

Please speak with the Treasurer if you would like to discuss a pledge, a regular payment, Donor ID registration or a tax-deductible fund.

Pledging process

Please submit your household pledge on Sunday 22 November

The pledge process is digital. On 22 November, scan the QR code below to open the pledge form. The form will ask you to indicate your intended 2027 giving separately for the General Offertory and Mission and Aid accounts.

4 Read and pray

Read this booklet and pray. The sermons during the 5-week series, weekly small-group questions and the accompanying daily Bible-reading blog will help you reflect.

2 Consider both accounts

Decide what your household intends to give to the General Offertory and the Mission and Aid account.

3 Submit the digital form

Scan the QR code and complete the form. Individual amounts will be restricted to those administering the process.

4 Complete by 22 November

We will receive pledges on Commitment Sunday and follow up afterwards. You may revise a pledge later if circumstances change.

Father, all we have comes from you. Thank you for giving your Son for us.
Give us wisdom and joy as we share in your work,
welcoming people and helping them grow in Christ. Amen

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