

From the Senior Minister

Dear St Andrew's,

Welcome to first term 2012!

There are exciting developments ahead as we pursue our vision to be a community of Jesus Christ offering a centre of community for Roseville and beyond.

The most obvious thing at the moment is the expansion of our staff team to include the Rt Rev Peter Watson as Minister for Seniors, Suz Gorham as Women's Pastor alongside Meredith, Jeremy Morris as Youth Minister and Natasha Roberts as Youth Assistant. Finally, Lynnette Medway has offered to assist us in the office three days a week (part paid, part voluntary). What a gift!

Please remember, an increase in staff does not mean members of the church will do less. Quite the opposite. Think of ministry staff as 'coaches'. Their role is to enable you, the team, to score the touchdowns (yes, I just used a Gridiron reference – today is Superbowl day!).

Importantly, the Annual General Meeting is on Monday 5th March at 7pm. The first part will be a report on the progress of the *2020 Vision*. The second part will elect the Parish Council and Wardens. I have urged all of our current Councillors and Wardens to stand again – the working relationship has been so good – but we are not 'rigging' the elections this year! Please nominate people you think would be appropriate for these roles.

The Parish Council governs the property and finances of the church and oversees the implementation of the *2020 Vision*. We need godly, prayerful and capable people (over 18 years of age) who are passionate about seeing our vision realised.

Wardens are part of Parish Council but, in addition, are charged with administering the Parish Council's decisions about property and finance. They work quite closely with the Senior Minister and Executive Pastor. To nominate a candidate, first get their permission, then send a note/email to the office. If you nominate someone, you must be at the AGM, otherwise the nomination is invalid.

Finally, the Parish Council has made the strategic decision to engage a carpenter to remove the 'staging area' built 10-12 years ago at the front of the church building (where I preach from and the band plays).

St Andrew's is on something of a growth curve, and the 10am and 5pm services occasionally reach *comfortable capacity*. Because of the potentially negative impact on visitors of this *full church syndrome*, the Council has decided to act now to seat more people toward the front of the church.

With two rows of chairs in front of the first pew and seating in both transepts (wings), we can cater for an extra 50 people. This is an inexpensive measure designed to increase our capacity immediately with no bearing on the larger building master plan.

The grand piano and other musical instruments will be relocated to the choir stalls. Every effort will be made to keep this area tidy. There will be no impact on our traditional communion at the rails, as an aisle will remain.

You should know that although a clear majority of the Parish Council endorsed this proposal for strategic reasons, two valued members spoke against it on aesthetic and pastoral grounds.

The work will begin the 20th of February and should be completed within the week. Thank you for your grace as we make changes we sincerely believe are for the benefit of others and the glory of God.

God bless,



General

Any ladies who wish to read and discuss a few Christian books this year are welcome to join the women's book club. First meeting is 2nd April at 8:00 pm, so start reading – see Meredith or the Church Office for a \$17 copy of Charles Swindoll's *The Grace Awakening*.

Tuesday morning women's Bible study begins this week at 9:30am in the hall. All women welcome – we'd love to see newcomers.

This week we will be sharing morning tea and cooking up a feast of meals for the church *Meals Ministry* freezer.

Please come whether or not you plan to help cook. Ingredients, a cheerful atmosphere and Creche will be provided. Study groups will begin next week 14th Feb in the Kelman room at 9:30am.

Belonging for Good Courses commence the week starting 21st Feb. A great course for those new to St Andrew's. Please contact Adam Lamb for further details.

This Week

Life of Jesus Course, 7th Feb

A five-week course held at the home of John Dickson. For more information please email lifefjesus@standrews.net.au, or contact the Church Office.

For the Diary

5pm Congregation Men's BBQ, Monday 13th Feb, 6:30pm

More details to follow

Pre-Lent Party 21st Feb, 7:00 pm

All welcome. More details will follow.

Church Annual General Meeting, 5th Mar, 7:00 pm

Other



Tonight at 8:00pm Leigh Hatcher (from our 10am congregation) kicks off a brand new season of Open House on Hope 103.2FM. Tonight's show will feature

- A powerful interview with Jane Bayliss, daughter of news reading legend, Brian Naylor, who, along with his wife, lost their lives on Black Saturday.
- Leigh begins a four-week series with John Dickson on *Humilitas*.

Please Pray

Norene Harding and Marie Graber are both recovering from a broken hip. Pray for the nursing home care they are receiving: that they might be kept comfortable and heal well. Pray that God will strengthen their faith and comfort in Christ.

Continue to pray for Amanda Thane, who is not well.

To request confidential prayer from the ministry team or to suggest an item for public prayer, contact prayer@standrews.net.au

Missionary Focus

Ethiopia

Andrew and Stephanie Browning (with son William) have recently moved to Bahir Dar to work in the new branch of the fistula hospital, caring for women who have been injured in childbirth.

Pray for a suitable Swahili tutor; for wisdom, love and discernment as they relate to Tanzanian nationals at church and the hospitals where Andrew works.

Pray that the purchase of land for the MK Christian school will be finalised soon.

Continue to pray for safe travel on the roads, especially to Nairobi to operate on patients there.

Financial Giving

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