

Parish Administration

Church Wardens

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Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 18th January 2017
7:20pm for 7:30pm start Parish Hall.

Draft January Service Roster

On noticeboard from next Sunday and on website.

Seeking Baptism or Confirmation
or don't know? Talk with Trevor

Our Link Missionaries for 2017.

Keep in touch, send them an email.

The Morris' (France CMS)

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Rev. Kevin Keegan (FEBC)

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The Henleys (Kangaroo Island BCA)

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The Rev. Nick Hadges

(High School SRE)

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The Tangs (Power to Change)

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Our Giving

December 2017 Budget	\$20,755
Actual giving to 27 December	\$12,674
Harvest Offertory 27 December	\$10,450
Actual Deficit at end of November	\$61,824

Continue the work of God through St. Andrews
Please consider St. Andrews in your will.
Thank you.

Cottage Restoration Fund

Renovation costs \$35,000
Donations to date **\$16,973** Thank you.

Church in 2018 meets Sundays

**8.30am A Traditional
Anglican Prayer Book
service.**

**10am Family Church
with children's program.**

**The 3rd Monday of the month
10:15am Monday Church**

**See the church website for
mid-week programs for all ages, Bible
Study groups, what we believe,
ministry staff, information on Baptism,
Weddings and Funerals.**

Our mission prayer.

Our gracious God, we pray that you will help us to proclaim our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, so that everyone around us will hear his call to repent, trust and serve Christ in love, and be established in the fellowship of his disciples while we await his return. May we continue to pray, to depend on your Holy Spirit, and to glorify you. **Amen**

Have you thought about giving electronically to St Andrew's? Electronic giving - it's easy, fast, and helpful.

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Sans Souci

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...building a Christ centred community!

Welcome to church

**Sunday Morning
31st December 2017**

If you're new or visiting us today we extend a special welcome to you. I am certain people will make you feel welcome and introduce themselves to you. Please sign our visitor's book before you leave and write your mobile number down too. We'd love to catch up with you and thank you for attending. If you'd like for us to contact you, please fill in the welcome card from the back of the pews and return it via the offertory plate or to the person on the front door. One of our ministers will contact you during the week.

Our regular children's program "Sunday Club" is on during Family Church in School Term. Kids stay in for the first part of church and leave after Family Fun Time joining us after church for morning tea.

We're glad you're here. We have found in God meaning and purpose for living. We find directions for living in God's word the Bible and we enjoy meeting with each other regularly for prayer, teaching and encouragement.

Happy New Year



Senior Minister

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Assistant Minister

for Families, Youth and children
Rev. Andrew Kyrios 0423 989 664
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Assistant Minister

for Seniors (Hon)
Rev. John Lance 0408 433 416
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CONTACTING US

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Check out our Church Website

www.sanssoucianglican.com

We invite you to know God with us.

"Let us not give up meeting together...let's encourage one another." Hebrews 10:25

For information to go into Bulletin email Jan McEvoy – janmcevoy@ihug.com.au

Today in Church

10am

A Combined End of Year Prayer, Praise and Thanksgiving Service

followed by a Morning Tea.

Bible Teaching Today

"With thanks to God ... press on"

Psalms 138

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

you can find the Bible readings in the middle pages of your Bulletin.



A prayer to prepare us as we meet for church...

Heavenly Father, you have brought us here today. Each time we meet is special. Help us not to take this moment with you and your people for granted. Take our anxious thoughts and let us know your peace, your presence and your power. May we listen to your word with expectation, engage in what we pray and say, and worship you with all our heart, mind, soul and strength through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Missed a sermon? Go to the church website and click on preaching. Find the one you missed and listen to it.

Bible Teaching over January.

"When God seems far away"

Sermons on the Psalms.

Sunday 7th January
Psalm 1 - Andrew

Sunday 14th January
Psalm 4 - John

Sunday 21st January
Psalm 88 - Trevor

Sunday 28th January
Psalm 42 - Andrew

Starting to live life God's way or just sussing God out?



Discover living life God's way

When? Sunday Nights

A 4 week course starting February 4th. It's a Q and A time with the opportunity to learn.

Where? Parish Hall

St. Andrew's Education Centre
6:30pm to 7:30pm
Just turn up or register on the Church Website

Anglicare Mobile Pantry coming to St. Andrews in 2018!



Are you interested in training to become a volunteer chaplain at St George Hospital?

The St George Hospital chaplains' team is planning to offer training for new volunteer chaplains in the first half of 2018. (With our team of trained volunteers we provide pastoral care support to patients, families and staff across the hospital.) The dates have not been finalised yet; but the initial training that we provide is in two parts of five days each.

If you're interested in training to join our chaplains' team, please contact us by 15th February. You can contact us by phone (on 9113 2189) or email

david.lakos@health.nsw.gov.au.

Pastoral Care

Need Transport in 2018



to church every week? Need transport to church while your regular transport is unavailable or can't get to church on your own?

We have drivers who would like to help.

Phone Dianne 0401 518 489

Know of someone who needs a visit?

If you would like a visit from one of our Pastoral Care team in either your home, nursing home or retirement village contact Lorraine. Or if you are aware of someone else who could benefit from a visit discuss it with them first. They'd love to pray with you, read the Bible, or just chat or maybe go out for a coffee.



Phone Lorraine Read

9529 8565 or 0414 510 487

or John and Heather Lance 9529 8626

December edition of **Southern Cross** and **eternity Magazine** available as you leave church.



Next Saturday 6th January

Next Parish Prayer Meeting

8:30am to 9:30am Church

St. Andrew's continues to reach children and parents with the love of God and the Gospel.



On the last Tuesday in November children from Sans Souci & Ramsgate Public Schools Protestant and Catholic Scripture classes combined to celebrate Christmas and be reminded what Christmas is really about. The puppets from Quiz Worx were once again a great hit! One child from Lorraine's Kindergarten invited her dad along; and he came and to our Christmas eve Family Service with the family. Thank you to all our **SRE** teachers. You gave your Tuesday mornings to teach children of the good news of Jesus Christ. **A special thank you goes to Anne Low.** Anne coordinates SRE and done so for many years. Each week she ensures good working relationships exist between Principals, teachers and Scripture teaches; liaises with the School staff over class room arrangements and orders in the children's work books. Anne is also our churches Safe Ministry Representative. Thank you Anne on behalf of St. Andrews and local Churches!

Sunday Club had it's end of year presentation three Sundays ago and it was encouraging to see the turn out. Andrew

and the children presented a movie of the Christmas Story in which the children and Sunday Club teachers played star roles. Thank you Dianne and to your Sunday Club teachers, for your faithful preparation, teaching and care for our children.



Two Wednesdays ago the church was filled with happy pre-schoolers and parents from **Playtime** celebrating the love of God at Christmas. Another great year of connecting into our community. Thank you Rosemary and to all your helpers for a great ministry.



Our Youth group "**Impact**" ended the year with a formal dinner and Q and A night. Andrew, Sharon, Tim and Chantelle our Impact's leaders have spent a lot of time over the year engaging and disciplining our Junior Teens. As parents we are thankful for their mentoring.



We have much to be thankful to God!

Prayer Points December

Thanksgiving for Christmas services

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for our baptism, confirmation and Christmas Services. For the encouragement of hearing of those who have become Christians, for the good attendance and for those relatives or new people who visited us. May the peace and joy of the Christmas message be ours all year through, in Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

As we come to the end of one year and the beginning of another.

Eternal Lord Christ, the First and the Last, and the Living One, and who in your mercy has brought us safely to the end of one year and the beginning of another: accept our thanksgiving for the blessing of the past, renew our strength and courage in the present, and direct all our way in the future; for your honour and glory, who is the same yesterday, today and for-ever. **Amen.**

A prayer for Anglicare Toys 'n' Tucker and Mobile Pantry

Loving heavenly Father, who meets all our needs, thank you that we could connect with the wider community of Sans Souci, and through the gifts of toys and tucker, be used by you to meet the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. May we do the same through the fortnightly Tuesday ministry of the Anglicare Mobile Pantry; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Religious Freedom

Almighty God, Sovereign overall and protector of the Church, your Word teaches us to speak the Truth in love. Continue to grant to your faithful people the grace, freedom, gentleness and courage to do just that to your glory and honour and the good of the Church and all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A prayer for all our link Missionaries



We praise you Lord of all, for the gifts of Christ our ascended King: for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Hear our prayer for all who do not know your love and have not heard the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Send out your light and truth through the messengers of your word. Help us to support them by our prayers and offerings. We pray especially for those we support as link missionaries. For the Rev Nick Hedges and High School Scripture; for Billy and Melissa Tang with Power to Change at Sydney University; for Daniel and Kate Morris in France with the Church Missionary Society to University students; for the Rev Kevin Keegan and the ministry of radio to the people of Asia with Far East Broadcasting Company. And for Brad and Jo Hendley with the Bush Church Aid Society on Kangaroo Island. Open the door for a fresh and clear proclamation of the gospel in 2018. Encourage them. Help them to see fruit for their hard labour, prosper their work and hasten the coming of your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In 2017 we remember those

Baptised

Hayden Andrew Jack 26/3
James Alan Lloyd 26/3
Hudson Robert Moore 27/8
Ariana Rose Fox 1/10
James Douglas Robinson 29/10
Michelle Anne Greenhalgh 24/12
Bronte Anne Smith Greenhalgh 24/12
Beau James Smith Greenhalgh 24/12

Confirmed

Michelle Anne Greenhalgh 24/12
Hugh Peter Africa 24/12
Phillip Andrew Pollard 24/12

Married

Sean and Ambre Tait 22/7
Elia and Mercy Malauulu 13/9
Justin and Bonnie Ewan 5/12

who have gone to be with the Lord.

Dennis Eleanor Powell 21/1
Shirley Lillian Hawkes 23/3
"Tuppy" Florence Connon 4/4
Reita Joyce Gee 6/4
Thelma May Wills 10/4
Robert Edwin Doyle 21/4
Olga Hope Craven 22/6
Una June Smee 24/6
Dr Howard Edward Frankland 14/7
Alan Lindsay Frank Dewick 19/7
Irene Hettie Ridge 12/8
Alan Watson 20/8
John Robert Sale 26/8
Jean Patricia Hamer 14/9
Gwendoline Betty Lewis 13/11
Joyce Elaine Williams 22/12

Bible Readings

Psalm 138 page 444

¹ I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise. ² I will bow down towards your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³ When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stout-hearted. ⁴ May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. ⁵ May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. ⁶ Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly, but the proud he knows from afar. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand you save me. ⁸ The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures for ever--do not abandon the works of your hands.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 page 838

¹³ But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. ¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. ^{3:1} Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you. ² And pray that we may be delivered from wicked

and evil men, for not everyone has faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. ⁴ We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

My Sermon Notes



These things I need to remember