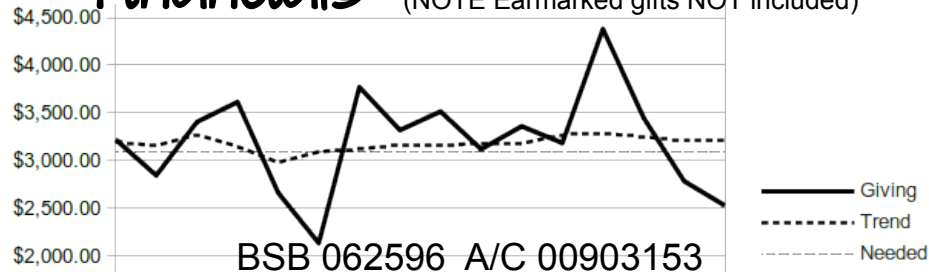


# Financials

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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

## \* Birthdays this week

Thursday Chloe Pitt  
Saturday Linc Marlow



## \* Anniversaries this week

Today Ian & Robyn Linton  
Tuesday Basil & Faith Connell



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# Connect



News from Riverstone Community Church

7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Topic: God is Omnipotent

Speaker: Ken Harding

Chairman: Phillip Gummerson

Next Sunday  
God is Omnipresent  
Eric Gordon

(Phillip Gummerson)

The Sunday after...  
God is Immutable  
Xavier Lakshmanan

(Nathan Fredericks)

## The Program (D.V.)

10:00am  
Church which includes:  
Prayer and Praise  
Kids' Spot  
Communion & Preaching

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## Prayer, Praise & News.

- \* **Oskars and Lucy** –  
**Praise** – For the new pregnancy.  
**Pray** – For their new baby and for a safe delivery (mid next year).
- \* **Jono Jackson** – Recovering following major open heart surgery plus a chest infection.  
**Praise** – For the miraculous recovery from the chest infection.  
**Praise** – That Jono is now back home.
- \* **Belle Camilleri** – Recurring pressure sore – Cannot use wheel chair – No school.  
**Pray** – That the sore heals quickly so that she can be more mobile.
- \* **Mary Crossingham** – Two new tumours found in her brain.  
**Pray** – For Mary and Derrick at this time.
- \* **Monica's brother, Paul** – Taken to Nepean ICU unresponsive with meningitis.  
Now transferred to a medical ward at Campbelltown hospital.  
Paul is still struggling, up and down from day to day and very confused.  
Monica is not able to visit just now.  
**Pray** – That those attending Paul are Christians.
- \* **Ted Davis** – Major spinal surgery. The metal plate in Ted's left hip needs relocating.  
**Pray** – That the surgeon can effect a permanent cure.
- \* **Heather Davis** – Tumour is unchanged – next is PET scan & possible ray treatment.  
**Pray** – For complete healing.
- \* **Kirsten -- Ace & Joanne's neighbour** – Diagnosed earlier with MS and lesions.  
**Pray** – That treatment is successful and the family come to know Jesus.
- \* **Mary Crossingham's friend, Amy** – Due to marry, but extensive cancer discovered.  
**Pray** – For her spiritual and physical well-being.
- \* **Mark Abraham** – Cataract removed OK. Retina repair scheduled Wednesday.  
**Pray** – That the surgery can go ahead and is successful without much pain.
- \* **Azar & Eghbal (John Grant's friends – Iranian Christian refugees in Turkey).**  
**Pray** – For a miraculous healing of Azar's adrenal tumour.
- \* **HSC Students** – Ben, Amity, Elijah, Georgia and Chloe.  
**Pray** – That they can overcome a difficult year and have clear thinking.
- \* **Our church** –  
**Praise** – That we can meet again today.  
**Pray** – For the elders as they plan the next year of teaching and direction.

## Prayer and fasting

Are you facing a problem that prayer alone hasn't yet solved? Do you have a loved one who has been taken captive by drugs, or alcohol, or some other destructive power? Try praying—and fasting.

Sometimes the spiritual battle you're in is so intense that it calls for denying the legitimate needs of your body and building up your faith through prayer and fasting so that you are able to prevail. Jesus had told His disciples, *"Whoever believes in Me will do the works I have been doing"* <sup>John 14:12</sup>, yet when the disciples were confronted with a demon-possessed boy with self-destructive tendencies, they were disappointed because they prayed and nothing happened. And when they asked Jesus why, He said to them, 'This kind can come out only by prayer and fasting.'

When the Jewish people were threatened with annihilation in Persia, only a foreign king could save them. So Esther said, *"Gather all the Jews... and fast for me... I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king"* <sup>Esther 4:16</sup>. As a result, Haman, who had plotted their destruction, was hanged on his own gallows, and the entire Jewish nation was saved.

There are times in life when you should say no to your physical needs so that you can focus on your spiritual ones. Fasting sharpens your focus in prayer, fortifies your faith, prepares you to meet a challenge, and directs your heart and soul towards God.

Fasting is about having single-mindedness in your search for God's help—and it often brings miraculous results.

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