



# Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

18<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**\* Birthdays this week**

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| Tuesday  | Paul Gummerson   |
| “ “      | Steve Jackson    |
| “ “      | Heather Davis    |
| “ “      | Nahara Hearsey   |
| Thursday | Rhonda Southwell |
| Friday   | Roslyn Elphick   |
| “ “      | Samantha Thomson |

**\* Anniversaries this week**

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| Monday  | Troy & Cathy Camilleri    |
| Tuesday | Nathan & Susan Fredericks |

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**Topic:** 1 Cor 9:16-27  
**Any way you can**

**Speaker:** Shane Bywater

**Chairman:** Rhys Morsillo

## The Program

(D.V.)  
 10:00am

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
 1 Cor 10:1-18

**Lessons from the past**

**Kevin Rosolen**  
 (Rhys Morsillo)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August**  
 1 Cor 10:1-18

**Public Prayer**  
**& Head Coverings**

**Ken Harding**

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## Praise, Prayer & News.

- \* **Praise** – that we are able to have church services online.
- \* **Doug McNaught** – Recent gallbladder surgery.  
**Pray** – That the doctors are able to resolve the complications.
- \* **Ted Davis** – Recovering from major spinal surgery – moved to rehab. This will be great for Ted and will lift his spirit but he's still got a long road ahead.  
**Pray** – For a helpful physio and relief from the continual pain.
- \* **Ron Kerslake (Ellen & Rhonda's father)** – Gall bladder surgery. Complication with a collapsed lung.  
**Pray** – That this will be resolved quickly.
- \* **Heather Davis** – Chemotherapy started last week.  
**Pray** – That the treatment is successful.
- \* **Bonny Gordon's mother** – **Bonny asks**, *"Please pray for my mum. She has a lump on her breast that needs further investigation. Just believing it will come back all good. She looks after my dad who has early dementia so it's hard for her at this time."*
- \* **Johanna Skelly** – Atrial Fibrillation, home but to see specialist.  
**Pray** – That a suitable solution will be found.
- \* **Paul Volkart** - Cataract surgery for sight problem in his right eye  
**Pray** – For a good result 28<sup>th</sup> July.
- \* **Sarah Gummerson & Rhiannan Morsillo** – Both expecting soon.  
**Pray** – For safe deliveries and good health and that the husbands will be able to visit their wives in hospital should the birth occur during Covid restrictions.
- \* **Mark & Sarah Abraham** still need to find a home to rent.  
**Pray** – For the provision of a suitable house.
- \* **Summitcare Nursing Home** – **Pray** for the Robyn's parents' safety.
- \* **Pray that our children will be able to return to school soon.**

## Communicating with our Creator

### Elements of Biblical Prayer

When Jesus' disciples asked Him how they should pray, He gave an example often called The Lord's Prayer. This serves as a model for the elements that we should incorporate into our own prayers.

**Exaltation** – Jesus began His prayer with, "Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be thy name" (Matt 6:9).

We should always view prayers as an act of worship where our goal is God's glory, not just presenting a 'wish list' for God to fulfil.

Part of this is looking forward to the day when God manifests His rule on earth, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven" (6:10).

**Supplication** – "Give us this day our daily bread" (6:11). As Christians, we know that God cares for us and provides for our needs. Jesus often pointed out that God is a good Father who provides for His children. Notice that this is asking God to fulfil a need, not a want.

**Repentance** – "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (6:12). Even though God has forgiven us, we need to come to God and confess our sins so that we can continue to enjoy unbroken fellowship with Him (1 John 1:9). Also as forgiven believers, we must forgive others. This isn't so that we can continue to be saved, but a sign that we are forgiven in the first place.

**Guidance** – "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (6:13). We know that God does not tempt anyone but we know that God always provides a way of escape from temptation so we should pray for God to guard our hearts.

### Our capable Creator

The reason that God is able to provide for us or even miraculously heal in response to prayer is that He is the Creator. He owns the entire creation and can intervene at any point to manifest His will. There is nothing too big for God to do and nothing so small that it escapes His notice.  
(from Creation magazine)