

Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

12th September 2021

Today
Open Worship
Speaker: Oskars Stubis

19th September
The Resurrection – Its Existence
Speaker: Xavier Lakshmanan

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Prayer, Praise & News.

- * **Ted Davis** – Recovering from major spinal surgery.
Pray – Regarding increased pain in left hip and for relief from discouragement.
- * **Heather Davis** – Now had her third round of chemotherapy.
Praise – That she has been encouraged knowing that we are supporting her with prayer.
Pray – That the tumour will be reduced by the next scan – about 6 weeks time.
- * **Mike & Pauline's friends** – Seriously ill from Covid-19.
Pray – For Isaako & children, AJ, Deon & Mia having lost their mum and for Isaako still in ICU with Covid.
Praise – Eric is now back home from hospital. **Pray** that they will be introduced to Jesus.
- * **Kirsten Nixon - Ace & Joanne Baluyut's neighbour** – Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis – Lesions in spine and brain.
Pray – That the low dose chemotherapy will improve her health. **Pray** also for her husband and 2 children.
- * **Russell White** – Ongoing surgeries for multiple skin cancers.
Pray – That the treatment is successful and **pray** for Alison at this time.
- * **HSC Students** – Ben Gross, Amity Jackson, Elijah Marlow, Georgia Owen and Chloe Boucher
Pray – That they can overcome the difficulties of lockdown and have clear thinking.
- * **Our church** –
Pray – That we would remain united, connected and be light and salt in the world around us.
Pray – That we lean on Jesus during the trials we're facing.
Pray – For patience and help for teachers, parents and students with remote learning.
- * **Afghanistan** –
Pray – For those in Afghanistan – Especially for Christians that they will be strengthened.
- * **Australian Governments – Federal and State.**
Pray – That they make wise decisions so that we can live in times of peace.
Pray – That Covid infections would come under control and restrictions would be lifted soon.

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Birthdays this week

Today	Margaret Kennedy
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Tuesday	Oliver Owen
Wednesday	Paul Volkart



Anniversary This Week

Today Ted & Heather Davis



Consult God before making decisions.



When you consult God before making decisions, it keeps you out of all sorts of trouble. Joshua learned this the hard way. He had just conquered Jericho, the biggest city in the Promised Land. Flushed with victory, the Israelites felt like they didn't need to consult God concerning their next move. But over-confidence can be deadly!

The Gibeonites, one of the enemy nations in the Promised Land, realised they couldn't win against God's people, so they sent negotiators in to make peace with them. And it worked. Even though the Gibeonites were lying, Joshua presumed they were telling the truth and signed a treaty. And it proved to be one of the biggest mistakes of his life.

From that day on the Gibeonites became a constant thorn in Israel's side. Joshua lived to regret that he 'did not ask the Lord.' Some of the oldest hymns contain the greatest truths. Here's one:

'O what peace we often forfeit;

O what needless pain we bear.

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.'

There's a fine line between God-given assurance and self-sufficiency, and when you cross that line it can cost you dearly. If you've a tendency to move too quickly or operate in your own strength and skill, read these words carefully and prayerfully: *'Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes.'* (Proverbs 3:5-7 NKJV)

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Saul on the road to Damascus