

Connect



News from Riverstone Community Church

19th September 2021

Today The Resurrection – Its Existence Speaker: Xavier Lakshmanan	26th September The Resurrection – Its Extent Speaker: Phillip Gummerson	Previous services available on line. Select "Fit to Page" or "Shrink to Page" when printing this Connect.
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Prayer, Praise & News.

- * **Ted Davis** – Recovering from major spinal surgery.
 - Nerve induction test indicated signals not properly connecting with muscles in his right leg.
 - Pain from unknown source in left hip.
 - Awaiting follow-up specialist appointments in a few weeks.
 - Still on crutches and probably will be for some time.

Praise – That pain medication is doing its job and that he's feeling more encouraged.
Pray – For resolution to the lack of right leg functionality and for healing from hip pain.
- * **Heather Davis** – Awaiting her fifth round of chemotherapy.

Praise – That she's not experienced any severe side effects.
Praise – That she has been encouraged knowing that we are supporting her with prayer.
Pray – For the tumour to be removed or reduced.
- * **Belle Camilleri** – Potential for pressure sores.

Pray – That the small tear which has appeared does not develop into a serious pressure sore.
- * **Kirsten - Ace & Joanne's Baluyut's neighbour.**
 - She was diagnosed earlier this year with MS.
 - Then recently diagnosed with 6 lesions in her spine and 1 in her brain.
 - Starting low dose chemo.
 - Kirsten & her husband and two children (aged 8 & 2) aren't Christians.

Praise – That they are thankful for the church's prayers.
Praise – That Jesu is sharing his faith with their 8 year old son.
Pray – For the chemotherapy to reduce the lesions.
Pray – For the family to come to know Jesus.
- * **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** –

Praise – For the ability to enjoy church online each Sunday.
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 the elders to have wisdom in making difficult decisions
- * **Afghanistan** –

Pray – For those in Afghanistan – Especially for Christians that they will be protected.
- * **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.
- * **Ken Harding** –

Pray – Ken requests prayer for the studies that he is doing remotely with Chennai India the next two Saturdays.

Our “Euroclydon”

“A tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon.” Acts 27:14 NKJV



The ship Paul was sailing to Rome was wrecked by a storm named Euroclydon, meaning typhoon, tempest or cyclone. Here are some valuable lessons we can learn from his experience.

1. God can make a bad situation work for our good. Because of this shipwreck, Paul ended up on Malta, where the people heard the Gospel for the first time. Plus, when he and his followers *“departed, they provided such things as were necessary.”* (Acts 28:10). Sometimes our problem can provide a platform for God to work in amazing ways. Our future isn't, nor ever will be, in the hands of people. It's in God's hands, and what He owns He cares about.
2. To reach your God-ordained destination we'll have to sail through storms. Paul said, *“All hope that we would be saved was finally given up.”* (Acts 27:20) There will be days when we wonder how we're going to make it, but by God's grace we will (see Psalm 37:34).
3. Storms test our faith. Paul said, *“Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, “Do not be afraid, Paul.”*” (Acts 27:23-24) In hard times we discover the strength of our connection to God.
4. He can bring success from what looks like failure. Notice two particular things in this story:
 1. We may have to throw some things overboard to reach our destination (see v. 18).
 2. Despite our best efforts, occasionally we'll run aground (see v. 26).
That's when we must remember what God promised us – and stand on it (see v. 25).

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Birthdays this week

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Daniel Morsillo
Emily McNaught



Anniversary This Week

Today

Steven & Angelina Gross

