

Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

26th September 2021

<p>Today The Resurrection – Its Extent Speaker: Phillip Gummerson</p>	<p>3rd October The Resurrection – Its Effect Speaker: Eric Gordon</p>	<p>Previous services available on line. Select "Fit to Page" or "Shrink to Page" when printing this Connect.</p>
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Prayer, Praise & News.

- * **Belle Camilleri** – Potential for pressure sores.
Praise – That the small tear which could have developed into a serious pressure sore has been healed.
- * **Ted Davis** – Recovering from major spinal surgery. Still on crutches and probably will be for some time.
 - Nerve induction test indicated signals not properly connecting with muscles in his right leg.
 - Pain from unknown source in left hip and awaiting follow-up specialist appointments in a few weeks.
 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.
- * **Laurie Cowell** – Andrew Cowell's dad was very involved with GLO and starting Riverstone Community Church.
Laurie went to meet his Saviour early Friday afternoon.
Praise – That he was a "Good and Faithful servant", both on the mission field and back here in Australia.
Pray – For Margaret and their extended family.
- * **Kirsten - Ace & Joanne's Baluyut's neighbour.**
 - She was diagnosed earlier this year with MS.
 - 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 and that Jesu is sharing his faith with the 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 next Saturday.

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The Bible says: *“Those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace”* (Romans 8:5-6). The presence of God in our life comes through the Holy Spirit working to bring peace and shift anxiety. We either give control of our mind over to external influences and circumstances, or to the Holy Spirit.

What would a life like that look like? Well, imagine not being so fearful anymore. Imagine facing financial difficulties or an irate boss with inner poise and resolve. Imagine receiving bad news and generating constructive ways to solve the problem rather than mentally spiralling through the worst-case scenarios. Imagine facing rejection and obstacles without giving in to discouragement. Imagine acknowledging the mistakes we've made and moving confidently into the future.

And imagine doing all this with God as your partner. Imagine people around you coming to you when they're upset or discouraged because your peace of mind is contagious. That's part of what God's called us to do every day. When you bump into people who are stressed and transmitting that stress to others, you can be a peace disseminator.

Jesus carried peace with Him wherever He went. When the disciples were terrified by the storm, He simply said to the waves, *“Peace, be still!”* (Mark 4:39 NKJV), and it happened. Peace doesn't come from finding a lake with no storms; it comes from knowing Jesus is on our boat, and with Him on board no storm can take us under.

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Birthdays this week

Today	Stuart Waller	;
Thursday	Nicolette Woldhuis	
Saturday	Benjamin Speirs	



Anniversary This Week

Saturday	Warwick & Patricia Gummerson
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