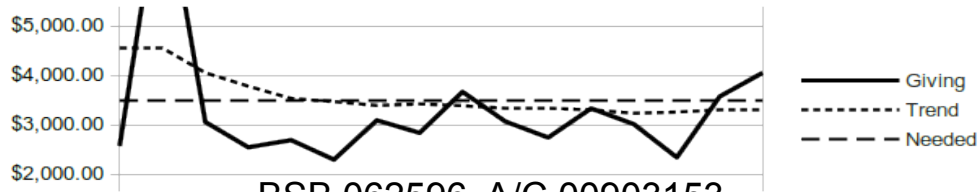


Financials

(NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthday this week

Monday Mark Wood
Wednesday Henry Gummerson



Anniversary this week

Thursday Stuart & Carol Thomson



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News from Riverstone Community Church

10th April 2022

Topic: *Portraits of Messiah:
Psalm 40 (Christ's Obedience)*

Speaker: Eric Gordon

Chairman: Mitch Cavens

Good Friday 10am	Next Sunday. 10am	The Sunday After.. 10am
<i>Portraits of Messiah: Psalm 22 (Christ's Suffering & Death)</i>	<i>Portraits of Messiah: Psalm 16 (Christ's Resurrection)</i>	<i>Portraits of Messiah: Psalm 68 (Christ's Ascension)</i>
Phillip Gummerson (Mitch Cavens)	Phillip Gummerson (Mitch Cavens)	Brett Davis (Mitch Cavens)



The Program (D.V.)
10:00am
Church which includes:
Prayer and Praise
Kids' Church
Worship
Communion
Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News

**** Babies ****

Please pray for safe deliveries for the mothers and babies.

- * **Lucy Stubis** – Some risk of premature delivery.
- * **Robyn Morsillo** – Due early September, experiencing strong morning sickness.

General Praise & Prayer

- * **Pray for Faith Connell and family as they grieve the loss of Basil, whilst rejoicing that he is safely home with the Lord.**
- * **Ted Davis** – In Norwest hospital – tumour caused spine fracture.
Praise – That the surgeons were able to shield his spine from the tumour.
Pray – That the ray treatment to be used on the tumour succeeds.
- * **Daphne Harding** – Now safely back home. Thanks for all your prayerful support.
Praise – We praise God for considerable improvement these past days.
Pray – For Daphne as she recovers from stroke and this major procedure.
- * **Monica's brothers; (Please pray for Monica as she deals with this tough situation)**
Paul – Originally hospitalised for meningitis (viral & bacterial), then developed spots of cancer on his head and lungs.
Now given only weeks to live. Pray for him to come to Salvation.
Bart – Died alone in his South Australian home last week.
Pray – For his 4 children, 3 estranged from their dad and each other.
Pray – That this tragedy brings them first to God, then to each other.
- * **Azar & Eghbal** (John Grant's friends – Iranian Christians in Turkey). Surgery done.
Pray – For her recovery and also about their asylum application.
- * **Margaret Kennedy** – A rare vascular condition has attacked her lungs and kidneys. Chemotherapy and Prednisone at Nepean Hospital for 6 months.
Pray – Wisdom for the doctors and that she continues to be at peace.
- * **Mary Crossingham** – Exhausted after more scans in preparation for radiotherapy.
Pray – For Mary and Derrick at this time.
- * **Covid situation** – **Pray** That those infected have a safe and speedy recovery.
- * **Ukraine** – **Pray** for the situation in Ukraine and especially that this sad situation leads people to Christ.
- * **Australia** – **Pray** for the many thousands of people who have lost homes and possessions through the recent floods.

Pray for Christians in the Muslim world during the month of Ramadan.

The Islamic month of Ramadan began on 2 April and will conclude on Sunday 1 May. During this period Muslims will fast from all food and drink during the hours of daylight. While most Muslims observe the month of Ramadan entirely peacefully, this is nevertheless a time of year that creates problems for Christians in Islamic contexts.

Ramadan is one of 12 months in the Islamic year. It falls on different dates each year (following the Western, Gregorian calendar) because it is a lunar calendar of 354 or 355 days.

The month of Ramadan is especially hard for secret believers – converts from Islam to Christianity. They must make the month-long extra commitment to Islamic observance, or risk showing that they have apostatized from Islam.

The “Night of Power”, occurs towards the end of the month. Muslims believe that this night commemorates the beginning of the revelation of the Quran to Muhammad, the prophet of Islam, and is therefore the holiest night of the year. For Islamist extremists this can mean they are more active in attacking non-Muslims, which they think is pleasing to Allah.

A potential flashpoint for Islamist violence is Easter, which this year occurs during the Ramadan observance, according to both the Western and Eastern church calendars.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Muslim-majority lands throughout the coming days and weeks, asking that the Lord will sustain them. Ask that He will grant patience, endurance and strength to those compelled to fast by societal pressure. Intercede particularly for secret believers who face reprisals and death if their Christian faith is discovered. Call on Him to protect all His people from violence this month, especially on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and on the Islamic “Night of Power”.