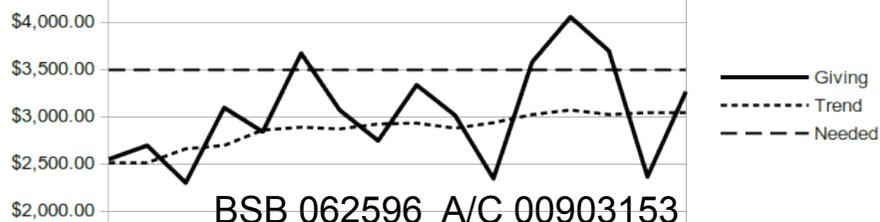


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Birthdays this week

Today	Ben McNaught
Wednesday	Matthew Gummerson
Thursday	Andrew Southwell
“ “	Andrew Webb
Saturday	Derek Finlay



Anniversaries this week

Today	Paul & Marilyn Volkart
Monday	Phillip & Robyn Gummerson
Thursday	Russell & Alison White



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News from Riverstone Community Church

1st May 2022

Topic: *Portraits of Messiah:
Psalm 110 (Christ's Reign)*

Speaker: Kevin Rosolen

Chairman: Rhys Morsillo

Next Sunday

*Mother's
Day*

**Phillip Gummerson
(Peter Gordon)**

The Sunday After..

*2nd Corinthians -
Meek not Weak:*

The best laid plans

**Oskars Stubis
(Peter Gordon)**

The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

Church which

includes:

Prayer and

Praise

Kids' Spot

Worship

Communion

Preaching

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Prayer, Praise & News

** Babies **

Please pray for safe delivery for the mother and baby.

* **Robyn Morsillo** – A girl due September; experiencing strong morning sickness.

General Praise & Prayer

* **Lucy Stubis** –

Praise – For the safe delivery of Lucy and Oskars' baby

3.17pm Thursday.

Introducing Aleksis Haon Stubis.

Weighing in at 3.92kg (8lb 10oz).



* **Praise** – Riverstone Community Church has been able to move the office of the Emmaus Prison Ministry to a space provided by GLO. This is not only a wonderful provision, it is more convenient for the people running that ministry after years of faithful service by Basil and Faith. It is now headed up by Dave & Julie Ward, along with a great group of volunteers.

* **Praise** – Wednesday Kids Club starts for the first time in over a year and a half.
Pray – For the leadership team, led by Aedan Cowell.

* **Ted Davis** – Over 7 weeks in Norwest hospital – tumour caused spine fracture.
Pray – That the ray treatment to be used on the tumour succeeds.

* **Daphne Harding** – Spent worrying night in hospital – coming home today.
Praise – That a change of medication was all that was required.
Pray – For encouragement as she recovers from stroke and heart surgery.

* **Monica's brother** –
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.

* **Mary Crossingham** – Mary is seriously ill with cancer.
Pray – For Mary and Derrick at this time.

* **Ukraine** – **Pray** that this sad situation leads people to Christ.

* **Australia** – **Please pray** for the upcoming Federal election 21st May.

A mysterious affliction

For a Christian, the burden of depression is a vexing mystery. Is it borne of sin? Is it a lack of faith? And if it's none of those things, what kind of God would have us be in this sort of pain and melancholy?

I've been there and have come to realise that sometimes pain, sadness and even suffering can be a positive if they make us stronger or help us grow. Our awful, sorrowful hurt can also be an instrument of healing. When we suffer and still believe, when we doubt and yet hope, we help illustrate another side of the Christian journey, one not often publicised in the blithe praise music or inspirational talks—a journey walked among the browns as well as among the greens. The browns of life are easily overlooked. But they're strong, gentle, warm.

I don't know what depression is for me—a disease, a punishment, the "thorn in the flesh" the apostle Paul wrestled with (2 Corinthians 12:7-9). But I believe God works in my weakness. "His grace is sufficient." When depression makes me feel empty, God can fill me with something better.

I have no real assurances that "I'm all better now."

Maybe depression never fully goes away. As much as running and writing and friends and family and God have helped me through the days and years to stay relatively sane and hopeful, I've learned that depression loves its little surprises.

But I'm not afraid of it. I've seen the face of depression. I've heard its lies and half-truths and nihilistic whispers. So I stare depression in the eye and live. Life is a gift—even when it doesn't feel like it.

There's so much of our stories left to live. So even in the emptiness, I choose to live.

By Paul Asay – in *Focus on the Family* 19th Jan 2021