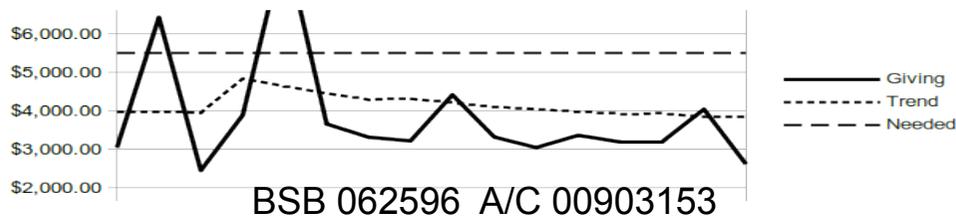


# Financials

(NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



The elders would like to invite anyone who has further questions about the Financial Announcement or any other question relating to church finances to email [elders@rivochurch.com](mailto:elders@rivochurch.com)

## Birthdays this week

Today	Peter Gordon
" "	Donna Davis
" "	Ellen Kerslake
Thursday	Tracey Morsillo
Friday	Nigel Hughes



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# Connect



News from Riverstone Community Church

9<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Topic:** *Meek not Weak: Driving Force*  
**Speaker:** Rhys Morsillo  
**Chairman:** Mitch Cavens  
**Creche:** Pauline/Joanne/Maybelle

**Next Sunday**  
*Meek not Weak:  
 The Gold Standard*

**The Sunday After..**  
*What does the Bible  
 say about Gender?*

**Sp:** Xavier  
 Lakshmanan  
**Ch:** Mitch Cavens

**Sp:** Oskars Stubis  
**Ch:** Mitch Cavens

Oskars & Lucy

Chris & Lina, & Emilia

## The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

Church which includes:  
 Prayer and Praise  
 Worship  
 Creche  
 Kid's Church  
 Communion  
 Preaching

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# Prayer, praise & News

- \* **Ralph & Jess Hearsey** – A new baby to be born late March 2023.  
**Pray** – For a safe delivery for Jess and their baby.
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- \* **Lionel Sardar** –  
**Praise** – Immunotherapy has worked – nodules are not visible.
- \* **Andrew Webb** – Scans show his cancer has returned to the same spot.  
Appointment with the radiologist on Tuesday.  
Appointment with oncologist on Friday.  
Following this he will know if he is a candidate for radiation plus chemo or only for the chemotherapy.  
**Pray** – For encouragement and a permanent cure this time.
- \* **Mary Crossingham** – Multiple tumours – is receiving care at home.  
**Pray** – For encouragement for Mary and Derek.
- \* **Monica's brother, Joe**  
**Pray** – That he puts his trust in Jesus as his Saviour.
- \* **Margaret Kennedy** – At home, oxygen 16/24 hours, barely walking.  
**Pray** – For her to be encouraged and strengthened.
- \* **Sarah Abraham** – Sarah, Samara, & Cherise in India - Cherise's dental work.  
**Praise** – Cherise has had her 3rd dental procedure and is doing well.  
She said, "my 'crown' feels weird".  
Thank you all for your love and prayers.  
**Pray** – For complete success and safety during travels.

*I will consider all Your works and  
meditate on all Your mighty deeds.*

David Psalm 77:12

## Would Darwin be a Darwinist today?

Charles Darwin did some good science. Some of his research, such as that on coral growth, marine atolls and the important role of earthworms, stands today. On the other hand he was a creature of his time—a time dominated by deistic ideas that God was remote and the universe ran itself according to laws of nature.

Amongst the intelligentsia, “natural theology”—the study of nature to find God—had largely replaced the Bible (revelation from God himself).

With the influence of James Hutton and Charles Lyell, ideas of vast ages of slow and gradual change had taken root, overturning the earlier acceptance of biblical history where Creation and the Flood accounted for the rocks and fossils.

Into this context, Darwin's idea of natural processes explaining the origin of life's diverse forms found acceptance. But would Darwin be a Darwinist if he were alive today?

Today, with so much more known about the complexity of even the simplest living things, the origin of life has become an intractable problem for those who refuse to believe in creation. Cells are not mere blobs of jelly; they are incredibly complex assemblages of nano-machines that Darwin could not have conceived in the slightest way. And they are full of programs (software) that specify how to construct and operate each living cell with its thousands of nano-machines that are essential to life. Professor Paul Davies admitted: “How did stupid atoms spontaneously write their own software ... ? Nobody knows ... there is no known law of physics able to create information from nothing.”

Daily, new discoveries add to our knowledge of the breathtaking complexity of life, making the idea of the spontaneous origin of life more and more untenable.

Given the grand failure to fulfil Darwin's expectations, we might think that he would not be a Darwinist today, if he were alive. However, it is not the evidence that drives belief in evolution, as can be readily seen by reading the vitriol of the zealous advocates of evolution. As from the beginning, ‘evolution’ means ‘naturalism’; nature is all there is and there is no need of God to explain our origins.

Darwin embraced materialism as a young man. If he were alive today, he may well be like materialists of today, who are given to “*futile thinking*” (Romans 1:21–22)—like professor of genetics, Richard Lewontin, who wrote that “materialism is absolute, for we cannot allow a Divine Foot in the door.”

So, if Darwin were alive today, would he be a Darwinist? Probably—in spite of the evidence.

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