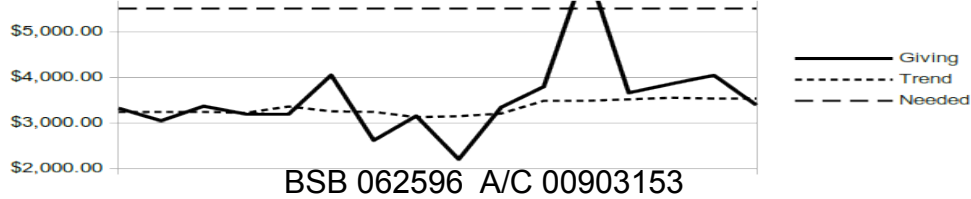


### Financials (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

### Birthday this week

Tuesday Jennifer McGechan  
 Wednesday Joanne Baluyut



### Anniversaries this week

Tuesday Stuart & Tara Waller

### Christmas at the Farm at 6pm.

Dinner provided



RSVP today to Phillip on 0414 765 200

Weather permitting, Jupiter will be observable in the north-western sky

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# Connect



News from Riverstone Community Church

18<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Topic:** *The Christ of Christmas Future*  
**Speaker:** Kevin Rosolen  
**Chairman:** Linc Marlow  
**Creche:** Pauline and Estelle

**Next Sunday** *Come and Behold Him*  
**The Sunday After..** *Sabbath Rest*

**Sp:** Phillip Gummerson **Sp:** Phillip Gummerson  
**Ch:** Andrew Cowell **Ch:** Ralph Hearsey

Volunteer

Tamika & Emilia

### The Program (D.V.)

10:00am

Church which includes:  
 Prayer and Praise  
 Creche  
 Worship  
 Communion  
 Preaching

>>> NOTE for Next Sunday <<<

The Service on Christmas Day starts at 9:30am

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## Praise, Prayer & News

\* **Ralph & Jess Hearsey** – A new baby boy to be born late March.

\* **Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo** – A new baby to be born in May.

**Pray** – For safe delivery for the mothers and babies.

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\* **Dave Ward** – Weekly checkups.

**Praise** – Dave has been able to attend church.

**Pray** – That he recovers fully.

\* **Margaret Kennedy** – Still needs ongoing treatments.

**Praise** – Margaret has been able to attend church.

**Pray** – That she continues to gain strength.

\* **Jenny McGechan** – The eye procedure appears to be failing.

**Pray** – That it heals so that she can keep on nursing.

\* **Heather Davis** – Radio therapy for a lung tumour.

**Pray** – That the radiation therapy is helpful.

\* **Andrew Webb** – Radiation therapy and chemotherapy ended.

**Pray** – For endurance, courage and a permanent cure.

\* **Christine Scott** – Atrial fibrillation and chronic lung problem.

Christine much improved and now back at home.

**Pray** – For improving health and strength.

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\* **Dr Ken Elliott** – (Again included as it seems he may still be alive!)

(According to a report by Burkina Faso's L'Evenement newspaper, Ken Elliott is being guarded by 20 armed men in Mali's Mopti region. His abduction was claimed by the so-called Emirate of the Sahara, a local AQIM branch. Captured on January 16, 2016, the Australian missionary doctor (87) has now been held for over six years in Mali.)

**Pray** – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.

## Protect Yourself Spiritually.

*'He will...oppress the...people of the Most High...'* Daniel 7:25

Satan uses two strategies. First, 'he will defy the Most High.' Satan will always attack God's plan, God's principles and God's people, so be on guard! Secondly, 'he will...oppress the...people of the Most High.'

Weariness is a weapon Satan will use against us. When we're worn out, we're vulnerable. At that point temptation can lead to compromise, compromise to indulgence and indulgence to defeat. *'...make no provision for the flesh.'* Rom 13:14.

Don't give Satan an inch or he will take a mile.

Our mind is where the real attack takes place. The Bible warns us to be careful, lest we become *'weary and faint in your minds.'* Hebrews 12:3.

Satan will wear us down in order to make us ineffective, so we must take time to replenish our strength in God's presence. It's easy to get caught up in the work of the Lord, and not spend time with the Lord of the work. Jesus said, *'Come to me, all...who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Accept My teachings and learn from Me...I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives. The teaching...I ask you to accept is easy; the load I give you to carry is light.'* Matthew 11:28-30.

When we commit ourselves to doing God's will, God's way, in God's strength, we can keep going. We're fulfilled, we stay in balance, and overcome the stress and anxiety of this world. And that's how God wants us to live.

(<https://vision.org.au/word4today-devotional/protect-yourself-spiritually-2/>)

Funeral Service for Mary Crossingham

10am Tuesday at the

Riverstone Community Church