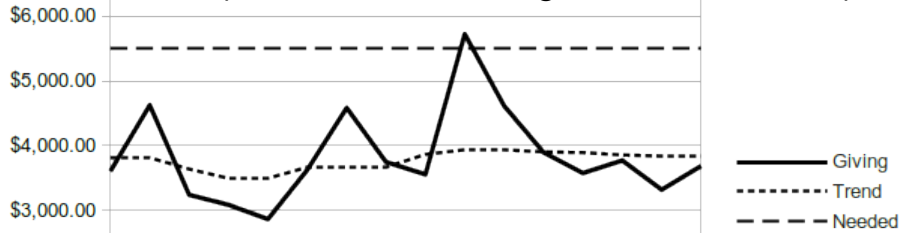


## Financials (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

## Birthdays this week

Tuesday Mark Wood

Thursday Henry Gummerson

## Anniversary this week

Friday Stuart & Carol Thomson



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# Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

9<sup>th</sup> April 2023

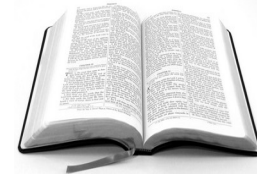
Topic: *The Cross in Four Words:*

*Freedom*

Speaker: Mark McCrindle

Chairman: Phillip Gummerson

Creche: Chris & Lina



**Next Sunday**  
*The Cross in*  
*Four Words:*  
*Justice*

**The Sunday After..**  
*The Cross in*  
*Four Words:*  
*Purpose*

Sp: Josh Groenestyn  
 Ch: Nathan Fredericks  
 Cr: Rhiannan & Donna

Sp: Allan Driver  
 Ch: Phillip Gummerson  
 Cr: Daniel & Robyn

## The Program (D.V.)

**10:00am**  
 Church which includes:  
 Prayer and Praise  
 Creche  
 Worship  
 Communion  
 Preaching

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## Prayer, Praise & News.

- \* **Rhys & Rhiannan Morsillo** – A new baby to be born in May.  
Pray – For safe delivery.
- \* **Robyn Gummerson's dad; Wal (94)** – Expected to soon be with his Lord.  
Pray – That the family is comforted and that his passing is peaceful.
- \* **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer – Latest scans show that the cancer has metastasised throughout his chest, lungs and abdomen.  
Pray – For endurance, courage and a permanent cure.
- \* **Dave Ward** – Small fragment of previous blood clot still near his heart.  
Pray – That the blood thinners dissolve the clot safely.  
Pray – That the procedure to correct heart arrhythmia can go ahead.
- \* **Aleksis Stubis; Oskars and Lucy's boy** – Has been discharged from hospital.  
Pray – That he continues to recover from pneumonia.
- \* **Monica's brother; Joe** – Two stents, now needs an internal defibrillator.  
Praise – Successful procedure to insert two stents near his heart.  
Pray – That he realises his need of a Saviour.
- \* **Gordon Family** – Pray – For comfort following the sad loss of Eric.
- \* **Dr Ken Elliott** – Australian missionary held by Islamic Jihadists in Mali.  
Pray – That he is returned to his wife and family very soon.

## "He is Risen" from Matthew 28

*Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."* Matthew 28:5-7 NLT

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. Without the resurrection, the belief in God's saving grace and mercy through Jesus is void. When Jesus rose from the dead, he proved his divinity as the Son of God and his works of atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and salvation. The resurrection was a real, physical raising of Jesus' body from the dead.

Jesus was arrested and sentenced to crucifixion at the demand of the Pharisees. His body was hung on a cross between two thieves. After his death, Jesus' body was wrapped in linen cloths and placed in a tomb with a large stone rolled across the opening. On the third day, an early Sunday morning, the myrrh-bearing women came to the tomb and found it empty. Sitting on the rolled away stone was an angel of the Lord who told them to not be afraid because Jesus has risen. As the women left to tell the disciples, Jesus Christ met them and showed them his nail-pierced hands.

### He is Risen – Meaning

"He is risen" means that Jesus was raised from the dead, and now is with God in heaven. It means He has overcome death so that those who believe in Him will have eternal life.

### Jesus is Risen and Raises Us

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

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