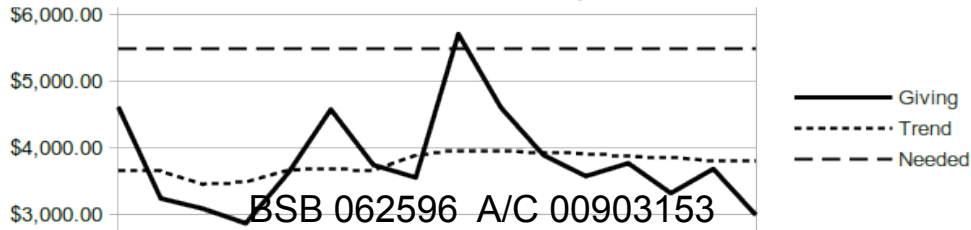


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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

Jesus said: **COME UNTO ME,**
all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Birthdays this week

Wednesday Kezia Wood
Saturday Olivia Waller



Anniversary this week

Friday Andrew & Elizabeth Webb
Saturday Ray & Nicolette Woldhuis



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News from Riverstone Community Church

16th April 2023

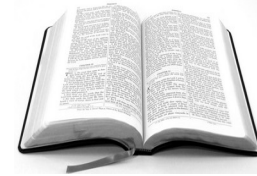
Topic: *The Cross in Four Words:*

Justice

Speaker: Josh Groenestyn

Chairman: Nathan Fredericks

Creche: Rhiannan & Donna



Next Sunday

*The Cross in
Four Words:
Purpose*

The Sunday After..

Ezra: Restoring

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

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Ch: Nathan Fredericks
Cr: Ratumus

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.

- * **Walter Moulang (Robyn Gummerson's dad)**
Wal died aged 94 during the night of Friday 15th
Praise – For a godly life. Wai Is now rejoicing in Heaven.
Pray – For peace and strength for Sarah Moulang and for the families directly affected by this sad loss. Viz the Owen, Hearsey, and Gummerson families.

- * **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.

We Must Stand For Truth

It can be challenging to navigate the conflicting messages and values of the world around us as Christians. We are bombarded with messages that tell us to compromise our beliefs and values for the sake of being politically correct or to fit in with the crowd. However, the importance of standing up for the truth of God's word and not giving in to worldly demands on important issues cannot be overstated.

The Bible makes it clear that God's word is the ultimate truth. In John 17:17, Jesus prayed to the Father, saying, "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." The Bible is not just a collection of stories and teachings, but it is the living, breathing word of God that has the power to transform lives and shape our worldview.

When we compromise on the truth of God's word, we risk losing our identity as Christians and diluting the message of the Gospel. We become like the salt that has lost its flavor and is no longer effective in preserving and seasoning the world around us (Matthew 5:13).

We are called to be ambassadors of Christ in the world (2 Corinthians 5:20). This means that we have a responsibility to share the truth of God's word with those around us, even if it is unpopular or goes against the prevailing cultural norms. We are not called to be people-pleasers but to be faithful servants of God.

Let us share the Gospel message of hope, love, and true transformation in stark contrast to the message of physical transitioning and unfettered tolerance of the world—a path that leads to death and destruction.