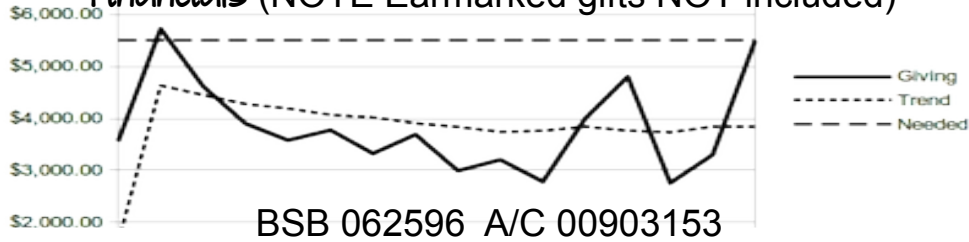


### Financials (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

### Birthdays this week

Tuesday	Ace Baluyut
Wednesday	Laura Nightingale
“ “	Aiden Jackson
Friday	Janet Crawshaw
Saturday	Lyana Holt



### Anniversary this week

Wednesday Derek & Margaret Finlay.



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# Connect



News from Riverstone Community Church

11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Topic:** *Ezra: Restrictions*  
**Speaker:** Kevin Rosolen  
**Chairman:** Brett Davis  
**Creche:** Oskars & Lucy



### Next Sunday

*Ezra: Renewal*

### The Sunday After..

*Ezra: Returning again*

**Sp:** Shane Bywater  
**Ch:** Nathan  
**Cr:** Ratumu Family

**Sp:** Phillip Gummerson  
**Ch:** Brett Davis  
**Cr:** Chris & Lina

### The Program (D.V.)

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

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# Prayer, Praise & News.

- \* **Andrew & Rhonda's daughter, Kristen** – Ovarian cyst.  
**Praise** – That she's back home following surgery.
- \* **Ken Harding's sister, Olive** – Was in Bunbury hospital with pneumonia.  
**Praise** – Olive is now back home with complications resolved.
- \* **Andrew Webb** – Battling cancer – Blood tests Monday, palliative care nurse Wednesday, visit with doctor Thursday for results of Monday's blood tests, immunotherapy later that same day. CT PET scan end of July to decide on further treatment.  
**Pray** – For a miracle recovery.
- \* **Auden Hearsey** – Still has some cold and flu symptoms but improving  
**Pray** – That he soon recovers.
- \* **Ashton Morsillo** – Hospitalised with Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV).  
**Praise** – Off oxygen so back home again. **Pray** – For full recovery.
- \* **Kristie Prestige's dad** – Complicated knee replacement surgery Tuesday.  
**Pray** – For the surgery and also for Kristie as she is now his carer.
- \* **Marie Davies' neighbour – has cancer – Family has asked us to pray.**  
**Pray** – For the opportunity to present the Gospel.
- \* **Nigel Hughes** –  
**Pray** – That he can find suitable, affordable housing nearby.
- \* **Playgroup, Kids' Church, Kids' Club, & Impact Youth.**  
**Pray** – For the leaders and helpers who run these activities.
- \* **Medieval Holiday Club – 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July.**  
**Pray** – That this outreach will be mightily used by God.
- \* **GLO Mission conference – Malaysia.**  
**Pray** – For safety in travel and blessing in their interaction with local and overseas GLO mission personnel. (Andrew Cowell, Lisa-Marie Cassar, Stuart Thomson, Rachel Harding, plus CrossConnect students).
- \* **Sport's Centre, Emmaus Ministry, Billy Graham Online, & School RE.**  
**Pray** – That many more are saved through these channels.
- \* **Ken Harding** – Speaking at Glenorie this morning.

## Shiphrah and Puah

These two Hebrew midwives during the time that Moses was born are credited with saving many lives in their defiance of the king of Egypt and his order to kill all male Hebrew babies. The midwives, whose names were Shiphrah and Puah (Exodus 1:15), kept the babies alive. When brought before the king to explain their actions, the midwives said, *"Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive"* (verse 19).

The lie of the midwives takes place within the context of slavery. Many years after Joseph's death, a new Pharaoh rose to power. This new king knew nothing of Joseph. All the new king could see is that the Israelite population was growing stronger every day. Fearing an uprising, Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters to oppress the Hebrews with hard physical labour. *"But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites"* (Exodus 1:12).

Pharaoh decided to make life even harder for the Hebrews and *"worked them ruthlessly"* (Exodus 1:13). Even worse, Pharaoh decreed to the Hebrew midwives, *"When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live"* (verse 16).

But the Hebrew midwives feared God and allowed the male infants to live (Exodus 1:17). To their credit, they valued God's law above Pharaoh's laws and refused to commit the act of infanticide. Pharaoh found out about their disobedience. When questioned why the boys were being allowed to live, the midwives responded with what we assume to be a lie (verse 19). The Israelites continued to grow in number and strength (verse 20). Also, the Lord rewarded the midwives well by giving them families of their own (verse 20).

Similar cases such as the one faced by the Hebrew midwives can be found throughout biblical history and into our own time. Some situations seem to call for an obscuring of truth in the face of evil. Rahab's falsehood when hiding the Israelite spies from the king of Jericho (Joshua 2; James 2:25–26) is one example. Those who hid Jews from the Nazis in World War II are another. It seems that, when innocent human lives are at stake, choosing the lesser of two evils is appropriate.

Edited from: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Hebrew-midwives.html>