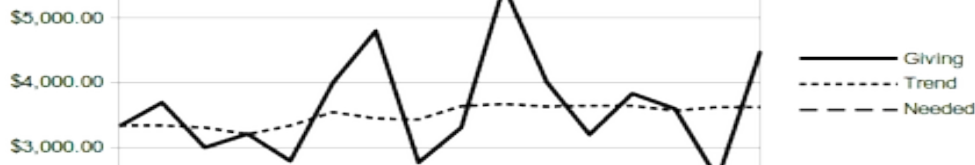


## Financials (NOTE Earmarked gifts NOT included)



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Thank you for your heart of giving and commitment.

## Birthdays this week

Today	Roslyn Elphick
" "	Samantha Thomson
Wednesday	Felicity Holt
Thursday	Felicity Marlow
" "	Johanna Skelly
" "	Alana Hughes



If you did not get a copy of Ken's new book *From Fear To Faith* please take one today.  
(It's free for distribution / personal evangelism)

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# Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

**Topic:** *Missions Sunday*

**Speaker:** *Jim Gillette*

(Jim Gillette and his wife Jean have served the Lord with Ireland Outreach for many years and have an extensive mission in Nigeria.)

**Chairman:** *Mitch Cavens*

**Creche:** *Rhiannan & Donna*



**Next Sunday**  
*Portrait of a  
Healthy Church:  
Shepherded by  
Godly Pastors*

**The Sunday After..**  
*Vision  
Sunday:  
Eternal  
Life*

**Sp:** Allan Driver  
**Ch:** Mitch Cavens  
**Cr:** Ace & Joanne

**Sp:** Elders  
**Ch:** Mitch Cavens  
**Cr:** Oskars & Lucy

## The Program (D.V.)

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

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# Prayer, Praise & News.



*For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

*Therefore encourage one another with these words.*

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4 15-18

\* **Pray for the Webb family and all those grieving lost loved ones.**

**We know that they will meet again but comfort is needed now.**

\* **Richard Speirs, Wayne's dad** – Recovering from pneumonia.

**Pray** – For a quick recovery and return home.

\* **Kristie Prestige's dad** – Pain following knee surgery preventing exercise.

**Pray** – That better pain management allows knee exercise and sleep.

\* **Paul Volkart** – In Hawkesbury hospital with very low haemoglobin level.

**Pray** – For wisdom for the doctors and peace for Marilyn.

\* **HSC Students** – Cate, Josh, Kaylen and Zac.

**Pray** – That they will be rewarded for their studies.

## Human Trafficking

There is much talk about the slave trade which existed in past history but slavery in its various forms is more prevalent now than it ever was.

Human trafficking is akin to modern day slavery. It occurs when people are forced into exploitative situations for profit. Men, women and children are exploited for a wide range of purposes, including forced labour, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, and child soldiers. While trafficking for sexual exploitation is more commonly reported among women and girls, it can also happen to boys.

Trafficking is a hidden crime. It's estimated that nearly 21 million people are trafficked for profit around the world today.

People are vulnerable to trafficking for a number of reasons, including lack of education and employment opportunities, discrimination and social isolation, and lack of protection by adults or social systems.

Human trafficking is different to people smuggling. People smuggling is a crime against a country by illegally crossing borders, whereas trafficking is an exploitative crime against an individual. While people consent to being smuggled, trafficking does not involve consent. Whereas people smuggling has a final destination, trafficking involves ongoing exploitation.

<https://www.worldvision.com.au/global-issues/work-we-do/child-slavery>

A full length movie, *"The Sound of Freedom"* has been released in USA cinemas by Angel Studios (who released, *"The Chosen"*). It is based on the true story of Tim Ballard, a former USA Department of Homeland Security agent, who works to save children who have been sex trafficked. This film has been very well received and outsold *"Indiana Jones - Dial of Destiny"*.

**Pray that it is released in theatres here in Australia.**

Official Trailer = <https://youtu.be/Rt0kp4VW1cI>