



Birthdays this Week
 Monday Linc Marlow
 Wednesday David Ward

Anniversary this Week
 Tuesday Steve & Rebecca Jackson

Congratulations
 To Joanna and Cohen
 on their engagement.



Contacts

For Eldership contact and Pastoral Care: elders@rivochurch.com

Andrew Cowell: 0426 838 948 Linc Marlow: 0490 804 708
 Phillip Gummerson: 0414 765 200 Dave Ward: 0414 929 946

For Deaconship matters: deacons@rivochurch.com

Brett Davis: 0409 841 058 Stuart Waller: 0419 445 660

Kids Church: Rhiannan Morsillo (rhiannan.cowell@gmail.com)

Youth: Stuart Thomson 0408 820 630

Connect: Warwick Gummerson (warwick@gummerson.com.au)

Facebook: Jade Cowell 0450 508 947

Church & Building Bookings: (rivochurch.com/church_calendar.php)

Connect

News from Riverstone Community Church

12th November 2023

Topic: *The Process of Knowing God*
Speaker: Rhys Morsillo
Chairman: Ralph Hearsey
Creche: Estelle & Maybelle

➔ **Christmas Offering** ⬅

<p>Next Sunday...</p> <p><i>The Privilege of Knowing God</i></p> <p>Sp: Josh Groenestyn Ch: Ralph Hearsey Cr: Carol & Lina</p>	<p>The Sunday After..</p> <p><i>The Product of Knowing God</i></p> <p>Sp: Ken Harding Ch: Ralph Hearsey Cr: Jono & Lisa</p>
--	---

The Program (D.V.)
10:00am
 Church which includes:
 Prayer and Praise
 Creche
 Kids' Church
 Worship
 Communion
 Preaching

www.rivochurch.com
www.facebook.com/rivochurch
 Visitors – go to rivochurch.com/new



Prayer, Praise & News

- * **Auden Hearsey** – Some difficulties since birth last March.
He's had neurological investigations to determine the cause of an apparent inability to engage with people around him. An MRI has found Auden has mild volume loss of frontal lobes and cerebellum. This essentially amounts to a malformation in his brain, affecting his senses. He also has something wrong with his right middle ear which needs further investigation. What this means long term for Auden is unknown. Ralph and Jess will now have a follow-up appointment with the paediatrician.
Pray – For Ralph, Jess and Auden as they move forward.
- * **Emmaus Prison Ministry** --
Faith Connell has been in contact with the Chaplains asking for an exemption allowing prisoners to request Emmaus Courses.
Please pray that we will be granted this exemption.
- * **GLO Graduates** – For guidance as they move into their next stage of service for the Lord.
- * **Lucy Stubis** – Needs a pass in English writing for her employment.
Pray – For the written test to be re-marked favourably.

You're invited to a
Tropical Christmas Lunch
3rd December

(Scan QR code for details and to RSVP)



Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

John 9

The apostle John is the only gospel recorder to tell of the healing of a certain man who had been blind from birth. Seeing this man prompted a question from the disciples. They asked, *“Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?”* (John 9:2)

After answering the question, Jesus then spat on the ground, made clay of the spittle, and anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. He then told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. After having done that the man was able to see!

The purpose of the miracles of the New Testament is to confirm the authority of Jesus. When some charged that Jesus could not be God because he healed a man on the sabbath day, others pointed out, *“How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?”* (John 9:16)

Now to the question that the apostles asked and Jesus answered. Many, even today have the idea that if bad things happen to them, it is punishment for some sin that they have committed. Seeing the blind man, the apostles asked if the blindness was the result of sin on the part of the parents or sin on the part of the blind man (John 9:2).

The disciples thought it was an “either, or” situation. However, the Lord pointed out that both of their choices were wrong. The man was not born blind because the parents had sinned nor the man himself. One only has to look as far as the book of Job to see that just because bad things happen to one, it in no way indicates they are being punished for some sin on their part.

There are certainly bad consequences that often accompany or follow sin, but they are consequences, not penalties. For instance, the alcoholic who becomes a child of God after years of drinking may well suffer the consequences of his former life by way of bad health, poverty or loss of family. The adulterer may lose his or her spouse and home as a consequence of the adultery, but it is a consequence, not a penalty or punishment.

From a discussion by Robert Oliver <https://www.clintonnc.com/news/100/lessons-from-the-healing-of-a-blind-man>