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*Wollongong  
Congregational Church*

10th July, 2016

**Welcome to all worshipping with us this morning.**  
Please continue in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.  
**7pm Evening Fellowship/Service Pastor Matthew Woolley**

ROSTERS		
Date	10 Jul	17Jul
Prayers	Judy	Con
Bible Reading	Roger Max	Annette Pam
Lawns	-	-
Servers	Janice B Marg C	Rob Jennifer Lenore
Cleaning	-	Cleaners
Morning Tea	Cathy Gordon	Robyn Annette
Welcome	Janice	Don
Comm. Prep	-	Judy
Creche	Holidays	-
Power-point	Annette George	-
Counting Offering	Annette	Davina Robert

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**Prayer Chain.** If you have a request , please ring Con or Leonie. If they are not available please ring Wendy, Annette or Tim.  
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Please note that you may arrange to have your offering by Direct Debit Please see our Treasurer.

**Building Fund \$11,349. (includes grant monies) If you would like to help with the cost of repairs etc please place your gift in an envelope marked Building Fund. Thank you.**

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**Emergency Food Coordinator**  
 Jill Donnelly 4229 5248  
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 This 4 weeks' regular tithed giving will go to the work of  
**THE BIBLE SOCIETY**  
 Additional gifts may be placed in the plate at any time, using a suitably labelled envelope.  
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**THIS WEEK.**

- Monday** 12:30 pm :Bible Study at Leigh's -fortnightly
- Tuesday:** 10:00 am: Bible Study at Annette's
- Wednesday:** 7:15 pm: Men's Bible Study at Church.

**Next Sunday 17th July 10.00am : Worship Service**

**7.00pm Evening Fellowship/Service.**



**My attitude towards God and my attitude towards my fellow man are important. My attitude towards God will influence my attitude towards my fellow human beings.**

Last Sunday I spent time looking at the topic of Worship– What is worship? It may mean so many different things to different people. The topic of worship can be so divisive- is there a fine line between entertainment and worship, form and structure, historical and cultural context? Personal likes and dislikes and so on? The Early church spent time in prayer, fellowship and worship. I am sure that we see these things as a priority. The difficulty is in *'the how we do these things'*. Prayer and fellowship that is coerced, forced and manipulative is not prayer or fellowship.

How do we understand what it is to worship? Throughout the Scriptures there are two predominant themes; A focus on God and a focus on our fellow man. When I consider worship it has two important elements, I look up to God and this sends me on a journey into the world. The Apostle John tackled this question when he wrote "Whoever claims to love God yet hates his brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have seen. 1John 4:20 I cannot love God if there is hate in my heart.. This understanding of true worship is something that is found in the Word of God and is evident in the Ten Commandments. Exodus 20 the first 4 are God directed and the next 6 are man directed..My attitude towards God and my attitude towards my fellow man are important. My attitude towards God will influence my attitude towards my fellow human beings.

Worship is a gigantic topic- and it would be so easy to get bogged down in culture and the cultural symbols of worship that we lose sight of true worship. The Lord Jesus speaking to the Samaritan women said; *"The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."* John 4:23-24

What is it to Worship God in Spirit and in truth? The answer is a simple one, yet it can also be so complex for that is often seen as worship may be the product of cultural attitudes or conditioning. Not to say that this is wrong for worship has a lot to do with the heart. So whatever form it may take if the heart is right then that is true worship. I suppose when it comes to worship we should move away from the idea of FORM; that is how we do it to SUBSTANCE; the essence of worship that is the core of worship. I believe that a lot has to do with the heart's desire. Only God can see what is in the heart of man.

I found some of John Piper's thoughts on worship really helpful. *The inner essence of worship is to know God truly and then respond from the heart to that knowledge by valuing God, treasuring God, prizing God, enjoying God, being satisfied with God above all earthly things. And then that deep, restful, joyful satisfaction in God overflows in demonstrable acts of praise from the lips and demonstrable acts of love in serving others for the sake of Christ.*

## **Prayer Points**

- ◇ Please continue to pray for the Evening Service;
- ◇ Wisdom and opportunity to reach our community with the Gospel;
- ◇ Wisdom as we move forward with our maintenance program;
- ◇ One new family;
- ◇ Continue to pray for Jean Millman who is in Port Kembla Hospital.
- ◇ For Janice and her son Steve.
- ◇ Lynda would appreciate continued prayers for Ron who is in care.
- ◇ We bring John, Joyce Souter's son before the Lord in prayer as he continues treatment for cancer.
- ◇ For the Board of Education and its teachers for 2016, the local SU /ISCF staff worker, the Pastors' network, Gideons and Crossroads.
- ◇ Our FCC Churches, Padstow;
- ◇ Church family members, Janice Bond;
- ◇ Please bring our annual meeting before the Lord, also the nomination of office bearers. (9th October)
- ◇ Pray for the needs of Pulse 94.1 FM Appeal;
- ◇ Also for the effectiveness of Con' radio program;
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**FCC \$1 Habit.** . Donation Money Box will be available at morning tea.

**Seminar:** Wendy Oxman is conducting an information Seminar on Dementia on July 23rd at the church. 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. All welcome.

**Emergency Food** for church folk who are ill. A review is being held for helpers. Please let Jill know if you can help on the roster. Thank You.

**ROSTERS** will be prepared for the months August, September and October. Please let Jo and Jennifer know if you are unavailable for any roster **OR** if you are able to help on any other service . We need this information no later than 24th July. Thank You.

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| ◇ | <b>19 Jul</b>  | <b>School Term starts</b>                      |
| ◇ | <b>23 July</b> | <b>Seminar Day-Dementia. 9.30 am –2.30 pm.</b> |
| ◇ | <b>14Aug</b>   | <b>Church Meeting</b>                          |
| ◇ | <b>28 Aug</b>  | <b>Nominations for Church Office Bearers</b>   |

<p><b>Pastor Con on Pulse 94.1 FM Sunday Worship 7-10am.</b>  <b>Also Tuesdays 10 pm to midnight. Daily devotions 6:45 am.</b></p>
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