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Wollongong Congregational Church

4th September, 2016

Fathers Day

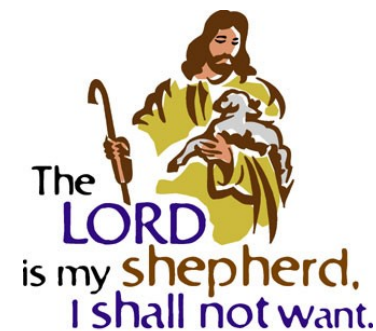
Welcome to all worshipping with us this morning.
During our service, we will be celebrating Holy Communion
and we invite all those who desire to deepen their life in
Christ to share in this sacrament with us.

Please continue in fellowship over a cuppa after the service.
You are also invited to join us at 7pm for our Evening Service.

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday: 7.15 pm: Men's Bible Study at Church

Thursday: 10.00 am: Home group at Ruth's
9.30-11.00 am: Playday in the hall



Psalms 23:1

Next Sunday, 11th September
10.00am: Worship Service
7pm evening service

Jesus left heaven and became a man... the only sinless man in human history who trusted his father in everything, **AND even though he walked through the darkest valley**, he was even obedient, even to death on a cross, to be a sacrificial lamb for you, **to pay for your sins and my sins.** Look where the lamb is now... Revelation 7:17 *For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

ROSTERS

Date	4 Sep	11 Sep
Prayers	Wendy	Leigh
Bible Readings	Bernice Roger	Lenore Max
Lawns	Andrew	-
Servers	Max Richard Irma	Marg C Dianne
Cleaning	Diana	-
Morning Tea	Cathy	Gordon Cathy
Welcome	Roger Robin	Don
Communion Prep	Judy	-
Crèche	Lenore	Lenore
PowerPoint	Andrew	Andrew
Counting Offering	Annette	Rob

Prayer Chain.

If you have a request, please ring Con or Leonie. If they are not available please ring Wendy, Annette or Tim.
Phone numbers above.

Building Fund balance \$11,459.

(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.

Emergency Food Coordinator
Jill Donnelly 4229 5248

This 4 weeks' regular tithed giving
will go to the work of
SCRIPTURE UNION
Additional gifts may be placed in the plate at any time, using a suitably labelled envelope.

Jesus is the Shepherd of Psalm 23

Conservative estimates suggest more than 35 million Christians in Indonesia. God's doing something great in Indonesia but ***you won't read this in SMH, or even SBS.*** At ***every*** church, I saw pictures of Jesus the Shepherd, sometimes with verses like ***John 10 the Good Shepherd giving me assurance***, telling me I'm safe in Jesus' hand...***very precious to me.*** The promises of Jesus in John 10 are precious in the developing world including Indonesia where life is especially fragile for millions living in poverty, as I saw when I met kids living in a rubbish dump. At a church nearby, I met a compassionate man who had been a lawyer & a super successful business man. But God called him to be a pastor in this poverty stricken MUSLIM town. Through faithful outreach and godly care, within 2 years the church is overflowing. The church is feeding the town's kids, & tutoring many illiterate girls. Muslim families are also hearing Jesus make bold promises in the Bible. And again....the kids had drawn Jesus as a Shepherd holding his helpless sheep. I asked them, who is Jesus. They said, Jesus is God! Their Pastor smiled. I said '*Pastor, in every Indonesian church I visit, there's a reminder of Jesus the Good Shepherd*'. He said '*That's because of Psalm 23, which is very dear to Indonesian Christians. Psalm 23 is about Jesus shepherding his people.*' Psalm 23 is a well-known Psalm written 1000 years before Jesus walked the earth.

What kind of Shepherd is Jesus? Jesus cares in a deeply personal way, and wants his people to feel the pain of others, to be gutted and moved to action. In Matthew 9 Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Teaching, healing, showing relentless compassion. Our compassionate, intimate, self-giving God powerfully Shepherds us into eternity. **No wonder the Good Shepherd is loved in Indonesia, and all over the world.**

John 10:11 **I AM** the good shepherd. *John 10: 27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.* His sheep are safe in his hands – even if they die. He provides assurance of eternal life!

Spiro Cassis, from Compassion

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 church family;
- ◇ Continue to pray for Jean Millman and Ron Ratcliff who are in care.
- ◇ For Janice and her son Steve.
- ◇ For the Board of Education and its teachers for 2016 the local SU / ISCF staff worker, the Pastors' network, Gideons, Crossroads
- ◇ Our FCC Churches; Towradgi.
- ◇ Church family members; Richard and Jill Donnelly
- ◇ Please bring our annual meeting before the Lord, also the nomination of office bearers (AGM: 9th October)
- ◇ Pray for the needs of Pulse 94.1 FM
- ◇ Also for the effectiveness of Con's radio program;
- ◇ Please keep Leonie in your prayers as she recovers from surgery and Con as he cares for her
- ◇ Pray for Lynda who has been suffering with back pain

Fellowship of Congregational Women 2016 CONFERENCE

Sat 29 October At Stanwell Tops 9am -1.30pm

SPEAKER: JENNY SALT. Cost: \$60 Register by the end of Sept

CHURCH 1-DAY CAMP 17TH SEPT– Please register asap !

9—3.30 pm \$25 pp

FCC Assembly will be held at Hazelbrook on 8/10/2016.

Forms are available to nominate members for the following positions: Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Minutes Secretary & Elders (AGM: 9th October)

Diary Dates:

- 17 Sep Church 1-Day Camp at Girl Guide Campsite.**
- 25 Sep AGM reports due and nominations close**
- 9 Oct AGM and member's meeting**
- 23 Oct CHURCH ANNIVERSARY**
- 29 Oct FCW 1-day Conference at Stanwell Tops**

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