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ROSTERS

Date	30 Oct	6 Nov
Prayers	Wendy	Richard
Bible Readings	Janice Jennifer	Wendy Glenn
Lawns	-	-
Servers	Richard Jennifer	Joan Jennifer Peter
Cleaning	Cleaners	Cleaners
Morning Tea	Lynda Leonie	Gail Robyn
Welcome	Roger Robin	Jennifer
Communion Prep	-	Joan
Crèche	Jo	Jo
PowerPoint	Glenn	Glenn
Counting Offering	-	Rob

Prayer Chain.

If you have a request, please ring
Wendy, Annette, Robert or Tim.
Phone numbers above.

Offering

Please note that you may arrange to
have your offering paid by Direct Debit
Please ask our Treasurer for details.

Building Fund balance \$11,459.

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 the
TOGO GROUP

Additional gifts may be placed in
the plate at any time, using a suitably
labelled envelope.



Wollongong Congregational Church

30th October, 2016

Welcome to all worshipping with us this morning.

Please continue in fellowship over morning tea after the service.

You are also invited to join us at 7pm for our Evening Service.

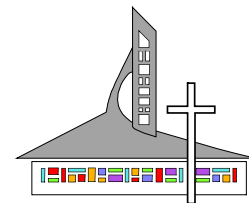
THIS WEEK:

Monday: 12.30 pm: Bible Study at Leigh's

Tuesday; 10 am: Bible Study at Annette's

Thursday: 10 am: Home group at Ruth's

9.30 -11am: Playday in the hall



Next Sunday, 6th November

Tim Farrington will be leading the 10am service

Harry Burgess will lead the 7pm: Evening Service



Thought for the week...

Lord, help me to keep my mind stayed on You.

During times of busyness and stress, help me to reorder my priorities
according to Your will, to think Your thoughts,
And let the mind of Christ have rightful authority in my life.

Ray Green, David Bartlett and Richard Donnelly, blessed us last week with their words of encouragement. It was great to hear their testimony. God has a plan for this church; He also has a wonderful plan for individuals, as pointed out, we cannot always see clearly what His plan may include for us as individuals. I suppose that is why they call it the 'walk of faith'. Many have gone before us with the same questions, fears, assurances and anxieties, as the author of Hebrews puts it; "we have such a great cloud of witnesses".

We recorded the service, so if you would like of copy of the message spots please let me or the Elders know and I will get a copy to you sometime in December.

I would like to thank, Ray, David and Richard for their valuable contribution to the day.

Dr Peter Atkins's message was also inspiring and dovetailed beautifully with all that was said on the day. On the whole what a great day!

As you know I will be away for most of November. Tim Farrington, Cameron Douglas and Richard Donnelly will be preaching on the three Sundays mornings. Harry Burgess will oversee the evening fellowship times; Matthew will speak on the second Sunday evening of the month as usual. I will be back for the services on the 27th November.

Can I remind you of our **next member's meeting** set for the 4th December. Minutes of the previous meeting will be available shortly.

I look forward to our Christmas celebrations. It would be great if volunteers could set up the **Christmas tree** at the back of the church, the first week in December. Gifts from under the Christmas tree will be taken to Anglicare.

I am also looking for willing walkers, who would distribute our annual letterbox drop invitation to our Carols Service.

Our Carols service will be held on the 18th December, the Sunday before Christmas and will follow our usual BBQ at 5:30pm. Please invite family and friends and let us know numbers for catering purposes. Donations towards the BBQ will be welcome.

Christmas day is on a Sunday this year. The service will be at 9 am with a retiring offering for Tear fund.

I was encouraged by Sundays reading: *"¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[f] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms."* Ephesian 1:15-20

Prayer Points

Please pray for;

- ◇ Our 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.
- ◇ For Janice and her son Steve.
- ◇ Ron Ratcliff, in care
- ◇ Gail and Ray Warhola in Hong Kong,
- ◇ Jenny and Dave Rowe in USA ;
- ◇ the Edwards family working in Fiji;
- ◇ Roger Dethlefs working in West Timor ;
- ◇ Our FCC Churches; **Engadine**
- ◇ Church family members; **Yvonne Jeffery**
- ◇ Pray for the needs of Pulse 94.1 FM. Also for the effectiveness of Con's radio program;
- ◇ Bernice Beekman in hospital,
- ◇ Ralph and Janece's great granddaughter, Amari
- ◇ Con and Leonie's Granddaughter Chloe has been diagnosed with Chronic fatigue. Please pray for recovery
- ◇ Rest and safe travel for Con and Leonie as they enjoy annual leave

"CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Horsley on being recognized by the Australian College of Educators on World Teachers' Day for his contribution to education in our region".

NEW ROSTERS are available today. Thanks Jennifer.

Note that the Fellowship Tea advertised for today is **cancelled**

Diary Dates:

- 5 Nov Church Working Bee** (general cleaning, gardening, undercoat the porch)
- 4 Dec Final Church meeting for the year**
- 18 Dec Carols Service 7.30pm**

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