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Please continue to join our activities:

- ⊗ Listen to Con's recorded video devotion each Sunday from our website www.wollongongcongregationchurch.org
- ⊗ Tune into Con's radio program on Pulse 94.1 FM Sunday Worship 7-10am. Repeated Tues night 10pm. Morning devotions 6-7am daily.
- ⊗ Church Prayer Chain Ring or text Leonie
- ⊗ **Note: Tuesday Bible Study will not meet this week**
- ⊗ Personalised cards can be ordered from Lynne Grimm, 3 for \$5.00 proceeds go to the Building Fund 0438770764



Church account details:
Congregational Church Wollongong
BSB: 032695 Account No: 494743

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Wollongong Congregational Church

25 October, 2020

— Welcome all and be blessed —

Please only attend Church if well
Masks are available should you need them
Please follow Covid-19 protocol

Please stay for Morning Tea following our service

NOTICES

*Reminder! All Annual Reports to be in by
1 November, 2020

*AGM and Member's Meeting on 15 November, 2020

* Church Rosters

We are currently organising a new modified church roster. Please let Jo Martin know if you want to make any changes or go onto a roster.
(0458289984 or glennmartin66@hotmail.com)

Also inform Jo if there are any dates that you will not be available for until the end of January 2021. Thank you

*Australian Church Women,
an Inter-denominational faith group who meet twice per year.
We have been invited to the next meeting at
Balgownie Catholic Church on
Friday 30 October, 2020 at 12 noon
Theme: Moving Forward in Faith. See *Jill Donnelly*

Last Sunday we were blessed with a message by Pastor Michael Hunt, President of the Fellowship of Congregational Churches, at our 165th Church Anniversary.

Focussing his attention on the words of **Psalm 99** Pastor Michael's message was an encouragement. Yes, our God is a holy God Who is worthy of our worship.

We were also challenged to take to heart the words of **Micah 6:8** ***"He has shown you o mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."***

What a blessing!

We said thank you to the Lord for taking care of our Fellowship for these past 165 years, indeed our God is good. It is obvious that we, that is you and I haven't been here for 165 years. The Wollongong Congregational Church Covenanted to serve God as a fellowship 165 years ago. The building was completed in 1857. Our celebration was representative of the gratitude that all Christians have for salvation, the grace and mercy of God.

We also thanked and presented Jennifer Ramsay with a certificate of appreciation for her many years of faithful and dedicated service within our Fellowship. There are so many who work tirelessly behind the scenes and we appreciate and rejoice in this wonderful blessing.



It was a privilege to "Welcome into Membership" Andrea and Daniel Bell and Ross Curtin.

Not that long ago we said goodbye to Annette and George. Our prayer is that the Lord will meet their needs and provide a new fellowship for worship and service for them. Yes, they will be missed.

The Christian life is a life of faith and trust in the Lord! It was by faith that the greats of old believed God and acted on that belief. Their actions were blessed, God the Father wants to bless us as we trust Him for all things.

We look at the past and marvel at the provision of the Lord. We are thankful to God for His blessings today and by faith we look to the future in anticipation.

Pastor Con Despinidic

Prayer Points

Please pray for:

◇ Australia: for God's wisdom, leading and authority over our Nation, Government, Land and Peoples

- ◇ Our church family. Surround each other with love
- ◇ God's leading and authority over decisions concerning our church
- ◇ God's leading for new Elders and Deacons - **Nominations sought**

- ◇ Church family members: *Margaret Jones*
- ◇ Those In Care: Joan Weber & Dawn Coleshill
- ◇ Maureen Murray recovering from vertigo
- ◇ Janice Roworth for her ongoing healing and the ability to cope and have support at home. Also pray for her son Steve
- ◇ Cathy and her son Chris Edward's during their grief and adjustment
- ◇ Margaret, Diane and Wendie as they wait on the Lord for justice
- ◇ Joyce Souter had a fall and pray for her son John, who is battling cancer
- ◇ Bernice for healing of leg ulcers, and for Peter as he cares for her
- ◇ Nabila for God's peace and healing

- ◇ Wisdom and opportunity to reach our community with the Gospel
- ◇ Dennis and Karen Bagnall and the letter box distribution of "Living Water" (Gospels of John) throughout the Illawarra
- ◇ SRE and school ministry workers as they serve their schools
- ◇ Pulse 94.1 FM and the effectiveness of Con's radio program
- ◇ All students currently sitting for their HSC exams

- ◇ FCC Churches: ***KURRI KURRI (1904)***
- ◇ Romani Evangelical Congregational Church in Macedonia
- ◇ Jenny and Dave Rowe in USA working for Wycliffe Bible Translators
- ◇ Persecuted Christians in ***Iraq***

- ◇ Praise God for his goodness and any answered prayers in your life
- ◇ Praise God Irma is recovering well and attended church on Sunday