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Please continue to join our activities:

⚙️ **Tuesday Bible Study will resume in the new year**

⚙️ **Personalised cards** can be ordered from Lynne Grimm,
3 for \$5.00 Proceeds go to the Building Fund 0438770764

⚙️ **Christmas Cake Orders – Reminder!**

Maureen Murray is taking orders for Christmas cakes

Small for \$7 and Medium for \$12

Please see Rob or Jill to place your order.

Proceeds go to the Building Fund

⚙️ **The Offering taken on Christmas Day will go to 'TEARFUND'**

Envelopes for giving will be available from today for those people wishing to donate to this appeal. If you want a tax deductible receipt, complete the form attached to the envelope. Make cheques payable to Wollongong Congregational Church. Place in offering plate on Christmas Day or prior, if you wish.

Any questions please contact Glenn Martin

⚙️ Volunteers needed to do the **POWER POINT**. Lessons will be available.
Please see Richard Donnelly

Church account details:

Congregational Church Wollongong

BSB: 032695 Account No: 494743

*Thanks to everyone who has been faithful in tithing and giving
And for contributing to the Toys 'n' Tucker and Food Hamper donations*



Wollongong Congregational Church

20 DECEMBER, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

🔔 Christmas Service will be on Friday 25th at 9am (no morning tea)

- Due to the easing of Covid restrictions, we can approximately double our numbers for the church and hall. However, unless you are a family group, please remember to maintain a 1.5m distance. The Government advice remains to wear a mask especially when singing

- Pastor Con and Leonie's last Sunday is 27 December.

After a quick morning tea, those able to are invited to join Con and Leonie at Rashay's Restaurant in Nth Wollongong.

Cost is \$25 for a one course meal and includes tea and coffee.

Please see Jill Donnelly today to confirm attendance and choose your meal and pay beforehand

Special Prayer of Thanksgiving during Con's and Leonie's Farewell Service



**Last week we had Pastor Con and Leonie's Farewell Service.
Our guest speaker was Michael Hunt, President of FCC**

During the service we had a special Prayer of Thanksgiving for Con and Leonie as they step out in faith and into retirement and that God would continue to bless and use them in ministry in this next stage of their lives and bless them with a happy, good and healthy life.

Michael encouraged us from **John 21:1-18** to step out in faith and to love the Lord and to unitedly serve Jesus in this manner. Based on the conversation Jesus had with Simon by asking him three times if he loved him and each time when Simon responded by answering that the Lord knew he loved him and Jesus responded to Simon by saying "Feed my lambs and Feed my sheep". Michael encouraged us as believers to do likewise in love and with compassion.

We continued with fellowship during morning tea where Richard, Abe, Andrew and Wendy spoke words of thanks for Con and Leonie's service and ministry here at WCC and we all enjoyed and shared the special celebration cakes afterwards.

Con and Leonie were presented with a cheque and some special gifts in appreciation from the congregation as a send-off.

It was good to see so many people attend the service which was enjoyed by all especially catching up with each other, it sure was a special occasion.



**Numbers 6:24-26 The LORD
bless you and keep you; the
LORD make his face to shine
upon you and be gracious to
you; the LORD lift up his
countenance upon you
and give you peace..**

***We appreciate and thank you Con and Leonie for your faithful service these past
11 years...Shalom!***

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: **Ruth MURRAY**
- ◇ Those In Care: Joan Weber & Dawn Coleshill
- ◇ Jill Donnelly's great-nephew Macca, he had an operation during the week, pray for his health and a speedy recovery
- ◇ Tom Knight recovering from glandular fever
- ◇ Lee and Geoff Venables's daughter Michelle for ongoing healing. Also keep her children in prayer
- ◇ Dennis Grimm for his ongoing health and healing
- ◇ Janice Roworth for her ongoing healing and the ability to cope and have support at home. Also pray for her son Steve
- ◇ Margaret, Dianne and Wendie as they wait on the Lord for justice
- ◇ Joyce Souter for ongoing healing and pray for her son John, who is battling cancer. He recently suffered a stroke
- ◇ Bernice for healing of leg ulcers, and for Peter as he cares for her
- ◇ Nabila for ongoing 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
- ◇ FCC Churches: **PADSTOW CHINESE (1991)**
- ◇ WECF(World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship): **Canada**
- ◇ Romani Evangelical Congregational Church in **Macedonia**
- ◇ Jenny and Dave Rowe in USA working for Wycliffe Bible Translators
- ◇ Adam and the Work in Togo
- ◇ Persecuted Christians in **YEMEN**

Praise God for his goodness and any answered prayers in your life