

The Lockdown Lowdown



Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church

Sunday 26 July, 2020



What would you give up?

Church Council met again this last week and has decided to delay our opening of in-person worship another 2 weeks to 16 August.

We made this difficult decision being mindful of the return to stricter lockdown in Victoria, the spike in numbers in NSW and therefore out of caution and care for all our members. It will also allow us to train 'COVID stewards' who are required to help us all maintain our social distance once we are back and to provide a few more weeks to consider the 'tricky' matter of how we receive Holy Communion. I hope you will understand our caution as we seek to navigate a safe and sensible path back to a new normal.

Lifeline and Exodus continue to be so appreciative of our GPUC food contributions. Thank you! Please continue to give as you're able. (See below for details.) This has been a wonderful ministry during this difficult period for so many.

Steve Aynsley

Virtual Morning Tea on Sunday, 10.30 am Enjoy your morning tea with us by Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/92246333740> Meeting ID is: 922 4633 3740 Ph. 8015 6011

Come and join us for Virtual Worship at the youtube link. Our YouTube channel is at:

[Click for our Youtube channel to catch up with latest videos.](#)

Social Distancing Mask Making Workshop Join us on Friday 31 July, 10 am at Gordon. BYO sewing machine and equipment. We are looking for donations of thin (hat) elastic, densely woven cotton fabrics and wire bread ties. Please prewash the fabric to allow for shrinkage. The masks will be for our community and we are looking for opportunities to send some to Melbourne for refugees. It will be a relaxed informal get-together. We would love for you to come along. Email any queries to info@gpuc.org.au

We still have some places left in our **free interactive online Zoom classes**, made possible by a Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council grant. We are delighted to be able to work with local businesses that have been operating out of our centres prior to COVID 19. The classes are Yoga and chat (Tuesday 10 am), Gentle exercise and chat (Wednesday 10.30 am) and Art lessons (Friday 1.00 pm). Due to popularity the free online cooking classes will be continuing Mondays at 10.30 am. To enrol please contact Lesley.

There are further opportunities from Gordon-Pymble Uniting Community Centre to continue connecting such as a daily chat on Zoom (see below), computer classes and current affairs. For more info, please look on our website, email info@gpuc.org.au

GPUC Coffee & Chat Zooms - Mon-Thurs @ 4 pm & Friday @ 3 pm. Each day there is a different host. If you would like to join, click on the Zoom link below at 4 pm Monday through to Thursday or Friday at 3 pm. The link is the same each day, and is: <https://zoom.us/j/306846915> Meeting ID: 306 846 915. If you would like help connecting, or if you know of someone who may like to join, please ring Lesley on 0480 223 981.

Our **Book Stall** at Pymble and Trading Table at Gordon will be closed for a while due to COVID. Thank you.

Donations for Exodus and Lifeline It's easy to drive through and keep your social distance!

- At Pymble the food box will be left near the letterbox. A dedicated person will also be there from 10 am – 11 am on Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- At Gordon a labelled box will be left outside next to the door with access from the carpark. Nicola will be available from 10 am – 11 am on Wednesdays & Fridays.

Special Religious Education (SRE) What wonderful news it is! In Term 3, we will be back in the classroom teaching students the wonderful news about Jesus. We have been missing seeing our students every week, praying with them, hearing their questions, modelling God's love for them. We can give great thanks to God that current circumstances will allow us to return to schools.

Any further prayers would be appreciated during this transition especially for our teachers, Steve, Courtney and Robyn who teach years 5,5 and year 1 respectively. Schools we visit are Pymble Public, Gordon West Public and West Pymble Public.

When visiting the Church you need to register on arrival and departure, list a phone number and use hand sanitizer on arrival. You are encouraged to social distance, remaining 1.5 metres apart. This is part of the **COVID 19 Safety Plan**, legally required to keep us safe.

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