

The Lockdown Lowdown



Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church

Sunday 19 July, 2020



“Come over [to Kiribati] and help us” (Acts 16:9)

*The simplest sights he met,
The sower flinging seed on loam and rock;
The darnel in the wheat; the mustard tree
That has its seed so little, and its boughs
Wide-spreading; and the wandering sheep, the nets
Shot in the wimpled water - drawing forth
Great fish and small - and a hundred such
Seen by us daily, yet never seen aright,
Were pictures for him from the book of life,
Teaching by parable.*

Edwin Arnold, From Called to Praise, ed Don Hilton

Church Council has decided to move towards **face-to-face worship from Sunday 2 August**. Services from that date will be **9.30am combined services held at Gordon church** until a lifting of restrictions or until our numbers get above the Gordon limit of 80. The choice of combined services at one site is partly to avoid the expense and complications of double cleaning and partly the result of the restricted numbers we can have at Pymble (32 people) being a smaller church building.

Council made the difficult decision not to have Morning Tea following the service at least for the month of August. This is because preparation of food, and especially maintaining distancing in halls would be most difficult. We will review during August. Zoom Morning Tea will be moved to 11.00am from 2 August and small groups are encouraged to visit local cafes if they wish. There will be much more information about the return to in-person worship in the coming weeks.

Virtual Morning Tea on Sunday, 10.30 am Enjoy your morning tea with us! We hope you can join 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.](#)

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.

We still have some places left in our **free interactive online Zoom classes**. The classes were made possible by a grant we received from the Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council which will subsidise the tuition fees for these courses. We are delighted to be able to work with local businesses that have been operating out of our centres prior to COVID 19 disruption. The classes are Yoga and chat (Tuesday 10 am), Gentle exercise and chat (Wednesday 10.30 am), Art lessons (Friday 1 pm) and a cooking class (July 20).

Take time out to look after yourself. There are further opportunities from Gordon-Pymble Uniting Community Centre to continue connecting such as a daily chat on Zoom, computer classes, current affairs etc. 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 there's anyone in the community who may like to join, please email info@gpuc.org.au

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.

Click on the below link to see our first ever **GPUC Families Newsletter!**

<https://www.gpuc.org.au/sites/default/files/2020-07/Messy%20Church%20newsletter%20July%202020.pdf>

Please check the new website as there is plenty more news there www.gpuc.org.au