

The Lockdown Lowdown



Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church

Sunday 2 August, 2020



Wrestling towards wholeness

Following on from the information video that we uploaded a few weeks ago regarding our plans for a new minister and service, Church Council now wishes to provide an opportunity to address any questions and receive any comments regarding this exciting new development. During the week and on next Sunday we will have multiple ways of sharing news and receiving feedback. We will email and post an information fact sheet and we will hold a Congregational Meeting via Zoom in the place of our normal Zoom Morning Tea (9 August, formal notice below). Please come with any questions you have or comments you wish to make. You are also welcome to email or post any questions or comments if you are unable to attend the Zoom meeting. This is a significant and exciting development in the life of our congregation, and while the COVID restrictions have made it difficult to communicate in our normal ways, I hope you will participate in one way or another.

As we move towards resuming face-to-face worship from 16 August other church groups may like to consider resuming in person. There is no compulsion about this and you will need to be aware of the COVID safety steps but you may like to begin discussing your desires. It may be that we can manage hybrid arrangements depending upon technologies and knowhow. Please talk with Nicola about what is required or explore details on the website.

Steve Aynsley

Notice is hereby given of a Special Congregational Meeting to be held via Zoom on Sunday 9 August at 10.30am. The only business will be the proposed new service and minister position. Owing to the difficulties around secret ballots in such a meeting, and the fact that some won't be able to attend, we will not be holding a vote. However, we wish to hear any questions, comments, concerns, and hopefully signals of support. Information will be emailed and delivered during the week.

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.](#)

The Book Clubs are on tomorrow, Monday 3 August. For Gordon Book Club contact Lyn McLennan on 9498 8702 and Pymble Book Club contact Linda Lamberton on 0412 890 345.

Luncheon Group You are invited to a Zoom meeting of the Luncheon Group on Thursday next, 6 August at 12 noon. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83307561065> Meeting ID: 833 0756 1065
We hope to have a surprise visitor to join us – so we hope you can Zoom in on Thursday from 12 noon to 1 pm.

Would you like to join one of our **free interactive online Zoom classes**, made possible by a Ku-ring-gai Municipal Council grant? We are delighted to work with local businesses that have been operating out of our centres prior to COVID 19. There are Cooking Classes (Mondays 10.30am), Yoga and chat (Tuesdays 10 am), Gentle exercise and chat (Wednesdays 10.30 am) and Art lessons (Fridays 1.00 pm). To enrol please contact Lesley, lesley.burt@gpuc.org.au

There are further opportunities from our Community Centre to continue connecting such as daily chats on Zoom (see below), computer classes and current affairs. For more info, please look on our website, email info@gpuc.org.au or call Lesley on 0480 223 981.

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. We remain very committed to these chats and note that if no one has joined after half an hour, the host will close the session.

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 donations can be left in food box. This will be left near the letterbox at the top of the driveway. We are emptying it regularly.
- 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.

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.

Check out our Website for the first ever GPUC Families Newsletter and so much more! www.gpuc.org.au