

The New-Normal Newsletter

Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church
Sunday 28 February 2021



A message from Steve

It was wonderful to drop into the English Conversation class on Monday, organised so well by Lesley Burt. There were over a dozen 'students' from a range of backgrounds listening, reading, practising their English and being welcomed by the church in the process. It is a sign of the changing demographics of our suburbs and the English classes are such a positive way for the church to be involved with new arrivals to our area. I am reminded that while most of 'us' are very well established in our area with strong family and friendship ties, many new arrivals have precious few connections at all. Let us be a good neighbour wherever we are able to be.

Today and each fourth Sunday at Pymble at 11.00am we will celebrate Holy Communion. This enables those unable to get to Gordon to enjoy the sacrament. Please continue to give feedback on the (Covid-safe) communion cups with wafer - we need to decide soon if we will continue with these or try another system for distribution.

Next Sunday we will use International Women's Day as a point of focus in our service.

Steve Aynsley



Saturday 6th March 4:45-6:30pm

World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer service on Friday, 5 March at 11 am at Gordon.

Planning is going ahead for the World Day of Prayer service, focussing on the women of Vanuatu. We are delighted that Dr Sureka Goringe, Executive Director of UnitingWorld, has accepted our invitation to speak at the service.

We will be grateful for offers to help as Covid marshals or ushers at the service, so please plan to come along. Registration is essential at info@gpuc.org.au. Please contact Sue Conde – sue.conde@gpuc.org.au if you would like more information.

Thoughts & Prayers

Pray for



Our Messy Church New Community of Faith
Those suffering from illness and loss
Mark Dalliston, in RNSH

Coffee and Chat

Mondays, 10:00am-12:00pm at Gordon

Come and join us for coffee, chat and some craft. Some are busy knitting beanies for Wayside Chapel but this is not the only option.

If you are interested in joining contact:

Lyn Kwong or Pru Tout

English Conversation Classes

Mondays, 10:00-11:30am at Gordon

We have been holding an English Conversation Class on Mondays with fifteen people enrolled from five language groups.

Lesley, Janet and Rosemary have been providing support and have recently been joined by Courtney's mother, Fayette.

We all have an enjoyable time getting to know each other and learning a multitude of things. Topics so far have included coming to Australia, common idioms, housing and weather forecasts.

Luncheon Group is back!!

We look forward to the first gathering of The Luncheon Group for 12 months at the home of Janet and Paul in St Ives, at **12 noon next Thursday, 4th March.**

All are welcome. Think of friends that you may like to invite to come too. BYO lunch. Tea, coffee and cake provided. If you would like help with transport, please contact the Church office 9498 6729 or 99839879



Harmony Day Celebration

Friday 19th March

We are trying something different this year. You may have noticed the world map in the main corridor. This is for you to place a favourite recipe, poem, short story or picture from your country of origin. Let the staff know and we will help. We are also inviting people to share their favourite recipes from their country of origin so we can create our own Harmony Cookbook. Please email your recipes to info@gpuc.org.au



Friday Community Centre

We apologise for omitting to thank Lesley Meldrum and Shirley Morley in last week's newsletter.

Lesley Meldrum has retired as tutor of the Friday Needlework Group. We would like to thank Lesley for giving so generously ('loving wastefully') to the UGCC community members over the last 27 years. Lesley has been our longest serving tutor and we will miss having her group at Gordon this year. Thank you, Lesley.

Shirley Morley has retired as tutor of the Mahjong Group. We would like to thank Shirley for her many years of faithful commitment to this role, and the ways she has encouraged membership of the group and patience in teaching newcomers. Thank you, Shirley.

2021 Seniors Festival Activities 13th April to 24th April 2021

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Date	Time	Topic	Description
Wed 14 th April	10:30am - 12:30pm	<i>Art for Fun with Denise</i>	No previous art experience required. Come along and join Denise for a relaxed 2 hours of fun. Create a coloured pencil scribble design and use collage techniques to enhance your picture. Pymble venue—1 Livingstone Ave, Pymble
Thurs 15 th Apr	10:00am - 11:30am	<i>Lego Robotics for Seniors</i>	No previous Robotic experience required. Build Lego Robotics models and learn some simple coding to make your models come to life. Seniors are invited to come alone or to bring along their grandchildren over the age of 7 years. Gordon venue—18 Cecil St, Gordon
Fri 16 th April	10:30am - 12:30pm	<i>Friendly Card Games</i>	No previous card playing experience required. Come along for a fun-filled 2 hours of friendly card games. We will have a variety of games that would suit beginners and more experienced players. Gordon venue—18 Cecil St, Gordon
Thurs 22 nd April	10:30am - 12:30pm	<i>Pymble Parlour Games</i>	Come along for a fun-filled 2 hours of Parlour Games. There will be giant chess, large dominoes, Jenga, Bingo etc. Pymble venue—1 Livingstone Ave, Pymble
Fri 23 rd April	10:30am - 12:30pm	<i>Understanding Mobile devices & Smart Phones</i>	This session will include an overview on Government websites and apps (e.g. ServicesNSW, MyGov and Ku-ring-gai Council) Gordon venue—18 Cecil St, Gordon
Fri 20th August	10:30am - 12:30pm	<i>Wrap with Love Community Knit-in</i>	No previous Knitting experience required. Our annual Knit-in is held in August each year for the Wrap with Love initiative – come along and join in! Wool, needles, and patterns supplied. Gordon venue—18 Cecil St, Gordon

Due to COVID restrictions we have limited spots available so please register to reserve your space. To register contact Lesley on lesley.burt@gpuc.org.au or 0480 223 981. Gold coin donation please for attending each activity.

New Community of Faith

Courtney, Steve and Nicola along with the NCOF working committee have been looking at changes for 2021. Messy Church is going to continue on the first Saturday of the month with an explicit faith focus tied with the themes across the church community where possible. We have a number of pre teens who we believe will be better placed in their own group while the younger children stay with their parents. Tamara Robinson-MacLeod has offered to run this group. Everyone will come together at the end in worship, hopefully the older ones leading us in song and prayer.

It was felt to develop strong relationships we need to meet more often than monthly. So a new Friday night activity is proposed on the 3rd Friday of the month. We are hoping this will open up opportunities across generations and groups in our community. It will incorporate fun, purposeful activities and points to our Christian ethos without being a religious program/service. More details to come shortly.

You are God's Masterpiece



Messy Church Saturday 6th March 4.45-6.30pm

We will have a general gathering and game to start with and then our pre teens will move into a separate group while the younger children will do their own craft. We will meet again for celebration, prayer and a song.



Visiting the Church: Please register your arrival/departure with a contact number and use hand sanitizer. 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.

During worship we ask for 3 singles or 2 couples per pew. Downstairs has a maximum of 66. Upstairs 20. Please remember the safety of others. We want to be able to remain sharing in person.

Although we are unable to mingle after the service we are still having our Virtual Morning Tea at 11am on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Topic: Sunday morning tea

11:00 AM <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84474736981?pwd=aDU2eGxySmoxZU9ZUkN6ZlVlUFE2UT09>

Meeting ID: 844 7473 6981 Passcode: 992809

You can still Join us for **Virtual or Live Stream Worship**: at <https://www.youtube.com/user/gordonuniting>

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