



# GORDON UNITING CHURCH

'Loving wastefully'



## Notices, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016

We warmly welcome you to worship, 'Warami'

### Meditation:

Mission  
is being with Christ  
where the pain is.

- John V. Taylor



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Newsletters can be found there, as well as Michael's latest Blog and much more.

## @ Gordon

Welcome to our **joint worship service with SCUC**, and a special welcome to the Moderator, **Rev Myung Hwa Park** who is preaching this morning. We are invited to share lunch with SCUC after the service

Our worship service next **Sunday morning, 27<sup>th</sup> November**, which marks the beginning of the season of Advent, will include a Memorial for **Margaret Slade**.

### AGM

Congratulations to our re-elected church councillors Bruce Watson for 2 years and Paul Swadling for 3 years; and Sue Conde as a Pastoral Carer for 3 years.

### Good News

The Good News group invites you to think about what you might say to a friend or colleague about our church at Gordon that might encourage them to consider visiting us. What good news might you share?

### The Luncheon Group Christmas Lunch, 1<sup>st</sup> December

We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on Thursday, 1st December, at the Wildflower Garden, St Ives. Can you please let us know if you are coming – and also if you are bringing friends with you? It will be a very special day – with a two-course lunch, tea, and coffee (\$32 per person). Please let Janet Scott, Yvonne Dewar or Sue Conde know if you are coming – and also if you would like help with transport.

**Joint Carol Service** with Ravenswood, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm  
*Theme: Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time.*

**The Blue Christmas** service will be held this year at St Ives Uniting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5 pm. This will be a Village event. Blue Christmas is a service for those who find Christmas brings painful or difficult memories.

### Blue Book 2017

Thank you to those who have returned their update sheets – we do appreciate the number of people who are volunteering to go on rosters again in 2017. The updates are due back this week – please place them in the green box on the office counter – or give them to Sue Conde

## **Planned Giving**

Since the beginning of the financial year on 1 July, giving to the church has totalled \$39,348.05, which is around \$2,186 per week. This is a little below our budget for the 2016/17 year of \$2,400 per week. Thanks for your continued support of our church.

## **Book Club**

Our book 'The People Smuggler' this month raised many difficult issues and questions. It was certainly a confronting read at times. Next month we are reading the seasonal 'Santaland ' by David Sedaris, whom Time Magazine named Humourist of the Year in 2002. Meeting as usual at Lyn and Peter's home on Tuesday 6 December at 8 pm for a festive discussion. We will not meet in January, but our choice for February is 'Norwegian Wood' by Haruki Marakami

We have installed **new blackout blinds in the Hall**. We have been told by the installer that people have to be careful with the operation of the blinds and do it slowly. Particularly when the blinds are raised, the movement should be slow and it is best if the base of the blind is held in one hand. This problem arises because the blinds are very narrow and very long and a quick action may result in the blind winding unevenly so that it may not be possible to raise them fully.

## **Beyond Gordon**

***We can do better - a service of Lament and Hope for refugees***

Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 3 pm, Pitt St Uniting

See noticeboard for further details

**Gordon Baptist** hopes to be in their new premises on the first Sunday in December.

They have sent the following message, " we are very thankful for all that GUC has done for us and especially for the way in which you have gone out of your way to facilitate arrangements at every turn. Please convey our deep appreciation to your Parish Council and members. Sincerely, Gordon Baptist."

We are warmly invited to participate in an open day to see their new premises on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

