



GORDON UNITING CHURCH



'Love casts out fear'

*We believe that all people, regardless of belief,
are made in the image of God.*

Notices, 23rd July 2017

We warmly welcome you to worship, 'Warami'

Meditation:

Jesus is the friend
who walks in
when the world walks out

~ Car bumper sticker



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Tuesday Nights- First Light

This is a series about the teaching of Jesus in the context of his times. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to explore life and faith further.

Dinner at 6.30pm (contact Janet Scott if coming) and conversation at 7.30pm, concluding at 8.30pm.

Confirmation next Sunday 30th July.

We look forward to celebrating the confirmation of two Ravenswood students Hannah Tebbutt and Alyssa Whiffin in worship next Sunday morning.

In the month of August our theme for worship is Rural Ministry

At **Messy Church** on **Saturday 5th August** we will welcome Julie Greig, who will be telling some "sheep stories and about life in the bush"

If you would like to help teach some kids to knit see Sue Conde in my absence.

Nicola

Update on Village

We had an inspiring planning session for the Village last Tuesday. We are discerning the shape of a new ministry that all 3 churches will be involved in.

In the near future you will hear from two working groups, one is looking at organising visits to other Christian communities such as Wayside Chapel and Leigh Memorial church, Parramatta, the other is exploring how we can speak about God in fresh ways.

Playgroup

Nicola is on leave until Monday 31st July.

(She'll be thinking of you as she skis the slopes of Mt. Hutt, New Zealand!)

This week, Playgroup will be run by one of the Playgroup mums.

Next Breakfast Forum, Sat 12th August- see insert

Come along for breakfast and hear Lyn McLennan and Peter Norman tell of travelling in a country locked in a time warp – CUBA.

Church Giving Envelopes for the year beginning 1st July
are outside Nicola's office ready for you to pick up.

Stamps

Congratulations! We have been inundated with stamps! Keep it coming! A tin for stamps is next to the window in the office.

Would you like a new challenge?

Take on a new skill? There is an opportunity here at GUC for just that, learning to operate the Soundbox? In the month of August Bruce and Lyn will be away and we need some help with this very important job. Please see Nicola.

Beyond Gordon

Lindara Markets are on again Saturday 12 August

Village Retreat Day, Saturday 18th November, 9.30am -3.30 pm.

Please put the date in your diaries. This year we are experimenting with having two streams, one for those who prefer silence and one for those who prefer conversation.

Exodus Food Donations

We have had so many generous donations in the past. However, to promote healthy eating there are changes to what can be donated. (Please also remember to check the expiry dates.)

Exodus can now only accept the following food donations: Canned items of ham, chicken, spam, braised steak, tuna, salmon, sardines, soups, casseroles, spaghetti, and baked beans (please provide cans with a ring pull and if possible with a picture on the label). Instant noodles in a cup only. Toiletries (e.g. Soap, deodorants and shower products) will be gratefully received.

Items that no longer can be accepted: High sugar items like biscuits, lollies, cakes and pastries or cooked food. Foods containing high amounts of salt, loose pantry items or items in glass jars. Pasta, rice or flour, loose noodles and raw/ fresh fruit and vegetables. Andrew Cripwell

