

# **Gordon Uniting Church**

## 'Love casts out fear'



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

## Notices, 25th March 2018

## We warmly welcome you to worship, 'Warami'

## Meditation

The first Palm Sunday crowd looked for a Messiah.

What they got was a parade of misfits, a comic donkey-ride;

what they got was a mismatch

between their outsized expectations and God's small answer

- N.T. Wright, New Testament scholar



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**1st Sunday of month** commencing 5<sup>th</sup> May–"let's sit down and talk together" a space to talk about things that matter to us as a faith community (inspired by Ray Minniecon, our indigenous speaker at last year's Interfaith September).

3rd Sunday of month - Good News group – all welcome
A time to share and discuss Good News in the Community and the Gospel Reading.

### A big thank you to all involved in Easter experience

The cakes and slices were demolished. The students loved the Party!

Arden school provided every volunteer with a beautifully handwritten thank you card.

A message of thanks received from a Year 4 Arden student's parent.

"My daughter had an amazing time today. She told me the whole story and who was dressed as who and everything that went on. And the fairy bread and food was also a big hit. Thank you"

## Tuesday Night Conversations, Rev.

The next Tuesday night conversation will take place after Easter on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April when we will look at the resurrection (*Rev*, episode 6).

#### **Book Club**

Our April book is 'The Travelling Cat Chronicles' by Hiro Arikawa and takes us to Japan. The choice for the May meeting is the science fiction classic The Day of The Triffids by John Wyndham. P L E A S E N O T E: Change of venue. The April (Tuesday 3 April) and May (Tuesday 1 May) meetings will be at 8pm at Alex Hugman's house - 10A Carlotta Ave, Gordon.

## **Luncheon Group**

**The Luncheon Group** meets on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April, at the home of Ruth Mitchell, 20 Hudson Close, South Turramurra, at 12 noon. Ross Smith will speak about Barbershop quartets. We are looking forward to Ruth's wonderful hospitality again.

### Visit to Wayside Chapel, 6th April

As part of developing a new mission strategy, The Village will visit Wayside Chapel on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. The tour takes 2 hours. I suggest we plan to meet afterwards in a coffee shop to debrief together, so allow 3 hours. (Until we hear numbers from other churches in the Village we have reached our maximum) The minister at Wayside, Graham Long has written a remarkable book about his time at Wayside, 'Love over Hate.' It's an excellent read and would be great preparation for the visit. Regardless of whether you plan to come or not, I recommend it. Copies to borrow are available in the Lending Library in the glass cabinet.

#### **Easter Services**

Maundy Thursday (sign up for shared meal) 6.30 pm Good Friday 9.30am Meditations on the trial and death of Jesus Easter Sunday Celebration - 9.30am

## Village Pulpit Swap

The first round of Village pulpit swaps for this year will take place on Sundays 8 & 15 April. Rev Ian Pearson will preach at Gordon. Rev MB will preach at Pymble.

#### **AUTUMN FESTIVAL**

Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May – from 4.00 pm Celebrating our Community – and all the people who use our Centre. Mark the date in your diary – and think about who you want to invite!

## Uniting Gordon Community Centre 34th Birthday

Paul Fletcher visited our centre on Friday, commented on the value of our Highway noticeboard, congratulated us on our excellent grant application (our thanks to John Buchanan for his work in preparing the grant application), and enjoyed vigorous discussion at the Current Affairs Group.

Paul presented us with a \$9000 grant to upgrade the kitchen. Alfreda Henry gave a short history of Leisure & Learning and how it all came about 34 years ago, then she and Paul cut our Birthday cake.