



Gordon Uniting Church

'Love casts out fear'

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



Notices, 8th April 2018

We warmly welcome you to worship, 'Warami'

Meditation

Jesus said to Thomas,
'Have you believed because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen,
and yet have come to believe.'
(John 20: 29)



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Village Pulpit Swap

The first round of Village pulpit swaps for this year begins today. We welcome Rev Ian Pearson from Killara who is leading worship.

Rev MB is preaching at Pymble.

“I love **Messy Church**, I look forward to it every month says one of our children”

1st Sunday of the month, straight after the service, commencing 5th May– “let’s sit down and talk together” 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.

Tuesday Night Conversations

Tuesday Night Conversations is on a break for the next few weeks. We will reconvene on Tuesday, 1st May.

Book Club, 1st May

The choice for the May meeting is the science fiction classic, *‘The Day of The Triffids’* by John Wyndham. PLEASE NOTE: Change of venue. This meeting will be at 8 pm at Alex Hugman's house - 10A Carlotta Ave, Gordon.



Dates for your diaries

Sunday 20th May at 10.30am

Combined service with SCUC to celebrate Pentecost

Autumn Festival Saturday, 26th May

4.00 -8.30pm

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 recently, 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 also presented us with a \$9,000 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.

Beyond Gordon

Federal foreign aid budget cut

Paul Swadling is encouraging us to write to our local member, Paul Fletcher about foreshadowed cuts to the foreign aid budget. There are a number of brochures outside the office titled “Budget 2018 Action, Strategy and Messaging” if you would like to learn more.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to speak up for the vulnerable both at home and overseas. Whether it's quietly in the way we humbly serve our community, or more publicly in the way we stand up and take action to hold our leaders to account.

We find ourselves at a time in our nation's history when not only have our leaders cut our contribution to ending poverty and righting injustice to its lowest level ever, but when they are mulling over cutting it some more.

*As **Christians**, we won't give up on our call to do justice and love mercy.*

*As **Australians**, we won't give up on our neighbours. We can and must do more to end poverty and build opportunity for all.*

*As **voters**, we want to show our deep concern that leaders would let another cut to aid happen on their watch.*

