



Gordon Uniting Church

'Love casts out fear'

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



Notices, 1st July 2018

We warmly welcome you to worship

Meditation:

There is a sacredness in tears.

They are not the mark of weakness, but of power.

They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues.

They are the messengers of overwhelming grief,
and unspeakable love.

- Washington Irving



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<http://guc.org.au/articles>

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Luncheon Group, this Thursday 5th July, midday

Michael will celebrate Holy Communion at our next gathering on Thursday, 5th July at the church. Then, we will share lunch together.

Gordon and Pymble Churches are combining **Messy Church** for a Winter Special Event Saturday 7 July, 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Join us for a fun family evening with a bonfire, marshmallows and joint messiness.

Rae Andrews will be received as a member of our church next Sunday

Let's sit down and talk next Sunday 8th July

Pymble and Gordon church councils have agreed to talk to each other about working as a single entity. (Killara want to remain part of the village, but at this stage are not going to be part of the single entity). This month's conversation will offer a chance to learn more and contribute to the planning.

Village Pulpit Swap, 15 July

There will be a Village Pulpit Swap on Sunday, 15th July. Rev Steve Aynsley will lead worship at Gordon, and Rev MB will lead worship at Killara

UGCC Term Dates

Term 3 begins on Friday, 27 July

Michael's last week leading the Current Affairs group will be on Friday, 3 August. We are grateful for Michael's stimulating leadership of this group. He will be sadly missed at the Community Centre on Fridays.

A meal to celebrate '*Christmas in Winter*' and say goodbye to **Michael**, will be held on Saturday 4th August at 6.30pm. (Sign up sheet outside the church office) His last Sunday service will be on the 5th.

President's Blessing

Outgoing President of the UCA, Stuart McMillan, who led our service in February, grieving sexual abuse, has offered a blessing to the church. It is well worth watching

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yq6qnBlrmEk>

Book Club, Monday, 2nd July

Please note change of time to a Monday night at the Normans. We are reading another classic, the humorous 'Three Men in a Boat' by Jerome K. Jerome. Written in 1889! It is available from the library and on Kindle. Wikipedia provides a good map of the trip, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three Men in a Boat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_Men_in_a_Boat)
Our August choice is 'The Plaines' by Australian Gerald Murnane.

Solar Panels

Recently, a member of the congregation made a donation to our new solar energy panels. He suggested we give the same opportunity to other members of the congregation. If anyone is interested, please contact me. Darryl Maytom

Grant from Stockland

We have a grant of \$990 to establish a small Community Garden. If you are interested in being involved in this project, please let Nicola know.

UnitingWorld Project

The Church Council has approved the donation of \$5000 to UnitingWorld. We have received a partnership proposal from UnitingWorld for GUC which, ideally, will become the start of an on-going commitment to a community in the Pacific. We have been given two options for this project:

Option 1: Healthy Families, Safe Communities in Kiribati – supporting women to grow fresh vegetables to improve health, promote food security and increase family income. These groups form the basis of networks to find solutions for challenges such as women's health and violence in the home.

Option 2: Safe Water Campaign (PNG) – lack of clean water supplies in isolated rural communities in PNG especially affect women and children. For almost 20 years the United Church in PNG has been providing water tanks and taps close to home. This project targets women as change agents who encourage family and community members to wash hands with soap and take care with food preparation and toilet use.

Let us know which project you would like GUC to support – a **Voting sheet is available outside the office.**

