



Gordon Uniting Church

'Love casts out fear'

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



Notices, 12th August 2018

We warmly welcome you to worship

Meditation:

Love is the Bread of Life:
You have to make it everyday
if you want it fresh.

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Today Rev Jon Humphries will lead us in worship and the blessing of Arabella Bartlett, daughter of Alissa, an ex Ravenswood student. We welcome Alissa and Arabella's family and friends. Happy Birthday to Arabella who turned 1 yesterday.

Michael Barnes is on study leave and then annual leave until his placement officially concludes on 31st August.

Next Sunday 19th August Rev. Paul Swadling will lead us in Worship

Tuesday Night Conversation 14th August 2018 6.30-8.30pm

We will complete looking at the film "The Red Pill" which has sparked much attention and debate amongst the Media, Feminists and Mens' Rights advocates.

This week the focus is on Domestic Violence.

Please let me know if you are coming for **Dinner at 6.30pm** Nicola

Congregational Meetings, 12th August & 23rd September

Following the Assembly's decision to authorize the celebration of same-gender marriages, it is now up to each church council to determine whether they wish their church to be used for this purpose. At the last Church council meeting, the council was in favour of allowing our property to be so used, but felt it was important to invite the whole congregation to consider this matter. **Hence a congregational meeting will be held after worship today Sunday 12th August.**

A letter has been sent by Synod explaining in detail **Assembly's decision** to have two understandings of marriage. Copies are available outside the office.

A further Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, 23rd September** to consider and vote on the proposal to amalgamate Gordon and Pymble congregations, while maintaining two worship centres.

(Pymble congregation will also vote that day.)

Church rules only allow those present to vote, so please set aside this date to cast your vote on this crucial issue concerning the future of our church.

Minutes from the previous Congregational Meeting are outside the office available for inspection. If you have any questions please see Peter.

Save the date, Wrap with Love Knit-in, 24th August

The annual *Wrap with Love Knit-in* will be held on Friday, 24 August from 10am. Bring your friends, your own wool and needles, or we will supply patterns and equipment. A delicious morning tea will be served.

SYNOD DROUGHT APPEAL

As announced, the Synod has launched an appeal to help farmers battle the crippling drought. If you would like to help please place your donation on the plate in an envelope marked "Drought Appeal". If you require a receipt, please place your name on the back of the envelope.

ECLIPSE Support Group

Lifeline H2H's new support group, ECLIPSE, provides an opportunity to meet and talk with others who have survived a suicide attempt. Participants will learn skills that may assist in coping with feelings and thoughts of suicide in order to stay safe in the future. The first ECLIPSE group will commence soon and run for 8 consecutive weeks, with numbers limited to 8 people per group. If you or someone you know would like more information, please call the Gordon office on 9498 8805 and speak with Amy Dyson.

Book Group, 3rd September, 8pm

We are discussing Australian author Michael Robotham's book "Life or Death".
New members always welcome (at Lyn and Peter's, 45 Cecil St, Gordon).

What GUC loves about the Uniting Church

Inclusivity Welcoming Activists Acceptance Equality of people
Caring Joy Faith Challenging Engaged with 1st nations Community
Risk-taking Social Justice Open mindedness Form Changing
Engaged spirituality Following Christ

