



Gordon Uniting Church

'Love casts out fear'

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



Notices, 19th August 2018

We warmly welcome you to worship

Meditation:

“When you arise in the morning
think of what a privilege it is to be alive,
to think, to enjoy, to love ...”

-Marcus Aurelius



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

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Today Rev. Paul Swadling will lead us in Worship

Next Sunday 26th August Rev. Paul Swadling will lead us in Worship which will include **Holy Communion**

Good News Group will meet after the service. All welcome to share Good News in the yellow room. Bring your coffee.

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

Tuesday Night Conversation – What next?

Looking for good ideas for us to discuss. If you have any please see Nicola

A **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.

The annual *Wrap with Love Knit-in* will be held this 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.

Book Group, 3rd September, 8pm Lyn and Peter's, 45 Cecil St, Gordon

At our last meeting we had an interesting discussion about 'The Plains' – ranging from the eloquent, meandering description of the vastness and the enigmatic residents to the introspection and distinct lack of achievement of our hero. The incredibly long sentences were also noted! None present were rushing to try a second novel by Murnane.

In September, we are discussing Australian author Michael Robotham's book "Life or Death" which won the 2015 Golden Dagger Award. It is available from both the library and Kindle. New members always welcome.

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.

As you are aware we have two AA groups here, Monday and Thursday nights. We have been asked to publicise a new **History of AA** spanning between 1932-1971. A link to it is found on our website www.guc.org.au/node/33

Uniting World Good News- In the Eastern Himalayas, our partner has set up a Church Leadership Project to equip pastors in some of the most remote and difficult areas of India. Here is a letter from one minister

"Since 2016 I have been working with a small tribal community of 26 families, mostly daily wage earners living on the fringes of the forest land. During my visits, I could see their broken hand pump (only one in the village); a tube well that was contaminated; not enough blankets for winter; no mosquito nets during summer; and a river without a bridge (the main access to their village). With help I have organised a medical camp to provide check-ups and free medicine, distributed blankets and mosquito nets to all the families, repaired the broken hand pump and installed a new one."

Good News at Bible Gateway, the online Bible search engine, announced that in its 25 years of operating it has received 14 billion views and the top searched keyword is none other than the word, "love".

