



GORDON UNITING CHURCH



'Love casts out fear'

*We believe that all people
are made in the image of God.*

Notices, 5th March 2017

We warmly welcome you to worship, 'Warami'

Meditation:

We are pilgrims on a journey
and companions on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

- Richard Gillard, TiS 650



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

@ Gordon

On **Tuesday, 7th March** we will begin conversations around the theme "**Hard Choices**" continuing 14th and 28th March.



Each week we will prepare and share a meal together (6.30-7.30pm; if you are coming for the meal can you please let us know on 9498 6729)

At 7.30pm there will be an introduction to the theme for everyone and then you choose: conversation, music, Godly Play or meditation

We finish at 8.30pm

Lent Event

UnitingWorld invites us to join this year's Lent Event, and they have provided a range of resources to nourish our Lenten journey. This year the focus is looking at where God is at work in the world through Jesus the Peacemaker, Jesus the Life Bringer, Jesus the Table Turner, and Jesus the Redeemer. Be sure to collect your Lent Event brochure, sticker and postcard today, and visit www.lentevent.com to sign up to receive 'Bread for the Road', a series of daily spiritual reflections.

Ku-ring-gai Mayoral Awards

It was great to see so many Gordon folk at the Awards presentation on Thursday, when the Uniting Gordon Community Centre won the Mayoral Award for Community Groups for 2017. Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to Jeanie Atkinson, recognising her work as tutor of the Watercolour Painting class, to Bruce and Rosemary Watson, for their contribution to the centre for the provision of lunches, and to Sue Conde, as Director of the Community Centre. We were delighted to hear the Playgroup program also recognised in the Group Award.

UGCC 33rd Birthday Morning Tea

You are welcome to come along to the Community Centre next Friday morning at 10am to celebrate the 33rd birthday of the Centre. Councillor Cheryl Szatow and Danny Houseas, Manager of Community Development at Ku-ring-gai Council, will be attending. We expect the formalities will end by 10.30 am.

Easter Experience, 20th - 22nd March

On Monday 20th March, Arden (49 students); Tuesday 21st, Ravenswood (39); and Wednesday 22nd, Knox (96). Please put these dates in your diaries. We need your help - preparing crafts, cooking treats, vegetation from your or your neighbour's garden, taking part in the Easter drama, and prayer.

Set up Friday 17th from 2pm and Saturday 18th morning

Everyone is invited to share the Easter Experience

on **Sunday 19th March at 5pm.**

This is a great opportunity to bring a friend.

Breakfast Forum, 29th April

The postponed Breakfast Forum with Tiffany Thomas Kane, the Ravenswood Paralympian, has been rescheduled for Saturday 29 April at 7.30am

Church Email Lists

We have a number of different email lists, including Michael's Blog, Easter Experience, Gordon Uniting, Uniting Gordon Community Centre, Messy Church and Playgroup. Let us know if you would like your name added to (or taken off) any of these lists. Please see Nicola

Trading Table

Our Trading Table raises funds for the Church – and we welcome contributions. Flo, Rosemary and Janet, who look after the Table, would be glad to receive items of jewellery – perhaps you would like to clean out your collection?

Book Club, 7th March

Our book for March is "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout. We will meet at Peter and Lyn's house, 45 Cecil Street, Gordon on Tuesday 7th March. (For those interested, in 2014 there was a miniseries made of this book which is available on DVD and stars Frances McDormand as Olive Kitteridge.) We have chosen "The Muse" by Jessie Burton for April and "The Dry" by Jane Harper for May.

Beyond Gordon

Understanding Dementia, 8th March

Killara Five Ways Church is majoring on Understanding Dementia. Our first public event is:

Understanding Dementia: sharing the journey and learning to cope
at 7.30pm on Wed 8th March at Killara Five Ways Uniting Church (cnr Arnold & Karranga). Light supper follows.

Enquiries: Jane Riley (Tues & Thurs, ph: 9418-2292) or killarauca@gmail.com

Northern Beaches Sangha, 16th March

I am speaking at the Northern Beaches Buddhist Sangha on Thursday 16th March at 7pm on the topic, '*Grappling with difference: many paths up one mountain or many different mountains?*'

I welcome your company. (Please note the evening includes 40 minutes silent meditation.) Rev MB

Thanks to all who have contributed to worship this morning:

Minister: Rev Michael Barnes (*Matthew 4:1-11*)

Organist: Ruth Mitchell

Vestry Prayers: Sue Conde

General Steward: David Brawn

Flowers: Jill Rowe

Door Stewards: Alf & Ailsa Reichardt

Communion Stewards: Darryl & Val Maytom

Communion Elders: Bruce Kwong, Darryl Maytom,
Nicola Robinson, Andrew Cripwell

Reader: Richard Hansford

Collection: Alf & Ailsa Reichardt

Sound Desk: Bruce and Lyn Kwong

Next Sunday: March 12th, Lent 2

Minister: Rev Michael Barnes

Vestry Prayers: Sue Conde

General Steward: David Brawn

Door Stewards: James Liu, David Conde

Reader: Yvonne Dewar

Collection: James Liu, Richard Hansford

Morning Tea: Andrew and Sue Cripwell

Prayers: Sue Conde

Sound Desk: Bruce and Lyn Kwong

Church Council will meet this Wednesday 8th March

Pastoral:

Loraine Reid has returned home after her short stint in hospital