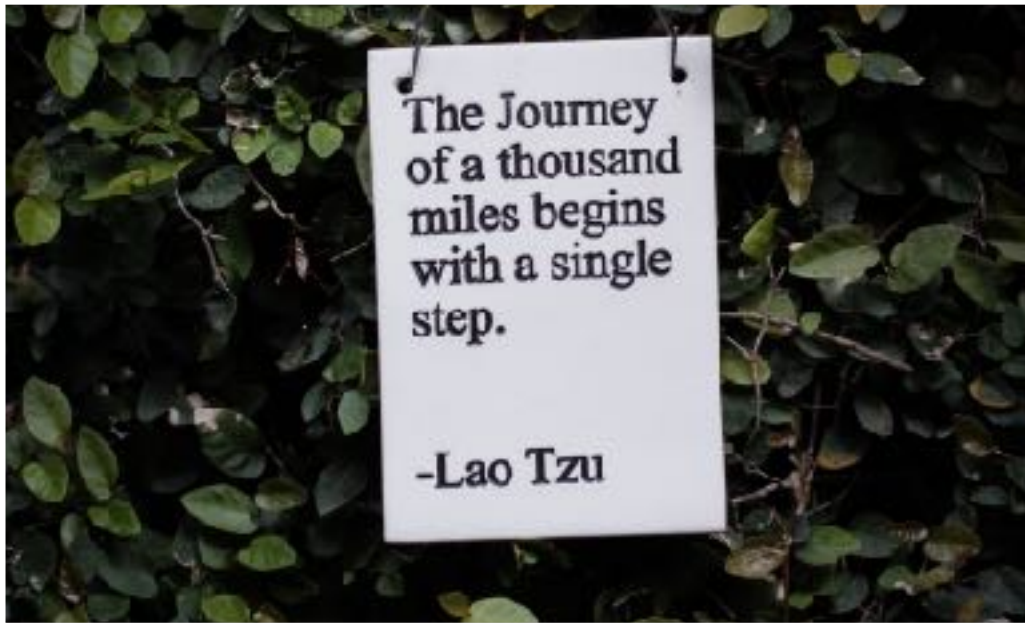


New Beginnings Newsletter

Engaging Community, Exploring Faith



This Sunday 22 January you are invited to join others across the Uniting Church in observing a Day of Mourning. In marking this day, we seek a shared future as First and Second Peoples, shaped by truth, healing and justice. Find the worship resource here, along with some prayer points for this week - <https://mailchi.mp/nat/uc-national-update-dayofmourning>



Messy Church

Reaching high
Saturday
4 February
4.30-6.30



Friday Fun Connections

Learn to knit
17 February
6.30pm@Gordon

Groups exploring faith



Heart and Mind,
Punch, Tuesday
Conversations, Bible
studies
recommencing soon

JANUARY SERVICES

are all at 9.30am at
Pymble Uniting
1 Livingstone Ave
Pymble
Pastoral concerns
please contact Paul
Swadling or Sue Conde

SERVICES

29 January
Andrew Cripwell
5 February (HC)@GUC
Rev. Aeryun Lee
12 February
Rev. Aeryun Lee
19 February
Rev. John Blair
26 February
Rev. John Martin

STAFF WORK DAYS

Lesley Mon, Tues, Thurs
& Friday
Nicola Tues, Wed &
Friday
Courtney Mon & Tues
Sonja Wed, Thurs & Fri

Engaging with our community at the Gordon Centre

Monday 23, Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 January.

If you are able to spare 1-2 hours, please let courtney@gpuc.org.au know. We just need the welcoming GPUC spirit to show our community who we are & the fun things we have on.

Community Activities and groups

Craft groups, ESL classes and much more recommence week beginning 30 January.

Friday Community Centre recommences February 3

Holiday Playgroup in January

Our next session will be 9.30-11.30 on Tuesday 24 January. Come and hang out and enjoy some crafts, singing, dancing and story time.

Term 1 commences on Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February 9.30-11.30 Baby playgroup 11.30-1.30pm Tuesdays. We will be having a Teddy Bear's Picnic

Rev. Aeryun Lee

Rev. Aeryun Lee will commence 50% supply on the 1 February. She will lead us in worship for 2 Sundays a month and provide pastoral care.

Rev. Karen Mitchell-Lambert

Karen will commence ministry at GPUC 1st March.

Rosters

Please pick up your roster for the next 6 months. Any changes can be done through the office or speak to Sue Conde.

Heart and Mind

Third Sunday of the month at 6pm. New members always welcome. Contact Heather McMaster. Our next book is

Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ

by Debbie Thomas

A review by Brian McLaren:

"A lot of religious writing is devotional but not particularly thoughtful. Some is high on scholarship but low on personal engagement. Debie Thomas brings head and heart together. Her beautiful new book will help you understand Jesus better, and yourself too. Highly recommended!"

The book has short chapters so we can discuss one section in each of 4 meetings i

19 February: Encounters (pp. 3-69)

19 March: Wonders (pp. 73-113)

16 April: Teachings (pp.117-167)

21 May: Mysteries (pp. 171-200)

The book is easy to get as an eBook.

Congratulations to the MADOW team who so ably lead our worship service Sunday 15th.

The introduction, words, hymns, prayers, stories and music were all carefully selected to reflect the very special work that this GPUC group has been doing for more than twelve years. What a friend we have in Julie!

Wonderful stories of 'What a Difference' we have been able to make in some rural communities. To all our supporters, thank you; may you feel proud that you have been part of this journey. And may we thank God for showing us the way.

Yvonne Barber Chair, Justice and Service Team

Clothing Donations For MADOW

From January 23 to February 22nd please leave **ALL** donations for MADOW at Pymble Uniting.



Social Club Day- 6.50 am sharp, Sat 11 Feb

Gordon Golf Club, 2 Lynn Ridge Ave, Gordon

Join us for another great day of golfing – everyone is very welcome. Booking is essential. Please contact Peter B (via his Directory listing) ASAP but no later than Friday 3 February to secure your spot and advise whether you'll be playing 9 or 18 holes."

Please note the future dates for 2023 for the church calendar as follows:-

Saturday 1 April at 11.00 am at Turramurra

Saturday 15 July at 11.00 am at Turramurra

Saturday 7 October at 6.50 am at Gordon.



Thoughts and prayers

- Thank you to the Thursday Bible Study who are leading the Sunday service.
- Preparations for SRE, we thank Robin Joyce who organises our team. If anyone is interested in teaching in term 1 while we wait for Karen please see Robyn.
- Give thanks for the many groups and ministers leading us in worship. We are greatly enriched.
- Prayers for our First Peoples and our nation, we pray for forgiveness, healing and hope.
- Prayers for David Brawn who is back in the SAN and David Conde undergoing chemo
- For Aeryun and Karen as they prepare for their ministries with us.

Friday Fun Connections
Supporting Community Projects
 3rd Friday of each month from 6:30pm - 8:00pm
 Join us for fun evenings with pizza, games and group activities. Providing all people, parents and their children (ages 10+) with the opportunity to help communities through meaningful projects. Entry \$15 pp.
 - Baking - Sewing - Jam Making - Building - Performing - Connecting - Supporting - Giving

Book Now: Courtney@gpuc.org.au
 18 Cecil St, Gordon Tel: 9498 6729
 For more information visit: gpuc.org.au

STAY COVID SAFE

WE'RE COVID SAFE

Visiting the Church for Worship: Current COVID Safety Requirements

- In common areas indoors, face masks are recommended and, as far as practicable, physical distancing (of 1.5m apart, except for household members) is encouraged.
- In church, face masks and physical distancing are recommended, but not mandatory, except in the marked back pews reserved for those who wish to remain masked, observe physical distancing and not sing.
- For communion, congregants will file forward to receive the elements, and those handling the elements will wear gloves and be triple vaccinated.
- At morning tea, face masks and physical distancing are recommended.

GORDON CENTRE Copy
Seniors Festival 2023
 Please do not take

1 - 12 February and beyond
 Register now www.gpucc.org.au/seniorsfestival

Seniors Art for Fun
 Relax and chat while creating your masterpiece in watercolours or other media. Suitable for beginners and experienced artists.

FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

TIME	10am
VENUE	Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church 18 Cecil Street, Gordon
COST	\$2 gold coin donation
BOOKINGS	Call Lesley on 0480 223 981 or email lesley@gpucc.org.au
ADDITIONAL	Please bring along your own art equipment or use some of ours. A light morning tea will be served in the courtyard.

Men's Stitching Group
 Bring along your own needles and thread to make something new, old & comfy!

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

TIME	11am to 12.30pm
VENUE	Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church 18 Cecil St, Gordon
COST	\$2 gold coin donation
BOOKINGS	Call Lesley on 0480 223 981 or email lesley@gpucc.org.au
ADDITIONAL	Bring your own kit.

Learn to Crochet Poppies
 Whether you are a novice or experienced crocheter, join us for a morning of fun and creativity.

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY

TIME	10am to 12pm
VENUE	Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church 18 Cecil St, Gordon
COST	\$2 gold coin donation
BOOKINGS	Call Lesley on 0480 223 981 or email lesley@gpucc.org.au
ADDITIONAL	Please bring along your own crochet hook and yarn.

Intergenerational Playgroup
 A time for young and old play together to learn, to play, to share & to enjoy each other's company.

WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY

TIME	10.30am to 11.50am
VENUE	Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church 18 Cecil St, Gordon
COST	\$2 gold coin donation (with morning tea)
BOOKINGS	Call Lesley on 0480 223 981 or email lesley@gpucc.org.au
ADDITIONAL	Bring your own kit.

Be part of the Seniors Festival. An opportunity to engage with our community.

We have lots happening here at Gordon-Pymble.

Contact Lesley to book or for any further details.

Seniors' BBQ Lunch
 Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the BBQ with a delicious meal and games.

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY

TIME	12.30pm to 2.30pm
VENUE	Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church 18 Cecil St, Gordon
COST	\$5 towards the BBQ lunch
BOOKINGS	Call Lesley on 0480 223 981 or email lesley@gpucc.org.au
ADDITIONAL	Please bring along your own plate and cutlery.

Current Affairs Group Discussion
 The seniors centre will discuss the news for a half, a friendly discussion about a current issue. Morning tea provided. Bookings accepted.

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

TIME	10.15am to 11.15am
VENUE	Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church 18 Cecil St, Gordon
COST	\$2 gold coin donation
BOOKINGS	Call Lesley on 0480 223 981 or email lesley@gpucc.org.au
ADDITIONAL	Please bring along your own copy of the newspaper for discussion.

Wrap with Love Knit-in
 Create a beautiful quilt for a young girl with a special need. Bring along your own wool, needles and pattern provided.

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY

TIME	10am to 12pm
VENUE	Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church 18 Cecil St, Gordon
COST	FREE
BOOKINGS	Call Lesley on 0480 223 981 or email lesley@gpucc.org.au
ADDITIONAL	Please bring along your own kit.