

# The Lockdown Lowdown



Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church

Sunday 13 September, 2020



**To forgive is divine**

Church Council met on Wednesday evening and decided to move carefully and gradually towards a new normal in terms of in-person church groups and worship. We will begin with allowing small groups to meet in person if they wish, as well as limited numbers of families returning to Playgroups, all following Covid safety plans. We then plan to offer face-to-face worship from 4 October, each week with a combined service at 9.30am at Gordon for the month. We will not have Holy Communion in October. After monitoring how things go in October, we will move to combined services at alternating venues in November, with 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at Gordon and 2nd and 4th at Pymble. Holy Communion will resume in November. We will continue to offer services online for those who would prefer this format. Please pray for this move to get us back to meeting together once more with care and safety.

## ***Steve Aynsley***

Alec turns 100 on 17 September. He is a little disappointed that Covid will cancel his long-awaited birthday party so we thought at least we could shower him with birthday cards and well-wishes in the post. Please consider sending Alec a card. His address is in the Red Directory.

Join us for **Virtual Worship**: [Click for our Youtube channel](#) to catch up with latest videos.

**Morning Tea by Zoom**: Click on the following link on Sunday at 10.30 am: <https://zoom.us/j/92246333740>  
Meeting ID is: 922 4633 3740 Ph. 8015 6011

**Visiting the Church**: Please register your arrival/departure with a contact number and use hand sanitizer. You are encouraged to social distance, remaining 1.5 metres apart. This is part of the COVID 19 Safety Plan, legally required to keep us safe.

**Check our Website** for all our latest news! [www.gpuc.org.au](http://www.gpuc.org.au)

At GPUC, following the NSW Health guidelines, we are asking anyone using our facilities **to wear a mask if they are in the public areas**. Thank you for keeping us safe.

Reach out to those in need and make a mask to donate to **The Exodus foundation**. We have material available and a limited amount of kits. Please contact Lesley on 0480 223 981 or email [info@gpuc.org.au](mailto:info@gpuc.org.au) if you would like one. Completed masks can be placed in the boxes outside the Gordon and Pymble churches. If you are unable to make masks you might like to donate bought ones.

**Coffee & Chat Zooms – now on Mondays & Wednesdays @ 4 pm.** If you would like to join, click on the following Zoom link. The link is the same on both days: <https://zoom.us/j/306846915> Meeting ID: 306 846 915. If you would like help connecting, or if you know of someone who may like to join, please ring Lesley on 0480 223 981. We remain committed to these chats, and trust that just twice a week will meet the needs of our community at this time. Please note that if no one has joined after half an hour, the host will close the session.

**R U OK Seniors?** - The Ku-ring-gai Council has organised a free webinar to show how you can ask your family and friends, the sometimes difficult, questions and how to offer genuine help. The link to attend the webinar is:

**R U Ok Seniors? – Wednesday 16 September, 10:30am:**

<https://bookings.kmc.nsw.gov.au/CoursesandEvents/StandardTicketBookingProcess/ViewEventDetails/50779729>

**Zoom Trivia Quiz Fundraiser for UnitingWorld Kiribati Project** Sunday, 27 September, at 2 pm. Join us in this huge community event. Suggested donation \$20 per person. You can donate through our website or send your donation to Nicola <https://fundraise.unitingworld.org.au/pw4c> You can register in teams of 6, or just register and we'll place you in a team. If you're not on Zoom – we have a special competition which we will mail out to you so you can also participate. Register with Nicola – [nicola@gpuc.org.au](mailto:nicola@gpuc.org.au) or ring the Church office. Please include:

- your team name and team members if you are part of a team, or if you would like us to put you in a team;
- for our Community Trivia section – let us know a little-known interesting fact about you;
- for our Identity Quiz – send us a photo from your wedding;
- details of how you prefer to send your donation – through our website, or by cheque or bank transfer to GPUC;
- whether you will be participating by Zoom or would like our mail-out Quiz package.

When you have registered, we will send your Trivia Quiz package with the Zoom link, or the mail-out package. Our Quiz afternoon will be a great opportunity to catch up and have fun, so do join in – invite your family and friends!

**Stir Up Someday** is replacing this year's Stir Up Sundays. Book in, pay for the packaged ingredients (to be collected late October) and make your pudding(s) at home when convenient, perhaps organising a few friends or family members to join you. You can have instruction by Judy via YouTube (available in November and December) or join Courtney and Messy Church's pudding makers via interactive Zoom on Saturday 1 November at 5 pm.

**The booking and payment deadline is 30 September.** For bookings please contact Judy Gill at [gpucstirups@gmail.com](mailto:gpucstirups@gmail.com)

**Social Golf 10 October** at 7.29 am (sharp) is our next Parish Social Golf Day at Gordon Golf Club, 2 Lynn Ridge Ave, Gordon. Please arrive a little before 7.29 am so we can start on time. Everyone including beginners are welcome. Booking is essential as we have to advise the Golf Club. Please call Peter on 9440-2027 (H) or 0419 26 82 83 or email Peter on or before Friday 2 October to confirm your attendance or for more information. Please let me know if you will be playing 9 or 18 holes when you respond so I can plan the groups. Thanks Peter.

Our **Book Stall** at Pymble and Trading Table at Gordon will be closed for a while due to COVID. Thanks.

**Donations for Exodus and Lifeline** It's easy to drive through and keep your social distance! At Pymble donations can be left in food box, near the letterbox, at the top of the driveway. We are emptying it regularly. Andrew is normally there to sort food on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 – 10.30am and can give a hand if necessary. At Gordon a labelled box will be left outside next to the door with access from the carpark. Nicola will be available from 10 am – 11 am on Wednesdays & Fridays.