

The Lockdown Lowdown



Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church

Sunday 20 September, 2020



Stop counting; start living

How exciting to share Courtney and Nicola's enthusiasm around their attendance at a Church Growth course stretching over the next 7 or so weeks - see below. The course, run by the Presbytery, is a practical workshop to assist us planning our new community of faith. Please join them in praying for our next steps as we continue to wait to see if ACOMP has any suitable names for us.

Lifeline has let us know what foodstuffs are most needed at this time. They currently have sufficient milk and soup cans. What would be most welcome at present are:

- Tinned tuna, large and small
- Weetbix
- Tinned vegetables, like carrots, peas and corn
- Rice and 2-minute noodles
- Fruit in screw top jars
- Biscuits
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Tea, coffee
- School snacks
- Personal hygiene items

Thanks to our great supporters!

Summary of details for our return to in-person worship on Sunday 4 October.

- 9.30am combined services for the month of October
- Expect a slightly shorter service of around 40-45 minutes
- October services held at Gordon
- No Holy Communion in October
- In November, services will be 9.30am combined, alternating between Pymble and Gordon
- Gordon on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays; Pymble on 2nd and 4th Sundays
- Sadly there will be no singing, nor Morning Tea following the service
- Zoom Morning Tea will continue, but at 11.00am
- Masks, and social distancing will be required

- If possible, let us know ahead of time if you plan on being there. We can print up a sheet which will save time “signing in”. More on this next week.
- A video service will continue to be offered
- Note: DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS ON SATURDAY NIGHT, 3RD OCTOBER

Blessings for the coming week.

Steve

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

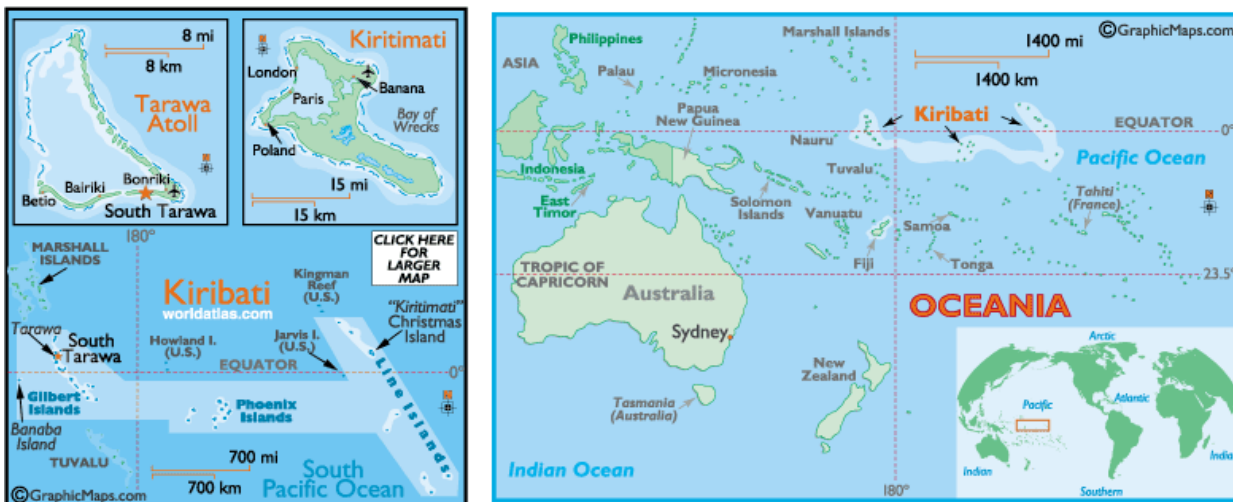
Morning Tea by Zoom: Click on the following link on Sunday at 10.30 am: <https://zoom.us/j/92246333740>

Meeting ID is: 922 4633 3740 Ph. 8015 6011

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 special page on the Uniting World website <https://fundraise.unitingworld.org.au/pw4c> (this tracks that the money comes from GPUC members) or contact Nicola for other ways to pay. 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 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!



As part of growing our **New Community of Faith** Courtney and Nicola are attending a 7 week course on Church Growth. We were very excited and inspired after our first full day last Friday. We learnt the importance of laying a good foundation based on prayer before planning a new Community of Faith.



We need your help, please **pray** intentionally for this new venture. Make a commitment to pray for this venture each week. Set aside 10 to 15 minutes each week on **Monday at 9.30am** to pray for our New Community of faith, in the knowledge that there is a group of us praying at the same time.



You can also Pray as you jog, walk with your dog or by yourself with friends and pray for those who live in the houses you walk past. Let us know which street you've prayed for so we can commit to praying for the whole Gordon-Pymble area.

Courtney and Nicola on their prayer walk last Friday paused and looked up and saw new life, abundant colour and growth. Surely a metaphor for our new Community of faith. Please let us know any insights you receive.

We will be keeping you updated each week
Nicola and Courtney

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 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.

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 at 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 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.

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. 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.

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