

The Lockdown Lowdown



Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church

Sunday 27 September, 2020



Don't miss God's new thing

As we move to return to in-person worship next Sunday, we celebrate what we have been and what we have learned in the last 6 months. We celebrate our adaptability as a congregation and give thanks that God has sustained us. We rejoice in new ways people have cared for each other and maybe for us learning new things about God. The pandemic and isolation haven't been what we wanted, but as always, God has been present for us and able to bring good out of bad.

A reminder of the key facts for next Sunday:

- 9.30am combined service at Gordon (no Holy Communion)
- shortened service with no singing, but there will be music
- please bring a mask and maintain social distancing
- no morning tea or extended mingling after the service
- if possible please register prior to the service, email info@gpuc.org.au or leave a message on the Pymble phone (9983 9879) with your name and phone number
- video worship still available and a newsletter will be sent by email
- Zoom morning tea at 11.00 am

Also, I want to reaffirm it is each individual's choice whether they wish to return to services. Some will be keen to meet as soon as possible; others will be mindful of their particular susceptibilities and will remain with us online. Either choice is fine; we will be one church however we meet for worship!

Finally, to add to the complexity of next Sunday, Daylight Saving begins at 2am Sunday morning, with clocks going forward 1 hour.

Steve Aynsley

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

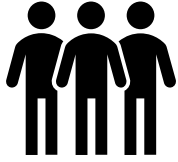
Morning Tea Updates

- There is NO Zoom Morning Tea today, owing to our focus on the Trivia Quiz at 2.00pm
- From next Sunday, Zoom Morning Tea moves to 11.00am, to enable people time to get home from church
- The link has changed. The new link from next week will be <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84474736981>

New Community of Faith

Last week at the New Growth Course the focus was on Vision and Values. In our team we brainstormed the Vision for GPUC - What is our big aspiration?

In addition, we discussed the values or DNA that makes GPUC; who we are now and going forward.



While we Journey to be Christ-like in mind and deed our DNA for GPUC might be:

- Be inclusive
- Build relationships that matter
- Look outward

What do you think are our values? What matters to us? Let us know?

We asked for prayer last week, thank you for those who did and will in the future. Please **pray** intentionally for this new venture each week.

If you can, 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. If not then, God listens at any time and your prayers will be appreciated.

What to pray for:

Courtney and Nicola along with others at GPUC to see our Vision
Pray for discernment.

Help us to listen to the community around us and understand their needs
Pray for courage, we can be bold knowing God is with us.

Church Council's discussion and ongoing discernment in their October meeting.



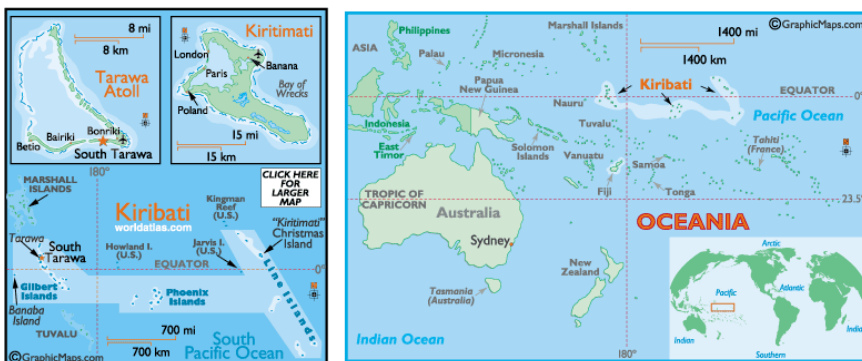
Zoom Trivia Quiz Fundraiser for UnitingWorld Kiribati Project Sunday, 27 September, at 2 pm.

It's not too late to join us today at 2pm on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82970696015>. Meeting ID: 829 7069 6015

Or if you just want to make a donation you can donate through our special page on the Uniting World website

<https://fundraise.unitingworld.org.au/pw4c>

So far we have raised over \$3000 for this worthwhile cause. Maybe before this afternoon's quiz find out what you can about Kiribati.



After having a **mask making** session at the Gordon Centre we have decided to hold a weekly face-to-face Monday morning Sewing group starting around 10 am. We will be asking people to register prior to coming along as we are wanting to keep the group COVIDsafe. If you would like to come along to this Sewing group - you are welcome to make items of your own choice or help to make masks to donate to Exodus – please register your interest by emailing info@gpuc.org.au or call 04 80 223 981.

Coffee & Chat Zooms 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 or email barnes.peter057@gmail.com 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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