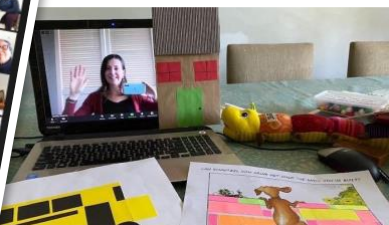


The New-Normal Newsletter

Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church
Sunday 11 October, 2020



Welcome to worship

Rev. Paul Swadling is leading worship on Sunday
11 October

“Some Christmas tree ornaments do more than
glitter and glow, they represent a gift of love
given a long time ago.” Tom Baker

“In everything do to others as you would have
them do to you; for this is the law and the
prophets.” *Matthew 7:12*



*Paul Swadling in Amritsar, India
Listen to his sermon to find out more*

New Community of Faith

What is our vision?

How do we create greater connections between
groups?

How do we connect playgroup carers with other
groups in the church?

How do we create pathways throughout our
community so people may want to explore the big
questions, the mystery of God?

What would you feel comfortable inviting your
friends to? Morning worship? Tuesday
Conversations? PUNCH? Community Centre?

Stir up Sundays? Coffee Connections?

Who in our community is hurting?

How might we walk beside them?



*John Owen from Wayside sharing on Mission and
engaging the community at New Growth Community
Workshop*

Let's pray for answers to these questions.

A letter from William in Cambridge



I hope you are well!

I have now been in Cambridge for almost a week, and am settling in well. I have enjoyed exploring the beautiful city of Cambridge and surrounds, while also meeting new friends in the College. The weather has been surprisingly pleasant (good enough that I had a dip in the River Cam!) though I know that the cold will come soon to the UK. I wanted to thank you and the GPUC congregation for the kind parting gifts you gave me before I left. The beautiful images of Australia by Ken Duncan and a stained glass window of the church sit on my mantelpiece to remind me of home. I am keeping safe otherwise, with plenty of COVID restrictions to guide us through the situation in the UK. It is great to hear that Sydney is really getting back to 'normal' - with Sunday services resuming very soon! Please pass my thanks to the congregation, I will try to get some photos to you as well!
Best, Will Liu

Thank you Parvaneh

for the beautiful cakes you made and decorated to celebrate your decision to be baptized. We look forward with excitement to the day it can happen.



Thoughts & Prayers

Heather McMaster and family after the passing of her mother Lucinda Crofts after a slow decline. Lucinda had been part of the Pymble Church for many years. We are planning towards a funeral on Monday 12.

Lesley Meldrum, recovering at rehab after a knee replacement. Judith Moss reports that her grandson Martin, is now in recovery from his surgery, and, Thanks be to God, the signs are good.

Ian Bowden and Cathy Hall both in the SAN

Year 12 students as they prepare for their exams



Nick Fried Retiring

a letter from his daughter



Hi! I hope you are keeping well and managing to stay positive during this strange and unsettling time that we are in. I also hope you don't mind me reaching out. Bit of a long message here, but please stay with me!

The purpose of this message is that Dad (Nicholas Fried/Nick Fried/Mr Fried/your own nickname perhaps) is getting oh so close to that age of retirement. In fact, his final online sermon was last Sunday as he is now on long service leave ahead of his official retirement at the end of November. I'm sure in 'normal' circumstances there would be a service for him at church to mark the occasion – there may even be something in the works – but regardless, I've decided that it would be nice to put together a little parting gift for him that hopefully covers connections he has made throughout his whole career. I'm going all out here!

While I have your attention early on, it would be foolish of me not to mention that reminding him of his retirement is probably not the best move. Nor would be revealing my below plan, as it is likely that he would try and stop me as he isn't one for fuss or fanfare! So please may this be kept on the quiet for now as a surprise may be nice and once it's done, well, he simply can't do anything about it. And we should probably extend this to my mother too, I think!

So the plan! All I'm asking is for a photo or video that has a connection with Dad and your experience with him and his ministry at some point over the many many decades as a Minister. It could be a photo from your wedding day, a baptism, church camp or conference. Or even a video with a short message or a song if you wish to get creative!

If not a visual, some brief words of thanks, a memory or your favourite bible passage or song lyric would be lovely too. I will then collate everything into one video for him to watch.

Involvement is completely optional of course, as I'm not one to force unsolicited tasks on people, and I am also aware that it may be several years ago since there was any 'connection' but no harm in reaching out.

KEY INFORMATION:

- Send to me by: Sunday, 1st November 2020
- Email to: becfried_07@hotmail.com
- Referencing: please note your full name in your email so I can credit you correctly! If you can please also note where you crossed paths / the congregation (i.e. Pymble, St Matthew's, Eastwood, etc.) and even the year for added detail, if applicable
- Preference for photos and videos in landscape please (rather than portrait)

I have great faith that the church community will pass this message around for me as it's literally impossible for me to connect with everyone he has ever come in contact with! Do I go as far as saying that my hopes for this one message is that it is like the loaf that reached 5000?!

So please, if you can forward this on to anyone you may know that would be willing to say a thank you to my Dad I would be extremely grateful!

Thank you so much and take care,

Bec Fried xx



**Sat Oct 17, 2020
8am-2pm**

**Lindara Market
Sat Nov 28, 2020
8am-1pm**



Lindfield Uniting Church
in the Undercroft & driveway
454 Pacific Hwy (Cnr Provincial Rd)

All proceeds help homeless families in crisis through Lindara Families Program.
9416 2106 / lindfield.uniting@bigpond.com

Trivia Quiz update

The quiz raised a total of \$5200 for Kiribati, making it a total of \$6424 for the year.

One of the wedding photos that didn't get into the quiz.

Have a guess? Who is being showered with confetti?



Working Bee Saturday 24th October 2pm at GUC

There will be a list of jobs outside the office at GUC.

You can volunteer for your favourite job!!

Let Bruce Watson know you are coming.



Messy is going to the beach Saturday 17th October

Bring the family or yourself for a fun time on the beach.

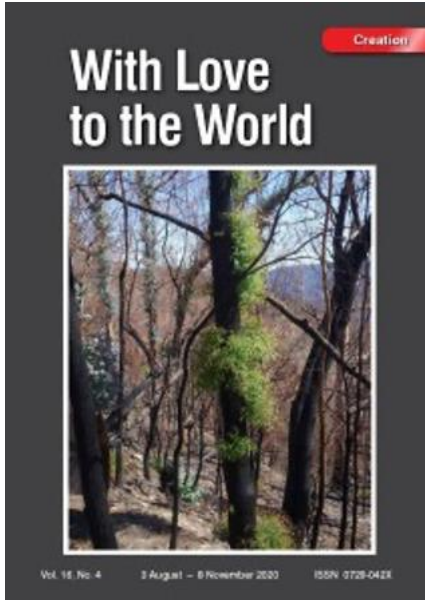
We'll buy fish n chips or bring a picnic

Contact Nicola@gpuc.org.au

94986729 for details



WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD



The new Church year starts soon, and the new subscription year for *With Love to the World* commences with the Advent issue in November. During these difficult days of the COVID-19 pandemic, many people are seeking ways to find meaning, encouragement and hope. *With Love to the World* has been meeting these needs for the past 45 years with its daily commentaries on the lectionary and associated Bible passages, prayer suggestions and questions for individuals and groups.

With Love to the World is now also available as an app at either the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store, as well as in booklet form. The annual subscription is \$24 per year.

If you are already a subscriber, we hope you will be continuing to read WLTW into the coming year. If you would like to subscribe, you just need to decide if you will download the app, or if you would like to receive the booklet form, please pay your subscription of \$24 to Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church - by putting the cash in an envelope marked WLTW and place it in the offertory plate when you come to church - or cheque to Gordon-Pymble Uniting Church - or you can make a direct debit to the Church's bank account - BSB 634634, A/c No: 100015578 - with reference WLTW and your name.

The Thursday morning Bible Study group follows the readings in WLTW, and new members are always welcome. We are meeting by Zoom at present but hope to be back meeting together in the future.

If you have any questions about subscribing to *With Love to the World*, please contact Ailsa Reichardt or Sue Conde.

EXCITING NEWS! Playgroup is back onsite, face to face, for term 4. Playgroup resumes **Monday 12th October**.

It may look a little different but we promise to ensure it is fun, safe and worth attending.

- We will be resuming to normal times BUT- **All playgroups** will be run from the Gordon site **ONLY**.

Playgroup Times are Mondays 10am, Tuesdays 9.30am, Wednesdays 9.30am & Thursdays 12.30pm



Happy Significant Birthday

Andrew Cripwell

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.

During worship we ask for 3 singles or 2 couples per pew. Downstairs has a maximum of 66. Upstairs 20.

Please remember the safety of others. We want to be able to remain sharing in person.

Although we are unable to mingle after the service we are still having our Virtual Morning Tea at 11am.

Topic: Sunday morning tea

Time: Oct 11, 2020 11:00 AM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84474736981?pwd=aDU2eGxySmoxZU9ZUkN6ZlIvUFE2UT09>

Meeting ID: 844 7473 6981 Passcode: 992809

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

<https://www.youtube.com/user/gordonuniting>

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