

New Beginnings Newsletter

Engaging Community, Exploring Faith



Wishing all those in our GPUC community a restful and joyous Christmas Season.

To you is born this day a Saviour who is Christ the Lord.

May the love of the Christ Child embrace you.

The joy of the Christ Child fill your heart.

May the peace of the Christ Child give you rest,
and the hope of the Christ Child guide you into the year ahead.

Amen.

JANUARY SERVICES

are all at 9.30am at

Pymble Uniting

1 Livingstone Ave

Pymble

Pastoral concerns
please contact Paul
Swadling or Sue Conde

SERVICES

1 January

Rev. Paul Swadling

8 January

Bernie Kestel

15 January

Julie Fry and MADOW

22 January

Thursday Bible Study

29 January

Andrew Cripwell

OFFICE CLOSED

**26TH DECEMBER TO
8TH JANUARY**

Staff return

Lesley 9th January

Nicola 10th January

Courtney 17th January

Sonja 25th January



Friday Fun Connections

13 January

6.30pm@Gordon



Messy Church

Saturday

4 February

4.30-6.30



Groups exploring faith

Heart and Mind,
Punch, Tuesday
Conversations and
Bible Studies.

All recommence in
February.

Engaging with our community at the Gordon Centre

Help needed!

We have the new dates for our stand at the Gordon Centre. Monday 23, Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 January (the day before Australia Day). If you are able to spare 1-2 hours, please let courtney@gpuc.org.au know or fill out the roster near the office at Gordon or Pymble. We will have flyers, banners and playdough to give away. 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

We are running a reduced Playgroup during the school holidays. Our sessions will be 9.30-11.30 on Wednesday 18 January and Tuesday 24 January. Come and hang out and enjoy some crafts, singing, dancing and story time.

Rev. Karen Mitchell-Lambert

Karen has been sent a letter of call to commence ministry at GPUC probably commencing in March 2023.

She is very excited about meeting and working alongside new people who want to explore further the first third of life while maintaining the traditional for the saints of our church.



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.

Big Thanks to all who helped at the Community Carols from the organisers at Turramurra Uniting

What a day!! Praise God for the weather holding and even some sun. The whole event was fantastic thanks to a huge number of people serving with a smile and joy. A big thank you to all at GPUC who pitched in to help. We expected a high rate of demand at the BBQ and we got it!

In 1.5 hours we served 400 sausage sizzles plus the drinks and snacks - that's 4 per minute - 1 every 15 secs constant for 90 mins!

Overall takings reached \$1900. We should clear \$1000 after expenses which goes a long way to paying for the overall.

Please do pass on our heartfelt thanks to all who helped.

