Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024



# Gungahlin Uniting Church and Community Centre

Socially and environmentally just. Welcoming of the stranger. Inclusive of all people. Sharing the faith journey together. Informal and friendly Christian community.

## Welcome to everyone who is with us today

Gungahlin Uniting Church is part of the Uniting Church in Australia.

We strive to be an open and inclusive community, welcoming people from different countries, cultures, traditions, ages, genders, gender identities, ability and viewpoints as we experience life and God together as part of our Christian faith. Gungahlin Uniting is a Christian community of people who don't pretend to know all the answers, but simply seek to follow the way of Christ. You are welcome here in this place and welcome to participate in the life of this community.

# Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

9:30am All Age Worship with Communion Lead by Rev Hugh Park

**Bible Readings** 

Ruth 3:1-5,4:13-17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

9:30am All Age Worship Lead by Jess Marchant & Rev Ivan Roberts

Bible Readings 1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25 Mark 13:1-8

## How to give to the Life & Ministry of Gungahlin Uniting Church

People can donate to the life, work, ministry and mission of GUC through organising a regular electronic transfer. Electronic transfer through UFS is anonymous.

Our electronic bank details are:

Gungahlin UC - Giving Direct Uniting Financial Services BSB: 634-634 Account: 100034744

## Please contact us...

Phone: 6242 5001

Rev. Hugh Park is our Minister (Hugh's day off is Wednesday ) Alison Tweedie is our Church Life Worker Jenelle Martin is our Church Council Chair Narelle Dodd is our Safe Church & Volunteer Contact Colin Christian is our Work Health & Safety Contact email: minister@gungahlinuniting.org

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## Groups for you at Gungahlin Uniting

#### Playgroup

For young children & parents/carers Wednesday 10am-12pm Gungahlin Uniting Church Contact: Cassandra 0438 423 688

#### Boys' Brigade

For boys Primary/High School age Wednesday 6.30pm Gungahlin Uniting Church Contact: Bruce 0450 356 147

#### Girls' Brigade

For girls Kindergarten-Year 12 Wednesday 6.30pm Gungahlin Salvation Army Contact: Liz 0439 879 339



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#### Tea &Talk

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month -10.30am Gungahlin Lakes Club coffee shop All ages welcome Contact: Elizabeth Phythian 0408 624 163 Tea &Talk is an opportunity for catching up with others from GUC over a cuppa.

#### **Pub Dinner Group**

Relaxed conversation and meal Wednesday- fortnightly 7pm Contact: John McKenzie

#### **Spice Kids**

Meets 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month after worship Contact: Jean 0428 517 595 Meal gathering for adults An opportunity for conversation and friendship

#### Library in the Quiet Room

There is a library of books, located in the Quiet Room, available for borrowing. Make a note in the "borrowing book" of the books taken and when they have been returned.

#### **Please note:**

Our minister's day off is Wednesday.

#### Home Groups at GUC

At Gungahlin Uniting Church Home Groups give members the opportunity to gather and respond to their spiritual, social, and community needs. They are a space where people get to know each other, provide support, hospitality, and prayer and there is always lots of fun to be had. If you would like to join a Home Group please contact the Pastoral Care Team. Shirley Williams 0418 612 656 Jenelle Martin 0421 997 173 Elizabeth Phythian 0408 624 163 pastoralcare@gungahlinuniting.org

#### Pastoral Care at GUC

At Gungahlin Uniting Church pastoral care encompasses the spiritual, physical, social, emotional, and mental support for members. Through providing a network of care we ensure that the expressed needs of individuals and families are attended to by a team of people.

Pastoral care may include assistance with transport, meal support, a phone call, or someone visiting you at your home or in the hospital. Ways to request care:

- Contact your Home Group leader
- Call the GUC office on 6242 5001 (leave a message if necessary)
- Email the church office office@gungahlinuniting.org
- Contact the Pastoral Care Team Shirley Williams 0418 612 656 Jenelle Martin 0421 997 173 Elizabeth Phythian 0408 624 163 pastoralcare@gungahlinuniting.org

#### **Governance at GUC**

GUC has a number of policies which support the safe running of the church:

- GUC Volunteer & Safe Church Policy, including the Volunteer Manual and Volunteer Code of Conduct
- GUC Work, Health & Safety Policy
- GUC Information Management Policy
  These can be found under the
- Church Resources tab on our website www.gungahlinuniting.org

## Our Church at Prayer...

Inviting you to think about our own church community, the wider church, the world!

- This week we pray for those among us who have been having a tough week and are anxious about what is to come. We pray also for our Creative Worship Team and for our preparation for Advent.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Greenhills Conference Centre. Greenhills is a group camp and conference centre of the Uniting Church located in Canberra's suburb of Stromlo next to the Murrumbidgee River. Greenhills offers accommodation for all types of groups, full catering packages, and conference facilities for up to 150. We give thanks for the valuable work of the Greenhills Conference Centre, the contribution it makes to the Canberra Region Presbytery, the wider church and beyond. We pray for the staff, leadership and board of Greenhills – for wisdom and discernment as they direct the day-to-day activities and long-term direction of Greenhills. We pray for campers, organisers, conference groups and others who enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings of Greenhills
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Aotearoa New Zealand & Australia. We are thankful for the beauty of the land and waters of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, and the special relationship that people enjoy with the natural environment. We pray for churches to have the imagination, skills and energy to build bridges of understanding in increasingly multireligious and multicultural contexts.

# Volunteering in 2025- final day to return forms!

Forms for *Volunteering at GUC in 2025* are available in the foyer. Remember that you are invited to consider how you would like to volunteer in your church. Fill in your volunteer sheet and pop it into the pink box in the foyer.

## Important Dates to Remember...

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November- Last day to submit Volunteer Forms for 2025
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November AGM and election of new Church Council members for 2025.

The AGM is an opportunity to consider our life and organisation as a church. This is the time when we elect those who will serve on our Church Council, which oversees the life of our congregation. This is the time when there can be open discussion about matters of our church life. It is a time to encourage your church just by being here and participating. **Please plan to stay following worship TODAY!** 

## The GUC Annual Report is out!

Each year a lot of work goes into writing and preparing our annual report. It is not so much something we must do, and not so much a "report", but a story and account that reflects upon our life as a congregation. In this year's "report" you will find some great reflections on what we do, some interesting stories about things that happen, a financial account, and overall, a reminder that, although no one sees everything, a lot of good community and worship life has taken place.

## With Love to the World

The latest edition of *With Love to the World-Advent/Christmas* is available now. *With Love to the World* is a short daily devotional guide published by the Uniting Church. Each day has a brief reading, a reflection and some prayer guidance. If you would like a copy they are available in the foyer. If you are able to make a donation of \$5 then feel free, but if you simply want to take a copy you are welcome. Please place donations into either the offering bags, the Giving Box located in the foyer, or via the Square EFTPOS terminal.

## 2025 Lectionary Calendar of Readings

Each week we mostly use Bible readings from the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a list of readings that most larger denominations use throughout the world. You can find each reading listed in our *Bulletin* each week; one from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a Gospel reading, and an epistle (letter). Copies of the new Lectionary Readings for 2025 are now available in the foyer for anyone who would like a copy.

## Save the Date- Church Working Bee

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November-9am

Inside the church and the surrounding grounds are in need of a spruce up. We'll be holding a working bee to do some extra inside cleaning and bring the gardens back under control/ tidy up around the building: dusting, de-cob-webbing, window washing, weeding, mowing, pruning, rubbish pick up, sweeping, etc. We'd love anyone who has time to come along to help out - many hands make light work. Please bring your own gardening gloves and any gardening/cleaning tools you think might come in handy. See Mark or Elizabeth Phythian if you have any questions.

## **Commissioning of Andrew Johnson as Assembly General Secretary**

The Uniting Church in Australia Assembly extends an invitation to us to the Commissioning of Andrew Johnson as Assembly General Secretary. All are invited to attend the service, which will be held here at Gungahlin Uniting Church at 3pm on Saturday 23 November. The event will also be livestreamed. The livestream link can be obtained by using the RSVP link below. Please RSVP by 8 November by following this link - <u>https://uniting.church/general-secretary-commissioning/</u>

### Are you new at Gungahlin Uniting?

If so, then you are invited to tear off this portion, fill it in, and either place it in the offering bag we pass around in the service, or give it to the person who greeted you as you came in.

	Please 🗹 any boxes below:	
Last Name:	□ This is my/our first time here	
First Name:		
Children's Name/s:	☐ I am new to the area	
Address:	□ I am visiting from another church	
Post Code		
Phone:	$\Box$ I/we would like a name tag	
Email:	I/we would like to be added to the church news email list	

Roster	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday
	10 <sup>th</sup> November	17 <sup>th</sup> November	24 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> December
Greeters	Eric & Shirley	Eric & Shirley	Eric & Shirley	Billabong & Oasis	Natalie Yule &
	Holm	Holm	Holm	Advent Service	Carina Moeller
English Bible	Kanthi Fernando	Tamara Fullard	Rebecca Hobson	Billabong & Oasis	Patsy Coleman
Reader		McShane		Advent Service	
Language Bible	Sumira Sheraz	Carina Moeller	David Yang	Billabong & Oasis	Cynthia Han
Reader				Advent Service	
Prayers for	Yoonhee Park	Brooke Kilah	Patsy Coleman	Billabong & Oasis	Margaret Reeson
Others				Advent Service	
Leader	Rev Hugh Park	Jessica Marchant	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Ivan Roberts	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	Renee Buchanan	Jessica Marchant	Cindy Han	Rev Hugh Park	Jessica Marchant
Flowers	Patsy Coleman	Margaret Reeson	Kanthi Fernando	Oasis/Billabong	Patsy Coleman
Sound	Elijah King	Craig McShane	Rob Shelton	Elijah King	Craig McShane
Computer	Chris Martin	Mark Phythian	Craig McShane	Bruce Warren	Chris Martin
Morning Tea	Tamara F McShane	Heather Lamb &	JJ Hamilton &	Jenelle Martin &	Yoonhee Park &
	& Carina Moeller	Patsy Coleman	Bec Hobson	Cass Nokham	Sung Lee
Communion	Tamara F McS &				Lily Ting &
Preparation	Elizabeth Phythian				Shirley Williams
BBQ	Mark & Lynne				Mark & Elizabeth
	Butson				Phythian
Pianist	Yoo-Mi Kim	Yoo-Mi Kim	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Margaret Reeson
Musicians	Prince John	Mark John Adnan	Prince John	Mark John Adnan	Prince John
	Adnan Chung	Chung	Adnan Chung	Chung	Adnan Chung
Singers	Jessica & Cate	Cate & Renee	Jessica	Brooke & Renee	Jessica & Cate
Music Practice			<b>5</b> 2 <b>5</b> 2		
Oasis Leader	Caroline Wallace	Narelle Dodd	Renee Buchanan		Elizabeth P &
					Cass Nokham
Billabong		Elizabeth Phythian			
Leader		& Lynne Butson			



Raise any issues, incidents or concerns via our confidential and secure reporting service 'Speak Out' INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE

For more information go to: speakout.uca.org.au