

# 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 24th November

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

## Bible Readings

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalm 132:1-12,(13-18)

Revelation 1:4-8

John 18:33-37

## **Sunday 1st December**

9:30am All Age Worship Lead by Oasis & Billabong

### Bible Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

## 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

email: office@gungahlinuniting.org

email: chairperson@gungahlinuniting.org email: safechurch@gungahlinuniting.org email: volunteers@gungahlinuniting.org

## **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
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   0418 612 656
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#### **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 we know who are unwell and struggling in life at this time.
   We pray for those around us who grieve and who are feeling the weight of life, love, family, and death at this time.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Yass & Rye Park Uniting Church. For discernment for the JNC as they seek a new minister for a 50:50 placement with Goulburn congregation. For those who are feeling weary as we come to this Advent season. May they find joy in the ageless story of Christ's birth. For the Combined Churches Christmas Carols in Yass. May it be a time of outreach to our community. We give thanks for the visiting preachers who lead us in worship each week.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore. We give thanks for Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches and councils of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized.

## Our deepest condolences...

We keep in our prayers the Muho family, in particular Alma and Dioni after the loss of Alma's eldest son Aurel who passed away on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Please keep the family in your prayers.

#### 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.

## Christmas Singalong & Snags- Sunday 8th December- 5.30pm at GUC

A family friendly festive BBQ dinner and singing of favourite Christmas songs.

Dress up in Christmas bling! Please add your name to the sheet in the foyer if you plan to come along so that we know how many to cater for.

# **Church Council Update**

Church Council met on Monday 18 November 2024. For noting:

- Hugh has been continuing his pastoral care visits.
- Hugh will take some annual leave in January (dates to be confirmed).
- A Blue Christmas Service will be held at 6pm on Wednesday 18 December.
- Giving from July to September was \$25, 022, which is \$4000 less than budgeted. It was also \$1,500 less compared to the same period last year.
- Feedback from the recent fire drill has been compiled and incorporated into GUC's fire drill procedure.
- A reminder to RSVP for *Singalong and Snags*, so that we have enough snags on the night. An RSVP sheet is in the foyer.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday 9 December, where newcomers to Church Council will be welcomed and 2025 Office Bearers will be elected.

Roster	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
	24 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> December	8 <sup>th</sup> December	15 <sup>th</sup> December	22 <sup>nd</sup> December
Greeters	Eric & Shirley	Billabong & Oasis	Natalie Yule &	Natalie Yule & Ca-	Heather Lamb &
	Holm	Advent Service	Carina Moeller	rina Moeller	Carina Moeller
English Bible	Rebecca Hobson	Billabong & Oasis	Patsy Coleman	Reeba Nasim	Natalie Yule
Reader		Advent Service			
Language Bible	David Yang	Billabong & Oasis	Cynthia Han	Fatin Magades	Alicia Zhou
Reader		Advent Service			
Prayers for	Patsy Coleman	Billabong & Oasis	Margaret Reeson	Yoonhee Park	Patsy Coleman
Others		Advent Service			
Leader	Rev Hugh Park	Oasis/Billabong	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park	Oasis/Billabong	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	Cindy Han	Oasis/Billabong	Jessica Marchant	Renee Buchanan	Cass Nokham
Flowers	Kanthi Fernando	Oasis/Billabong	Patsy Coleman	Margaret Reeson	Kanthi Fernando
Sound	Rob Shelton	Elijah King	Craig McShane	Rob Shelton	Alistair Buchanan
Computer	Craig McShane	Bruce Warren	Chris Martin	Mark Phythian	Chris Martin
Morning Tea	JJ Hamilton &	Jenelle Martin &	Yoonhee Park &	Billabong	Vanessa Yule & ?
	Bec Hobson	Cass Nokham	Sung Lee		
Communion			Lily Ting &		
Preparation			Shirley Williams		
BBQ					
Pianist	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Margaret Reeson	Margaret Reeson	Yoo-Mi Kim
Musicians	Prince John	Mark John Adnan	Prince John	Mark John Adnan	Prince Adnan
	Adnan Chung	Chung	Adnan Chung	Chung	Chung
Singers	Jessica	Brooke & Renee	Jessica & Cate	Cate & Renee	Jessica
Music Practice	וני				JJ
Oasis Leader	Renee Buchanan		Elizabeth P &	Jenelle Martin	
			Cass Nokham		
Billabong				Elizabeth Phythian	
Leader				& Lynne Butson	

# 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.

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

Sunday 24th November 2024