



Sunday 3rd 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 3rd November

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

Bible Readings

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Sunday 10th 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

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 1st 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 5th 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
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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 our community as we ponder and prayerfully consider the nominees for Church Council, and for our AGM which is not just a meeting, but a reflection on our life as a church and directions for the future.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Woden Valley Uniting Church. We pray for wisdom, discernment and teamwork in pursuing actions in the mission plan, seeking to discern where God is leading us. We rejoice and give thanks for recent developments: the prospect of working closely with Wesley Mission on the supported and affordable housing development on 'The Block', and the commissioning of an indigenous artist to paint a mural depicting Woden Valley Uniting Church in the heart of its community.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu. We are thankful for the amazing diversity of people and cultures living on the islands of Oceania, and for the magnificent natural scenery and sea life. We pray for efforts to preserve these island nations in the midst of rising seas; those adversely affected by earthquakes, volcanoes and cyclones; and for those dealing with the legacy of past nuclear weapons testing and with garbage dumping today.

Volunteering in 2025- Volunteer 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 3rd November**– Nominations for Church Council elections announced
- **Sunday 10th November**- Last day to submit *Volunteer Forms for 2025*
- **Sunday 10th November – AGM** following worship 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 on Sunday 10th November.

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* 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. This edition even has a contribution from our own Rev Hugh Park. 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 the offering bags or via the Square EFTPOS terminal.

Oasis & Billabong Hike

Join us for a hike, Saturday 9 November, 4-7 pm

Oasis and Billabong are invited to go on a hike from Mulligans Flat to Yerrabi Pond. The walk will take us through the Mulligans wetlands and bird walks, exiting at the Mulligans Flat Playground (where we will stop for a rest and a snack), then walking through the Forde wetlands to Yerrabi Pond where we will have a sausage sizzle. We hope others from Kippax, North Belconnen, and To e Talatalanoa Uniting churches will join us. The walk is around 5.5 kms.

For Oasis, we ask that they be accompanied by a parent/adult. We appreciate the walk may be too long for many younger kids. If that's the case, you are welcome to finish at the Mulligans Flat playground (around 2.5 kms).

Start: 4pm at Wildbark carpar, Rosenberg St Throsby

Finish: 7pm at Yerrabi Pond (Wunderlich St Gungahlin (BBQs near the skatepark)
(OR Mulligans Flat Playground, Justice Kelly St Forde).

Essential: closed in shoes, hat and water. Please wear sunscreen.

Please let Narelle Dodd know asap if your child can make it (Narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org or 0422000476). Parents are welcome to join us.

'Welcome' Cards

A few weeks ago, the Gungahlin Uniting Church congregation was invited to write the word 'Welcome' on a card in their own language. All those cards are now hanging on the wall in the church. Did you know that our friends in this church speak at least 17 different languages at home with their family? On the Sunday when we wrote 'Welcome', half of us wrote in English and half of us wrote in another language. We speak Cantonese, Mandarin, German, Korean, Indonesian, Swahili, French, Arabic, Fijian, Hindi, Urdu, Welsh, Japanese, Sinhala, Albanian, Sierra Leone Creole and English. Some of us can also speak or read some Spanish, Italian, Greek, Portuguese and Papua New Guinea Tok Pisin.

We are part of a wonderful, colourful and diverse world. If your language is missing, ask Alison at the church office how you can add it.

Save the Date- Church Working Bee

Saturday 16th November-9am

The grounds surrounding our church building are in need of a spruce up. We'll be holding a working bee to bring the gardens back under control and tidy up around the building: 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 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 - <https://uniting.church/general-secretary-commissioning/>

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