

Sunday 22nd & 29th December 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 22nd December

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

Bible Readings

Micah 5:2-5
Psalm 80:1-7
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Sunday 29th December

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

Bible Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

Sunday 5th January

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

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:1-9, 10-18

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
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

Advent & Christmas at Gungahlin Uniting Church

- **24 December, Christmas Eve service, 7.30pm.** Leader: Hugh Park
- **25 December Christmas Day, 9.30am.** Leader: Hugh Park

Christmas Bowl Appeal

This is an annual appeal on behalf of the National Council of Churches of Australia, with a special focus on people and families who are displaced and refugees around the world. There will be donation envelopes available for anyone who wants to make a donation. The empty bowl on the Communion Table is a reminder.

‘Everything In Common’ Gift Stall

Thank you to everyone who bought a gift card at the gift stall during December. Together we have contributed a generous gift to the ministry of Uniting World. Between us all we have offered funding for everything from education for girls, to support of women leaders, to kitchen gardens, to clean water, to pigs, goats and chickens. These are Christmas gifts that will NOT end up in landfill!

Church Council Update

On Monday night we held our last Church Council meeting for 2024. The new 2025 Church Council attended this meeting.

- Financial Update - Giving from July to October 2024 is \$33,378. This is \$2,500 less than the same time last year, even though we had an increase in offerings pledge through the Grow One campaign.
- Thank you to Narelle for doing the role of Treasurer this year. You have done an amazing job and have kept us informed of our financial position.
- Hugh will be taking leave from 30 December – 3 January and Sunday 12 January
- We discussed the next steps moving forward and the expression of interest with the Young People and Family Ministry proposal
- Your 2025 Church Council includes
 - Alison McKenzie-Chairperson
 - Rob Shelton-Treasurer
 - Reeba Nasim-Secretary
 - Hugh Park-Minister
 - Narelle Dodd- Volunteer and Safe Church Coordinator
 - Renee Buchanan
 - Josephine Deo
 - Colin Christian
- The next meeting will be on 10 February 2025.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and we pray that you all have a restful holiday and a happy new year.

Roster

	4 th Sunday 22 nd December	5 th Sunday 29 th December	1 st Sunday 5 th January	2 nd Sunday 12 th January	3 rd Sunday 19 th January
Greeters	Heather Lamb & Carina Moeller	Heather Lamb & Carina Moeller	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian
English Bible Reader	Natalie Yule	Kanthen Fernando	?	Narelle Dodd	Jacqui Frasersmith
Language Bible Reader	Alicia Zhou	Haekyeung Kim	Shirley Williams	Sung Sim Lee	Reeba Nasim
Prayers for Others	Patsy Coleman	Prince Jyubeh	?	Brooke Kilah	Patsy Coleman
Leader	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Chris Dodd	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Chris Dodd	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	Cass Nokham	Jessica Marchant	Liz Warren	Chris Dodd	Jessica Marchant
Flowers	Kanthen Fernando	Shirley Holm	Shirley Williams	Patsy Coleman	Margaret Reeson
Sound	Alistair Buchanan	Chris Martin	?	Elijah King	Rob Shelton
Computer	Chris Martin	Elijah King	Bruce Warren	Chris Martin	Mark Phythian
Morning Tea	Vanessa Yule & ?	Alexandra & June Faulkner	Josephine Deo & Lily Ting	Eric & Shirley Holm	Patsy Coleman & Heather Lamb
Communion Preparation				Shirley Williams & Tamara F-McShane	
BBQ					
Pianist	Yoo-Mi Kim	Yoo-Mi Kim	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Margaret Reeson
Musicians	Prince Adnan Chung	Mark Adnan Chung	Prince John Adnan Chung	Mark John Adnan Chung	Prince John Adnan Chung
Singers	Jessica & Renee	Cate	Jessica & Brooke	Cate & Renee	Jessica, Cate, Renee
Music Practice	♪♪			♪♪	
Oasis Leader					
Billabong Leader					

December

25th December
Christmas Day

Greeters	Heather Lamb & Yoonhee Park
English Bible Reader	Shirley Williams
Language Bible Reader	Carina Moeller
Prayers for Others	Jacqui Frasersmith
Leader	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	Renee Buchanan
Flowers	Eric Holm
Sound	Chris Martin
Computer	?
Pianist	Andrew Johnson & Yoo-Mi Kim
Musicians	Mark Adnan Chung
Singers	Renee

Personal Belongings

We have noticed that many people leave their handbags and other bags on their seats and wander away. Please make sure you keep your personal belongings with you during transition times and morning tea.

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.

<p>Last Name: _____</p> <p>First Name: _____</p> <p>Children's Name/s: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____ Post Code _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> any boxes below:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This is my/our first time here</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am new to the area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am visiting from another church</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/we would like a name tag</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/we would like to be added to the church news email list</p>
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