



Sunday 8th 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 8th December

9:30am All Age Worship-Advent 2

Lead by Rev Hugh Park with Communion

Bible Readings

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Sunday 15th December

9:30am All Age Worship- Advent 3

Lead by Rev Hugh Park

Bible Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

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
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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 Christmas worship and for the community that will meet here throughout that time. For those who come often, those who are new and for those who will visit.

Family Friendly Event: We are going swimming!

To celebrate the end of the year, you are invited to join Kippax Uniting at Dickson pool.

We will be meeting at Dickson Pool on **Friday 13th December, from 5-7pm.**

As this is a time for families to be together, **parents/carers need to be present for their children.**

Location: Dickson Pool 152 Cowper Street, Dickson, ACT 2602. There is some free parking onsite, and paid parking across the road at Dickson shops.

Food: There is a kiosk available to purchase drinks, ice creams, coffees and snack foods. There will be a BBQ available for anyone who wishes to bring their own food - this will close at 6:30PM.

Cost: Pay on entry

Single entry	\$8.90
Family (2 adults, 2 kids)	\$21.85
Spectator	\$2.95
Toddler 2 and under	Free

Please let Narelle Dodd know if you can make it narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org or 0422 000 476

Advent & Christmas at Gungahlin Uniting Church

- **8 December, 15 December, 22 December:** morning service- 9.30 am led by Rev Hugh Park.
- **8 December: Singalong and Snags, 5.30-7.30pm.** Led by Jess Marchant.
A fun evening for families.
- **Sunday 8 December & 15 December 'Everything in Common' Gift Stall for Uniting World:** after morning service; a chance to buy virtual gifts and Christmas cards that support those in need overseas.
- **Wednesday 18 December, 6pm, 'Blue Christmas' service:** for people who find Christmas difficult. A quiet time of reflection. Leader: Margaret Reeson.
- **24 December, Christmas Eve service, 7.30pm.** Leader: Hugh Park
- **25 December Christmas Day, 9.30am.** Leader: Hugh Park.

TONIGHT !

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.

Blue Christmas

Wednesday evening 18th December at 6pm at Gungahlin Uniting Church, led by Margaret Reeson. This will be a quiet service of reflection. Christmas time can be very difficult for many people. Perhaps they have had a hard year, or have lost someone they loved, or are isolated from their family. This service of 'Blue Christmas' is a time to remember together that the Christ Child comes to us in our pain.



Giving to Others at Christmas



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 Table

Do you want to give a gift to someone at Christmas, but they already have too much stuff? This is a chance to buy virtual gifts such as chickens, pigs, school supplies or training for women in leadership to support people in Asia and the Pacific. This material comes from Uniting World, the Uniting Church agency that supports our partners overseas.

The gift stall will be available on Sunday 8 December & Sunday 15 December.

Wattle Park Uniting Church Carols

Wednesday 18th December, 7.30pm

An invitation has been extended from this little church "up the road" (Barton Hwy) to join in an evening of Christmas carol singing. Everyone welcome.

Roster	2 nd Sunday 8 th December	3 rd Sunday 15 th December	4 th Sunday 22 nd December	5 th Sunday 29 th December	1 st Sunday 5 th January
Greeters	Natalie Yule & Carina Moeller	Natalie Yule & Carina Moeller	Heather Lamb & Carina Moeller	Heather Lamb & Carina Moeller	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian
English Bible Reader	Patsy Coleman	Reeba Nasim	Natalie Yule	Kanthi Fernando	Alistair Buchanan
Language Bible Reader	Cynthia Han	Fatin Magades	Alicia Zhou	---	Shirley Williams
Prayers for Others	Margaret Reeson	Yoonhee Park	Patsy Coleman	Prince Jyubeh	Alistair Buchanan
Leader	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	Jessica Marchant	Renee Buchanan	Cass Nokham	Jessica Marchant	Renee Buchanan
Flowers	Patsy Coleman	Margaret Reeson	Kanthi Fernando	Shirley Holm	Shirley Williams
Sound	Craig McShane	Rob Shelton	Alistair Buchanan	Chris Martin	Alistair Buchanan
Computer	Chris Martin	Mark Phythian	Chris Martin	Elijah King	Bruce Warren
Morning Tea	Yoonhee Park & Sung Lee	Billabong	Vanessa Yule & ?	Alexandra & June Faulkner	Josephine Deo & Lily Ting
Communion Preparation	Lily Ting & Shirley Williams				
BBQ					
Pianist	Margaret Reeson	Margaret Reeson	Yoo-Mi Kim	Yoo-Mi Kim	Alison McKenzie
Musicians	Prince John Adnan Chung	Mark John Adnan Chung	Prince Adnan Chung	Mark Adnan Chung	Prince John Adnan Chung
Singers	Jessica & Cate	Cate & Renee	Jessica	Cate & Renee	Jessica & Brooke
Music Practice			♪♪		
Oasis Leader	Elizabeth P & Cass Nokham	Jenelle Martin			
Billabong Leader		Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson			

December	25 th December Christmas Day
Greeters	Heather Lamb & Yoonhee Park
English Bible Reader	?
Language Bible Reader	Carina Moeller
Prayers for Others	?
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	?

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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