



Sunday 2nd March
2025

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 2nd March

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

Bible Readings

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12 4:2
Luke 9:28-36,37-43

Sunday 9th March

9:30am All Age Worship with Communion
Lead by Chris Dodd

Bible Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2,9-16
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

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

Alison McKenzie 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

Our Church at Prayer...

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

- This week we pray for those around us who grieve and who are feeling the weight of life, love, family, death at this time.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Canberra Region Presbytery Council. In the midst of the ongoing changes within the Uniting Church, we ask for the guidance of God's Spirit. We pray for wisdom, faith, patience, and for the unity that Jesus prayed for in John 17 to thrive in our presbytery. We give thanks for the congregations, committees and services that work together in living out the call of God on the Uniting Church in this part of the NSW & ACT Synod. We pray for the NSW & ACT Synod in its oversight of the Canberra Region and other presbyteries in its care. We pray for wisdom, discernment and encouragement for the representatives of each congregation who attend Presbytery meetings and report back to their church councils and congregations. We give thanks for the work of volunteers who make up the committees and office bearing roles that do the work allocated to them by the Presbytery. We pray for our co-chairs, Janet and Paul, along with committee chairs, secretaries, treasurers and conveners.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands. Give thanks for the important roles political leaders here have played in European integration; how people here have led in creative solutions to environmental, economic, and cultural challenges. Pray for greater tolerance and solidarity with all in these societies and around the world.

Tea and Talk (TnT) - Friday 7th March

If you are free on Friday morning and would like to catch up/get to know others from our congregation, please join us for TnT for morning tea. We meet at Gungahlin Lakes in the coffee shop area at 10.30am on the first Friday of the month. A group of us will be there this coming Friday, 7 March and we'd love you to join us. See Elizabeth if you'd like more information.

Two New Opportunities for Learning at GUC

1. *Jesus' Parable: 'The greatest stories every told'*

Rev Hugh Park will lead a series of conversations for people who are new to church and our community, and who want to understand who we are and what is important to this community of faith. If you are interested, contact Hugh Park : minister@gungahlinuniting.org; 0402 478 240

2. *'Finding Jesus in the Stranger'*. A series of Bible studies during Lent based on readings from Luke's Gospel. Six studies between Ash Wednesday 5 March and Easter Day 20 April.

If you are interested, contact Margaret Reeson: margaretreeson@bigpond.com; 0404 148 201. Together we will choose time and place to meet.

Ash Wednesday Gathering (The first day of Lent)

Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter and begins with the day called Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of reflection as we approach Easter and Ash Wednesday begins that time of reflection. For anyone who would like to come along there will be a simple and brief Ash Wednesday service at on **Wednesday 5th March, 5pm**. All welcome.

Church Council Update

Church Council met on Monday 10th February and discussed the following actions we wish to share...

- We discussed connection opportunities to share with new faces at GUC and how we can continue to support one another in our community
- There have been several requests for bible study groups and Hugh is looking into what this might look like here at GUC for both new arrivals and novice studies of scripture
- Approval for a new office photocopier and of two new data projectors. One of the data projectors recently died and it was decided to upgrade both at the same time, due to their age, regular use for worship and those who hire the space needing this technology
- Our volunteer call out for 2025 has been overwhelmingly positive with 90 volunteers putting up their hands to join our volunteer roster. Some able to take on more than one role, and our youngest volunteer is in Primary School. All are welcome to share their gifts and provide service in many ways
- Safe Church training for all “High Trust” volunteers at the current time is available online only whilst face-to-face training is being revised
- Narelle and Bronwyn have worked hard on the EOI draft for the *Growth Investment Fund* grant from Synod with the deadline upon us. This was approved for submission by CC. The proposal is for a full-time *Family and Young Peoples Ministry Facilitator* at GUC with co-funding over a 5-year period. GUC would contribute \$100,000 towards this project whilst moving toward a sustained position funded by us after this period.

What the role we envision is: an experienced *Family and Young People’s Ministry Facilitator* is needed to support the Minister and team of volunteers. The ministry agent will help to empower and inspire lay leadership; support and mentor volunteers; assist in developing new programs; and identify further opportunities to build relationships across Presbytery and within the community.

The next step is endorsement of our application by presbytery and their submission of our application to Synod.

Kids Camp Out 2025

Attention all children in years 3-6 and their parents.

Do you love having fun?

Do you love participating in outdoor and water activities?

Do you love being with other children?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then keep reading.

The Pulse Team are inviting you to join them for Kids Camp Out 2025 from 21 March – 23 March at the Wedderburn Christian Campsite ([Wedderburn Christian Campsite](#)).

For more information go to [Kids Camp Out 2025 - UCA](#) or speak with Jenelle Martin.



Women's Breakfasts – Save the Dates

Saturday 29th March & Saturday 13th September

All women and girls are invited to come along to a social breakfast to share time with others from church. You are also welcome to bring a friend. Breakfast menu items range from \$11 to \$28 plus tea/coffee. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer to help us estimate numbers.

When: 9am on Saturday 29th March

Where: Siren Bar and Restaurant, 30 Anthony Rolfe Avenue, Gungahlin (opposite the Emergency Services station)

For any questions, please see Shirley at church.

Men's Breakfasts – Save the Dates

Saturday 5th April & Saturday 20th September

All men and boys are invited to come along to a social breakfast to share time with others from church. You are also welcome to bring a friend. Breakfast menu items range from \$11 to \$28 plus tea/coffee. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer to help us estimate numbers.

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Reminder...

Church news, communication and *Bulletin* notices are an important part of our community life. Please have any submissions for the *Bulletin* to the office by Thursday evening, or early Friday morning at the latest. Notices must include all details of your event or notice. Our office worker, Alison's role is to edit the *Bulletin* sheet each week, not to write or compose your submissions. Please send notices to: office@gungahlinuniting.org

Name Tags

It really helps everyone if we choose to wear our name tags. Name tags are not just for those who are new, but for all of us in such a large congregation. If you have lost your name tag, or if you don't have one, then please write your name on a slip of paper requesting a name tag and pop it into the offering bag or see Alison in the office (office@gungahlinuniting.org) or speak with the people who greeted you at the door.

ROSTER

| | 1 st Sunday 2 nd March | 2 nd Sunday 9 th March | 3 rd Sunday 16 th March | 4 th Sunday 23 rd March | 5 th Sunday 30 th March |
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| Greeters | Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia | Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia | Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia | Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia | Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia |
| English Bible Reader | Alexandra Faulkner | Lily Ting | Patsy Coleman | Bec Hobson | Reeba Nasim |
| Language Bible Reader | Shirley Williams | Sia Kwon | Lily Ting | Cindy Han | Carina Moeller |
| Prayers for Others | Yoon Hee Park | Cate Wilkinson | Brooke Kilah | Tanya Johnson | Alistair Buchanan |
| Leader | Rev Hugh Park | Chris Dodd | Rev Hugh Park | Rev Hugh Park | Rev Hugh Park |
| Preacher | Rev Hugh Park | Chris Dodd | Rev Hugh Park | Rev Hugh Park | Rev Hugh Park |
| All-Age Message | Jessica Marchant | Cindy Han | Cass Nokham | Cindy Han | Renee Buchanan |
| Flowers | Shirley Williams | Kanthi Fernando | Eric Holm | Margaret Reeson | Shirley Holm |
| Sound | Chris Martin | Alistair Buchanan | Craig McShane | Rob Shelton | Chris Martin |
| Computer | ? | | Vanessa Yule | Mark Phythian | Elijah King |
| Morning Tea | Josephine Deo & Heather Lamb | Eric & Shirley Holm | Bec Hobson & Lily Ting | Suzy Shelton & Jean Terbeth | Billabong |
| Communion Preparation | | Lily Ting | | | |
| BBQ | | | Mark & Lynne Butson | | |
| Pianist | Margaret Reeson | Margaret Reeson | Yoo-Mi Kim | Yoo-Mi Kim | Alison McKenzie |
| Musicians | Mark, John, Adnan, Chung, Yoo-Mi | Prince, John, Adnan, Chung, Yoo-Mi | Mark, John, Adnan, Chung | Prince, Chung | Mark, Adnan, Chung, Yoo-Mi |
| Singers | Jessica, Cate | Brooke, Renee | Jessica, Cate | Renee | Jessica, Cate |
| Music Practice | | | 🎵🎵 | | |
| Oasis Leader | Liz Warren | Liz Warren | Liz Warren | Liz Warren | Liz Warren |
| Billabong Leader | Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson | | Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson | | |

Please note- As of April Communion will now be on the 1st Sunday of the month

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.

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| <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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