Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March

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

### **Bible Readings**

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

# Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

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

Bible Readings Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3,11-32

### 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

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### 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 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 our Food Pantry and Food Garden Co-ordinators and all our food garden/pantry volunteers. We give thanks for this part of our church life and for the way it has provided involvement, community, compassion and food. We also keep Jenelle M and the children attending the Pulse Youth Camp this weekend in our prayers.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Eden (St George) Uniting Church. We give thanks for the ministry and mission of the Eden Uniting Church. We pray for ongoing encouragement, wisdom and sense of God's guiding Spirit.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania. We are thankful for the preservation of the distinct cultural practices, literature, music and natural resources in these countries. We pray for peaceful relations with Russia and among all the ethnic groups in these lands; and for government leaders and all people, that they might together strive for justice, peace and the well-being of all.

# **Bible Study**

Bible Study on Saturday afternoons, 3.30-5pm at Margaret Reeson's place, 20 Dooland Ct, Nicholls. (0404 148 201). This is a series of Bible studies titled: 'How to be a good global neighbour – how can we partner with the global church for justice?'

### **Church Group Photo**

We will take a church group photo after the service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March. These photos will be used for our church website and promotions. Everyone, including your family members are encouraged to join.

### **Call for Bib Aprons**

If anyone has bib aprons (ones that loop over the neck and tie at waist) that they no longer need, would you like to donate them to the Billabong budding chefs? Please let Elizabeth know ASAP (<u>mande.phythian@bigpond.com</u>) and bring to church either this week or next to save us from having to buy some. Thanks!

### Thank you! Used stamps are helping to raise funds

Thank you to everyone who collects used stamps!

In 2024 the UCA Stamp Committee (NSW/ACT) raised \$23,088 through the sale of used stamps. Each year the funds are allocated through grants to a range of community and outreach projects across NSW and ACT Uniting Church congregations.

You can help by setting aside used stamps from your mail. Please keep about 1cm of paper around the stamp. Leave the stamps at the church office, or pass them to Brooke.

For more information see: <u>https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/get-involved/the-stamp-committee/</u>

### 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. Please use the RSVP sign-up sheet in the church foyer to help us estimate numbers. **When:** 9am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> April & Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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. Please use the RSVP sign-up sheet in the church foyer to help us estimate numbers. **When:** 9am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

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

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# Easter Worship at Gungahlin Uniting

### Palm Sunday 9.30am- Sunday 13th April

The Sunday before Easter when we recall Jesus entering Jerusalem for the last time

### Maundy Thursday 7pm- 17th April

A time of reflection as we recall the last meal of Jesus with his followers

### Good Friday 9.30am- 18th April

A service for all ages as we recall the events of the death of Jesus Christ

### Easter Sunday 9.30am- 20th April

A gathering of community for celebration at the life Christ gives to us and to the world

### 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, speak with the people who greeted you at the door, or see Alison in the office (office@gungahlinuniting.org).

ROSTER	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday
	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	30 <sup>th</sup> March	6 <sup>th</sup> April	13 <sup>th</sup> April	20 <sup>th</sup> April- Easter
Greeters		Jenelle Martin,	Yoon Hee Park &	Yoon Hee Park &	Yoon Hee Park &
	Esther & Sophia	Esther & Sophia	Josephine Deo	Josephine Deo	Josephine Deo
English Bible	Bec Hobson	Reeba Nasim	Benjamin Ram	Sally Marchant	Cate Wilkinson
Reader					
Language Bible	Cindy Han	Carina Moeller	Fatin Magades	Sumira Sheraz	David Yang
Reader					
Prayers for	Tanya Johnson	Alistair Buchanan	Brooke Kilah	Patsy Coleman	Cate Wilkinson
Others					
Leader	Rev Hugh Park				
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park				
All-Age Message		Renee Buchanan	Jenelle Martin	Jacqui Frasersmith	Reeba Nasim
Flowers	Margaret Reeson	Shirley Holm	Shirley Williams	Patsy Coleman	Eric Holm
Sound	Rob Shelton	Chris Martin	Alistair Buchanan	Craig McShane	Rob Shelton
Computer	Mark Phythian	Elijah King	Bruce Warren	Vanessa Yule	Mark Phythian
Morning Tea	Vanessa Yule &	Billabong	June, Alexandra &	Lily Ting &	Cass Nokham &
	Jean Terbeth		Rose Faulkner	Suzy Shelton	Carina Moeller
Communion			Jenelle Martin		
Preparation					
BBQ				Mark Phythian &	
				Alistair Buchanan	
Pianist	Yoo-Mi Kim	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Margaret Reeson
Musicians	Prince, Chung	Mark, Adnan,	Prince, Adnan,	Mark, John,	Prince, Adnan,
		Chung, Yoo-Mi	Chung, Yoo-Mi	Adnan, Chung	Chung
Singers	Cate & Rose	Jessica, Renee	Brooke, Renee	Jessica, Cate	Renee
Music Practice				<b>,</b> ,	
Oasis Leader	Liz Warren	Liz Warren	Liz Warren		
Billabong		Elizabeth Phythian	Elizabeth Phythian		
Leader		& Shirley Holm	& Lynne Butson		

### Please note- As of April Communion will now be on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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

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