



15th March 2020

Gungahlin Uniting Church and Community Centre

Socially & environmentally just. Welcoming of the stranger.
Inclusive of all people. Sharing the faith journey together.
Informal & 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, stories, genders, gender identities, ability and viewpoints as we experience life and God together as part of our Christian faith.

We are a community of people who don't pretend to know all the answers, instead we seek to follow the way of Christ together, in our own lives and throughout the world. You are welcome here in this place and welcome to participate in the life of this community.



welcome

Sunday March 15

9:30am All Age Worship
Lead by Darren Wright

Bible Readings:

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Sunday March 22

9:30am All Age Worship
Lead by

Bible Readings:

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Please contact us...

Phone: 6242 5001
Web: www.gungahlinuniting.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/GungahlinUniting/

Darren Wright is our Minister, his day off is Friday

Alison Tweedie is our Church Life Worker

email: minister@gungahlinuniting.org

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Some ways to connect at GUC

Oasis

For children in Primary School
A part of Sunday morning worship
Sundays 9.30am
Contact Ngaire: 6241 3478

Billabong

For Youth- High School age
Meets 1st Sunday of the month
Breakfast- 9:30am
Meets socially during the year
Contact Darren: 6242 5001

Playgroup

For young children & parents/carers.
Wednesdays 10am-12pm
At Gungahlin Uniting Church
Contact Cassandra: 0438 423 688

Boys' Brigade

For boys Primary/High School age.
Wednesdays 6.30pm
At Gungahlin Uniting Church
Contact Bruce: 6242 9282

Girls' Brigade

For girls Kindergarten- Year 12.
Wednesdays 6.30pm
At Gungahlin Salvation Army
Contact Liz: 6242 9282

Novel Views Book Club

Read a book, watch a film about a book, discuss
with friends whilst enjoying drinks and food
Meets every 6 weeks
Contact Ngaire: 6241 3478

Pub Dinner Group

Relaxed conversation and meal
Wednesdays fortnightly 7pm
'The District', Crace
Contact Matt: 0402 483 782

Spice Kids

Meal gathering for adults, an opportunity for
conversation and friendship.
5th Sunday of the month after worship
Contact Jean: 0428 517 595

Community Meal

Shared meal & celebration
Meets 1st Saturday of the month- 6pm
At Gungahlin Uniting Church
Contact: 6242 5001

Yarnsters - Coffee, Chat & Craft

Knitters, sewers, crafters & creatives
Every Monday at 7pm
Contact Susan: 6170 2250

Tea & Talk (TnT)

Meets 2nd Friday of the month-10.30am
All ages welcome.
Contact Shirley: 0418 612 656

Our church in prayer

Inviting you to think about our community, the wider church and the world.

We pray for the North Belconnen congregation as they continue to discern their future and pray as they seek a new minister.

We pray for the world, for all the lives that have been touched by COVID-19. We pray for healing. We pray for those working on a cure and vaccinations. We pray for our leaders that they are wise and empathetic. We pray for our communities, that we can care for each other in this time.

We continue to hold in our prayers the people and communities still recovering from bushfires, that their story and plight are not forgotten by our leaders and our community.

Lent 2020

Lenten Studies

Monday Mornings (March 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6) 10am to 11:30am

This study will be working through Rowan Williams' book "Being Disciples."

Lenten Reflections

Rose-Mary Faulkner is creating a visual panorama of figures for each Sunday through Lent ending on Easter Sunday. Each figure/s will connect with the relevant study in GUC Lenten Reflections: *Journeying to the Cross and Beyond*. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Reflections available in the foyer and follow the visual Lenten journey being created.

Mary & Martha: The Death of Lazarus

Mary of Bethany: The Anointing of Jesus

TODAY: A Money changer: The Cleansing of the Temple

Sunday 22/3: *Sophia- an Observer: The Passover Meal*

Sunday 29/3: *An Observer: The Garden of Gethsemane*

Sunday 5/4: *Rachel- a Follower: The Trial & Crucifixion of Jesus*

Easter Sunday: *Mary Magdalene: Death & Resurrection of Jesus.*

Lenten Practices

There are many ways of reflecting and preparing our hearts during the period of Lent. Some of us choose to give up something, or donate to something, or live more simply. Some will spend time in reading and thinking about our faith.

One option is to use the material provided by Lent Event, an activity of Uniting World. This year their focus is on Ambon in Indonesia, with programs to build peace between Christians and Muslims in that region, and to beat poverty.

If this interests you, go to www.lentevent.com for videos, reflections and a way to offer a gift.

You can also talk to Margaret Reeson about this, at margaretreeson@bigpond.com.

Easter Worship Times

- Maundy Thursday
April 9. 7pm at GUC
- Good Friday
April 10. 9:30am at GUC
- Easter Sunday
April 12. 9:30am at GUC

Palm Sunday Singing Group

The singing group will be singing a song on Palm Sunday (5 April).

The group meets today for a rehearsal doing the morning tea break - all welcome.

Draft Policy Consultation

The Church Council have written five policies that are now available for consultation. If you have a passion or interest in policy creation please make time to read and comment. The policies are now on our website for viewing, http://www.gungahlinuniting.org/?page_id=4911

Comments can be emailed to secretary@gungahlinuniting.org or made directly to Matt, Narelle, Bruce or Darren.

Policy areas:

- fire evacuation
- information management
- WHS, safety and protection
- volunteer

Oasis

At a recent gathering with some families from GUC we raised the issue that we were not able to, nor did we want to continue coordinating Oasis in the way we have for the last year. We have been short of volunteers and people with the passion for the ministry it provides.

For the time being we discussed that we would run Oasis on 1st and 3rd Sundays, and that during 2020 we will focus on practices of faith. On the 1st Sundays we will run a program exploring different christian practices (prayer, fasting, communion...) and on 3rd Sundays we would run a kids church space in the multi-purpose room with scripture, story, song and practices.

1st Sunday - Oasis, a focus on christian practices, initially spending some weeks on prayer (thank you, help, sorry, awe and wonder (praise))

2nd Sunday - All Age Worship & Communion

3rd Sunday - Oasis will meet for a kids church with Darren and Oasis Coordinator, we will provide a space for song, prayer, story and open response time where children can engage with a theme in a way that is natural to them.

4th Sunday - All Age Worship (would it be possible to run a creche on the fourth Sunday for young people too young for Oasis)

5th Sunday - All Age Worship

Medical & Emergency Information

We are in the process of moving our medical and emergency information for young people under 18 at GUC to the same system the Boys and Girls Brigades currently use.

CareMonkey (<https://www.caremonkey.com>) is an online system to assist groups in looking after the young people in their care. It will allow us to have access to medical information and seek permission and consent for other events that we may hold as a part of our ministry with young people.

You will be notified in the coming week as to how to fill in your own report, if you have any questions re Care Monkey please chat to Darren, Kat or Bruce.

How to give to the Life & Ministry of Gungahlin Uniting Church

People can donate to the life, work, ministry and mission of GUCC through our weekly offering, or by 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

	15 th March	22 nd March	29 th March	5 th April
Worship Leader	Darren Wright	Darren Wright	Darren Wright	Alison McKenzie
Message	Alistair Buchanan	Darren Wright	Darren Wright	Darren Wright
Greeters	Jenelle Martin & Pauline Loughhead	Jenelle Martin & Pauline Loughhead	Jenelle Martin & Pauline Loughhead	Pauline Loughhead & Alison McKenzie
Bible Reader	Alison McKenzie	Elizabeth Phythian	Jack Barnard	Ranjini Rebera
Prayers for Others	Ron Reeson	Caroline Wallace	Margaret Reeson	Pauline Loughhead
Morning Tea	Heather Lamb & Bronwen Cobcroft	Mark & Elizabeth Phythian	Caroline Wallace & Holly Wright	Jean Terbeth & ?
Flowers	Brooke Kilah	Pauline Loughhead	Margaret Reeson	Ranjini Rebera
Offering Counting & Recording	Eric Holm & Tam Doan	Rosemary Sweet & Mark Phythian	Pauline Loughhead & Rachael Hogan	Eric Holm & Peter Kidd
Sound	Chris Martin	Rob Shelton	Bruce Warren	Chris Martin
Computer	Bruce Warren	Chris Martin	Rob Shelton	Rob Shelton
Oasis Leader	Darren & Ngaire	---	---	Ngaire Hosking

Communion Bread	---	---	---	---
BBQ	---	---	---	---