



Sunday 1st 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 1st December

9:30am All Age Worship-Advent 1
Lead by Oasis & Billabong

Bible Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

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

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
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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.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network (DRCN) & Australian Emergency Services. The DRCN is an ecumenical network of chaplains. We pray for communities that are most vulnerable to natural disasters- flood, fire or drought. We pray for resilience in the community, for unity when disaster strikes. We pray for Disaster Recovery Chaplains who are sent to care for those who need to evacuate, emergency services teams, and others impacted by disasters. May our congregations be places of safety and understanding for such people this summer.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Myanmar, Thailand. We give thanks for the beauty of these countries and their people and the faithful witness of churches, which have advocated with others for greater justice. We pray for those victimized by sex tourism and exploitation, and those who perpetuate such acts; for political stability and progress toward democratic rule; and for economic justice for all people, and environmental protection, as these countries undergo development.

Church Council Update

Church Council met on Monday 18 November 2024. For noting:

- Hugh has been continuing his pastoral care visits.
- Hugh will take some annual leave in January (dates to be confirmed).
- Giving from July to September was \$25, 022, which is \$4000 less than budgeted. It was also \$1,500 less compared to the same period last year.
- Feedback from the recent fire drill has been compiled and incorporated into GUC's fire drill procedure.

The next Church Council meeting will be on Monday 9 December, where newcomers to Church Council will be welcomed and 2025 Office Bearers will be elected.

Last Tea & Talk (T&T) for 2024

Join us for our last T&T gathering for the year: **10.30am on Friday 6th December**, as usual at Gungahlin Lakes Club Coffee Shop. To get into the Christmas spirit, wear (or bring) a touch of Christmas (t-shirts, earrings, hats, tinsel, Santa suit). Everyone is welcome. See Elizabeth if you require more information.

Vegie Garden Get Together

Our next and final gathering for the year will be **Saturday 7th December, from 9am**. Everyone is welcome to come along and help with the vegie garden. Please contact Mark Phythian if you would like more information.

Advent & Christmas at Gungahlin Uniting Church:

- **1 December:** Oasis and Billabong will lead service
- **8 December, 15 December, 22 December:** morning service as usual at 9.30 am led by Rev Hugh Park.
- **8 December: Singalong and Snags, 5.30-7.30pm.** Leader: 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.

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.



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.

Giving to Others at Christmas



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

December	25th December Christmas Day
Greeters	Heather Lamb & Yoonhee Park
English Bible Reader	Elizabeth Phythian
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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