



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

9:30am All Age Worship- Advent 4  
Lead by Rev Hugh Park

### Bible Readings

Micah 5:2-5  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

## 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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

## Advent & Christmas at Gungahlin Uniting Church

- **Sunday 15 December & 22 December:** morning service- 9.30 am led by Rev Hugh Park.
- **Sunday 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.

## Blue Christmas

Wednesday evening 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

| <b>Roster</b>         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> December | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> December | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>29 <sup>th</sup> December | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday<br>5 <sup>th</sup> January | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> January |
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| Greeters              | Natalie Yule & Carina Moeller                       | Heather Lamb & Carina Moeller                       | Heather Lamb & Carina Moeller                       | Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian                 | Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian                  |
| English Bible Reader  | Reeba Nasim   | Natalie Yule  | Kanthy Fernando                                     | Alistair Buchanan                                 | Narelle Dodd                                       |
| Language Bible Reader | Fatin Magades                                       | Alicia Zhou   | Haekyeung Kim                                       | Shirley Williams                                  | Sung Sim Lee                                       |
| Prayers for Others    | Yoonhee Park  | Patsy Coleman                                       | Prince Jyubeh                                       | Alistair Buchanan                                 | Brooke Kilah                                       |
| Leader                | Rev Hugh Park                                       | Rev Hugh Park                                       | Rev Hugh Park                                       | Rev Hugh Park                                     | Chris Dodd   |
| Preacher              | Rev Hugh Park                                       | Rev Hugh Park                                       | Rev Hugh Park                                       | Rev Hugh Park                                     | Chris Dodd   |
| All-Age Message       | Oasis/Billabong                                     | Cass Nokham   | Jessica Marchant                                    | Liz Warren  | Chris Dodd   |
| Flowers               | Shirley Williams                                    | Kanthy Fernando                                     | Shirley Holm  | Shirley Williams                                  | Patsy Coleman                                      |
| Sound                 | Rob Shelton   | Alistair Buchanan                                   | Chris Martin  | Alistair Buchanan                                 | Elijah King  |
| Computer              | Mark Phythian                                       | Chris Martin  | Elijah King   | Bruce Warren                                      | Chris Martin                                       |
| Morning Tea           | Billabong   | Vanessa Yule & ?                                    | Alexandra & June Faulkner                           | Josephine Deo & Lily Ting                         | Eric & Shirley Holm                                |
| Communion Preparation |   |   |   |   | Shirley Williams & Tamara F-McShane                |
| BBQ                   |   |   |   |   | Mark Butson & Alistair Buchanan                    |
| Pianist               | Margaret Reeson                                     | Yoo-Mi Kim  | Yoo-Mi Kim  | Alison McKenzie                                   | Alison McKenzie                                    |
| Musicians             | Mark John Adnan Chung                               | Prince Adnan Chung                                  | Mark Adnan Chung                                    | Prince John Adnan Chung                           | Mark John Adnan Chung                              |
| Singers               | Cate & Renee  | Jessica   | Cate & Renee  | Jessica & Brooke                                  | Cate & Renee                                       |
| Music Practice        |   | ♪♪  |   |   | ♪♪   |
| Oasis Leader          | Jenelle Martin                                      |   |   |   |  |
| Billabong Leader      | Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson                   |   |   |   |  |

| <b>December</b>       | 25 <sup>th</sup> December<br>Christmas Day |
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| Greeters              | Heather Lamb & Yoonhee Park                |
| English Bible Reader  | Shirley Williams                           |
| Language Bible Reader | Carina Moeller                             |
| Prayers for Others    | Jacqui Frasersmith                         |
| 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               | ?  |

## Personal Belongings

We have noticed that many people leave their hand-bags and other bags on their seats and wander away. Please make sure you keep your personal belongings with you during transition times and morning tea.

## 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><br><p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>I/we would like a name tag</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>I/we would like to be added to the church news email list</b></p> |
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