



Sunday 27th November
2022

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 27th November

9:30am All Age Worship- Advent 1

Lead by Alison McKenzie & Bruce Stevens

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:26-44

Sunday 4th December

9:30am All Age Worship- Advent 2

Lead by Lynne Butson & Andrew Johnson

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

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

Alison Tweedie is our Church Life Worker

Bruce Stevens is our Supply Minister

Bronwyn Asquith & Jenelle Martin are our
Co-Chair people

Jenelle Martin is our Volunteer Contact

Narelle Dodd is our Safe Church Contact

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email: chairperson@gungahlinuniting.org

email: volunteers@gungahlinuniting.org

email: safechurch@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: 6242 9282

Girls' Brigade

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

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

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

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 a member of the Pastoral Care Team

- Shirley Williams 0418 612 656
 - Elizabeth Phythian 0408 624 163
 - Jenelle Martin 0421 997 173
- 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; or
- ✚ Fill out a 'Care Request Card' and place it in the box labelled 'Care Requests'; or
- ✚ Call the GUC office on 6242 5001 (leave a message if necessary)
- ✚ Email the church office office@gungahlinuniting.org; or
- ✚ Contact a member of the Pastoral Care Team
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Our Church at Prayer...

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

- This week we pray for the children and families who are involved in our church and for the leaders of Playgroup, Oasis, Billabong, Boys and Girls Brigades. We give thanks for their part and the encouragement they bring.
- This week we join with the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Crookwell Parish. We pray for the joint Advent activities with GRACE and Goulburn; for the ongoing work on the childcare project; and for those in our community feeling isolated.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore. We give thanks for Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and evangelical churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized; and for economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many. We pray for more just, participatory and democratic rule; for locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources; and for the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries.

Snakes

Remember, although our church is in the town centre, it is also in the paddock! The grass has just been cut this week, but please be aware that our location is ideal for snakes. Adults, please all take responsibility to check the playground before children go out to play. There have been two sightings this week out near the food garden and behind the food pantry.

GUC Values Statement

A draft *Values Statement and Behavioural Covenant for GUC* have been developed to reflect who GUC is and what people can expect of each other based on Biblical principles. These will be on display in the foyer, on the website and paper copies will be available in the foyer.

Input and comments are welcomed from the congregation, with the documents to be discussed and finalised at the December Church Council meeting (5/12/22).

Final copies of these documents, along with our *Safe Church Statement*, will be displayed in the foyer and on the website. They will also be an important addition to our Mission Statement and Church Profile.

Women & Girl's Breakfast – NEXT Saturday 3 December, 8.30am for 9am

Come join us for breakfast at Siren Bar & Restaurant (Corner of Anthony Rolfe Ave and Gozzard Street, Gungahlin). A great opportunity to catch up with other GUC women and girls over a leisurely breakfast. Add your name to list in the foyer to give us an idea of numbers – however you are also welcome to just turn up on the day. For further information talk to Elizabeth Phythian.

Men's and Boy's Breakfast – Saturday 10 December, 8.30am for 9am

Come join us for breakfast at Siren Bar & Restaurant (Corner of Anthony Rolfe Ave and Gozzard Street, Gungahlin). A great opportunity to catch up with other GUC men and boys over a leisurely breakfast. Add your name to list in the foyer to give us an idea of numbers – however you are also welcome to just turn up on the day. See Mark Phythian for further information.

December Tea and Talk (T&T)

Our next T&T catch-up (an opportunity for catching up with other GUC community members over a cuppa) is Friday 2 December at 10.30am. As usual, it will be held at the Gungahlin Lakes Club Coffee Shop. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I have an idea of approximate numbers and who to keep an eye out for, by contacting me (Elizabeth) or adding your name to the T&T sheet which can be found in the foyer on Sunday morning. Let me know if you are not a member of the Gungahlin Lakes Club and I can sign you in. Of course, if you are feeling unwell on the day (as all the COVIDSafe promotions say), please follow the guidelines and stay home, and we'll hope that you feel better soon.

Vegie Garden Get Together

The monthly gathering for those interested in the Vegie Garden will be happening on Saturday 3rd December. Everyone is welcome to come along and help with the vegie garden from 9am. If it is raining on the day, we will cancel. Thank you to all those who have been helping with the planting, weeding and watering. Please contact Mark Phythian if you have any queries - 0403 004 987.

Young Adults Dinner

Carrie will be hosting a monthly gathering for young adults, for those who have moved past Billabong age, to have a meal and spend time together.

The first one will be on Saturday 3rd December at 7pm.

Text Carrie on 0404 996 320 to RSVP or for more information.

Rosters	4 th Sunday 27 th November	1 st Sunday 4 th December	2 nd Sunday 11 th December	3 rd Sunday 18 th December	4 th Sunday 25 th December
Greeters	Josephine Deo & Alison Tweedie	Carina Moeller & Alison Tweedie	Carina Moeller & Elizabeth Phythian	Sue Lloyd	
English Bible Reader	Sue Lloyd	Patsy Coleman	Narelle Dodd	Alison McKenzie	Kanthi Fernando
Language Bible Reader	Sumira Sheraz	Johno/Ellie Jun	Shirley Williams	Fatin Magades	Carina Moeller
Prayers for Others	Margaret Reeson	Ian Bartholomew	Chris Dodd	Brooke Kilah	Rose-Mary Faulkner
Leader	Alison McKenzie	Lynne Butson	Chris Dodd	Brooke Kilah	
Preacher	Bruce Stevens	Andrew Johnson	Bruce Stevens	Bruce Warren	Bruce Stevens
Flowers	Shirley Williams	Kanthi Fernando	Margaret Reeson	Patsy Coleman	Eric Holm
Sound	Tom Martin	Bruce Warren	Rob Shelton	Chris Martin	Chris Martin
Computer	Chris Martin	Tom Martin	Bruce Warren	Tom Martin	Tom Martin
Morning Tea	---	Patsy Coleman & Jean Terbeth	---	Mark & Lynne Butson	---
Communion Preparation	---	---	Jenelle Martin	---	---
Musician/Pianist	Yoo-Mi Kim				
Oasis Leader	---	---	---	School Holidays	School Holidays
Billabong		Elizabeth Phythian & Sue Lloyd		School Holidays	School Holidays

Advent & Christmas Worship at Gungahlin Uniting

The season of Advent and Christmas begins on Sunday 27th November.

You are invited to join us at Gungahlin Uniting Church as we celebrate the coming of Christ into our world.

Advent Reflections- A series of brief daily reflections is available, both online and a print version, for use during Advent. These Reflections were written by our dear friend, the late Ranjini Rebera, originally for Advent 2015.

Advent 1: Sunday 27th November

9.30am Morning Worship. Leader Alison McKenzie. Preacher Bruce Stevens

Advent 2: Sunday 4th December

9.30am Morning Worship. Leader Lynne Butson. Preacher Andrew Johnson

Everything in Common Stall

An opportunity to buy gifts and cards that support ministries and development in Asia and the Pacific through Uniting World. https://everythingincommon.com.au/?gclid=CjwKCAiA68ebBhB-Ei-wALVC-NmMn4IRgB6yLwTd4pv3gZ0m9jUN_aQWZurH-1jNkBx-pFgoTDxixKRoCtglQAvD_BwE

If you need any cards or gift cards before 4th December, speak to Margaret Reeson-0404 148 201

Advent 3: Sunday 11th December

9.30am Morning Worship. Holy Communion. Led by Chris Dodd. Preacher Bruce Stevens.

Singing Group led by Jessica Marchant. Tell Jess if you would like to sing with the group and to find out about rehearsals. Jess: 0418 266 851

Everything in Common stall, available again.

5.30pm Christmas Singalong and Snags

A wholesome festive sausage-in-bread early dinner and singing our favourite Christmas songs. Please dress up in Christmas bling! Led by Jessica Marchant. Sign-up sheet in the foyer to help with catering planning.

Advent 4: Sunday 18th December

9.30am Morning Worship. Led by Brooke Kilah. Preacher Bruce Warren

6.00pm Blue Christmas service. This is a quiet time of reflection for those who are finding Christmas difficult. Led by Margaret Reeson

Christmas Eve service- Saturday 24th December -8.30pm Led by Chris Dodd

Christmas Day service- Sunday 25th December -9.30am Led by Bruce Stevens