



Sunday 11th & 18th December
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 11th December

9:30am All Age Worship- Advent 3

Lead by Chris Dodd & Bruce Stevens

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10 & Luke 1:46-55

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday 18th December

9:30am All Age Worship- Advent 4

Lead by Brooke Kilah & Bruce Warren

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-25

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

email: office@gungahlinuniting.org

email: bstevens@csu.edu.au

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

Please Note:

Alison, our Church Life Worker, will not be in the office from 10th December until 21st December and will not be available to respond to emails or other enquiries during this time.

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 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 with the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Eurobodalla Uniting Church (Bateman's Bay & Moruya). We pray for those suffering from the accommodation shortage, particularly those for whom this means experiencing homelessness; and for safety for all who travel in the Christmas season, especially for those coming to visit the South Coast.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

Snakes

Remember, although our church is in the town centre, it is also in the paddock! The grass has been cut, 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 sightings this week near the food garden and behind the food pantry.

Church Council December Update

- Church Council (CC) met on Monday 5 December
 - Meeting schedule: In 2023 CC will meet every 2nd Monday of the month, except in January.
 - Who is who: CC welcomed its new members (Carina Moeller, Prince Jyubeh, Jessica Marchant and Clive Walmsley) and re-elected the following:
 - Chairperson: Jenelle Martin
 - Secretary: Bruce Warren
 - Treasurer: John McKenzie
- CC thanked Bronwyn Asquith for her role as Co-Chair during 2022
- GUC Budget: CC noted that we are tracking well this year with our giving against our budget. As we look to calling a full-time minister, we believe our income will need to increase to continue to run our programs and meet our obligations as a church community. Thank you to all members who contribute to the work of the church in many ways, not just financially. In 2023 CC, in consultation with the congregation, will look at our finances, discuss possible implications, and continue to explore ways of meeting our future income targets
 - *Values Statement, Safe Church and Behavioural Covenant for GUC*: CC approved these documents, which reflect who we are as a Christian community and what people can expect of each other based on Biblical principles. Thank you to everyone who commented on the drafts. The statements are displayed in the foyer and on our website
 - **Church Profile**: The GUC Church Profile (which is basically a recruitment document to attract potential candidates to fill the position of Minister of the Word) is almost complete – with thanks Lynne Butson and Elizabeth Phythian for their work on this! We are aiming to have the Profile submitted to Presbytery before Christmas
 - **Young Adult's Dinner and Fellowship Group**: we noted (in fact, we are delighted with) the establishment of this group and thank Carrie Warren for volunteering as the coordinator

Christmas Bowl Giving

For a number of years we, the people of Gungahlin Uniting Church have been giving to the Christmas Bowl. The Christmas Bowl is organised by *Act for Peace* which is the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches. *Act for Peace* has three goals to create a world where people uprooted by conflict and disaster can have a safe place to belong.

These goals are:

- *Safety in Exile* – where displaced people have access to all they need such as food, water, shelter, medicine, and psychological and emotional support
- *A Place to Belong* – where uprooted people can find a permanent and safe home
- *Reduced Displacement* – where fewer people are forced to flee from war and natural disasters by providing community led drought resistant farming methods and cyclone preparedness and encouraging governments to take meaningful action to reduce conflict and climate driven displacement

You can give to the Christmas Bowl by:

- Using the Christmas Bowl envelope – these are available on the table in the foyer and you can use them to donate by cheque or credit card
- If you want to donate with cash please put your envelope in the bowl on the front table or in the offering bag. Please do not mail cash donations
- Going directly to the Gungahlin Uniting unique donation page at mycb.link/127276 and donating online
- Use the QR code on the poster stuck to the front glass door to access the Gungahlin Uniting unique donation page
- Calling 1800 025 101 or go to actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

Please prayerfully consider supporting this worthy endeavour.

Please see Chris Dodd if you have any questions

Rosters

	2 nd Sunday 11 th December	3 rd Sunday 18 th December	4 th Sunday 25 th December	1 st Sunday 1 st January	2 nd Sunday 8 th January
Greeters	Carina Moeller & Elizabeth Phythian	Jenelle Martin & Heather Lamb	Jenelle Martin & Heather Lamb		
English Bible Reader	Narelle Dodd	Alison McKenzie	Kanthi Fernando	Steve Sweet	Lily Ting
Language Bible Reader	Shirley Williams	Fatin Magades	Carina Moeller	Riyadh Baliha	Kanthi Fernando
Prayers for Others	Chris Dodd	Brooke Kilah	Rose-Mary Faulkner	Margaret Reeson	Prince Jyubeh
Leader	Chris Dodd	Brooke Kilah	Bruce Stevens	Margaret Reeson	Bruce Stevens
Preacher	Bruce Stevens	Bruce Warren	Bruce Stevens	Margaret Reeson	Bruce Stevens
Flowers	Margaret Reeson	Patsy Coleman	Eric Holm	Eric Holm	Kanthi Fernando
Sound	Rob Shelton	Chris Martin	Chris Martin		
Computer	Bruce Warren	Tom Martin	Tom Martin		Rob Shelton
Morning Tea	---	Mark & Lynne Butson	---	---	---
Communion Preparation	Jenelle Martin	---	---	---	Shirley Williams & Alison Tweedie
Musician/Pianist	Andrew Johnson	Alison McKenzie	Margaret Reeson	Margaret Reeson	Yoo-Mi Kim
Oasis Leader	---	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Billabong	---	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays

Advent & Christmas Worship at Gungahlin Uniting

The season of Advent and Christmas began 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 3: Sunday 11th December

- 9.30am Morning Worship. Holy Communion. Led by Chris Dodd. Preacher Bruce Stevens.
- *Everything in Common* stall
- **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

