



Sunday 4th 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 4th December

9:30am All Age Worship- Advent 2

Lead by Lynne Butson & Andrew Johnson

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

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 Eden UC. We pray for relationships developing in the Eden community, that opportunities arising for partnership and mission will flourish. We give thanks for those who receive care and community in this congregation.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Myanmar & Thailand. We give thanks for those who long have struggled that these countries might become more democratic. We pray for minority ethnic and religious groups who continue to experience discrimination, persecution or even genocide (such as the Rohingyas), and for greater interfaith understanding and tolerance for ethnic and religious diversity; 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 as these countries undergo development.

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.

Men's and Boy's Breakfast – NEXT 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.

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