



Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
2023

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> September

9:30am All Age Worship

Lead by Rose-Mary Faulkner-Schwartz &  
Margaret Reeson

### Bible Readings:

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

9:30am All Age Worship

Lead by Bruce Stevens

### Bible Readings:

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6,37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

## 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  
Jenelle Martin is our Church Council Chair  
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Narelle Dodd is our Safe Church 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 6242 9282

### Girls' Brigade

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

### 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: Matt Grudnoff via  
[office@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto:office@gungahlinuniting.org)

### 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.

## 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 JNC as they consider and interview potential ministers for GUC. Please pray for those potential ministers who are considering a call to Gungahlin Uniting as they work through what it might mean to leave family, friends and work in their hometown to move to Canberra.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for NSW & ACT Synod Meeting. We pray for the representatives of Canberra Region Presbytery and the representatives from other presbyteries throughout NSW & ACT who are attending this council of the Uniting Church. We pray for safe travel, deep discernment, adequate rest, and a clear sense of God at work. We pray for the organising team, the Moderator, General Secretary, Synod Standing Committee, KCC staff and everybody else involved in preparing and running the meeting. We pray for the 'Transforming Spirit' to guide the decisions and conversations of the council. May we be a church who listens to what God has to say in our time. May we have the courage and wisdom to change as we celebrate the work God has done and is doing in our communities and our lives.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Ghana, Nigeria. We are thankful for Christians and Muslims who take risks to work for dialogue and reconciliation, and people of disparate ethnic groups who strive together for the common good. We pray for those affected by violence and terrorism, and that such violent attacks might cease; for leaders of churches, that they might speak out courageously against political, social and economic injustices; and for better stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

## Psychology and Spirituality

In his next few sermons Bruce will draw on his experience as a clinical psychologist to explore current interventions in psychological treatment and how they apply to spiritual growth.

The following topics are planned:

- Radical acceptance
- Thought diffusion
- Mindfulness
- Exposure
- Psychology change process
- Journalling
- Value clarification and committed living
- Choice Points

Such topics may be of interest to friends or family who would not usually attend worship services but would be interested in psychological growth.

## Insights Magazine

The latest issue of *Insights* Magazine is available in the foyer, please pick up a free copy. *Insights* is published by the Synod of the Uniting Church NSW/ACT and shares news, reports, articles from the wider Uniting Church Congregations, Presbyteries and Synod.

## Volunteering in 2024- Volunteer Forms

From today, forms for **Volunteering at GUC in 2024** are available in the foyer.

The volunteer form allows everyone to consider how you would like to be involved in the life of the congregation. Pretty much every job in our congregation is listed, from leading worship, Bible reading, preparing morning tea, etc. Please take a form and read through it to consider how you can use your gifts to support your church. This form can be returned in the big pink box in the foyer area.

## Church Council Nomination Forms

Nomination forms are available as we prayerfully consider who we would like to be on Church Council in 2024. Our Church Council meets monthly and has oversight of the congregation, seeking to encourage it in faith and love. This form can be returned to the big pink box in the foyer area, alternatively an online version of this form is also available and can be accessed via the following link. <https://forms.office.com/r/L2nSfWEh5i>

Please submit nominations by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way to bless children in need around the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and other fun gifts. These boxes are then sent to children in over 100 countries in the Name of Jesus Christ.

After receiving a shoebox gift, many children have the opportunity to enrol in The Greatest Journey – a bible study course that guides children through what it means to faithfully follow Jesus Christ.

Billabong will be coordinating the collation and collection of Operation Christmas Child boxes this year on behalf of Gungahlin Uniting Church. If you would like to participate, you can do so in the following ways:

- \* fill an Operation Christmas Child box (available in the foyer) with suitable items. If you forget to get a box, you can fill an A4 sized shoebox instead;
- \* provide individual items that we can include in boxes. Billabong will then put together boxes with these items;
- \* donate \$12.50 cash in an envelope. This will help cover the costs associated with the collection, processing and shipping of each of the boxes.

For information on how to pack a box, and what are considered to be suitable items to include in a box, please see: <https://occ.samaritanspurse.org.au> (It's also important to note what NOT to include). Individual gift items and donated cash can be left in the box in the foyer, and filled boxes can be left next to it. Please bring your donations to church by **Sunday 22 October**. Please see Sue Lloyd if you have any questions.



## Church Council September Update

Church Council met on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and:

- Noted that Jenelle and members of the Gungahlin Uniting Mission group intended to attend a Zoom meeting on 13/9/23 for a presentation on how city churches are using their property to build relationships with people in their local community.
- Requested that the congregation continues to pray for discernment for the JNC.
- In support of ACT2, prayed for the national identity of the Uniting Church and what it represents.
- Received a letter regarding the Uniting Church Child Protection Processes and Requirements. Sent during National Child Protection Week, the letter urged all churches to consider our child protection processes and requirements. In doing so, Church Council noted that GUC is complying with these processes and requirements and extended their thanks to all relevant congregation members for their diligence in attending Safe Church Training and providing up to date records of their WWVP checks/cards. Audits of church can occur, and failure to comply can result in fines.
- Approved the purchase of fluoro vests and safety hats for use in emergency evacuation procedures.
- Noted that John and Alison McKenzie are attending the Kippax Safe Church Training on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and can offer a lift to a couple of others registered to attend. Please see John or Alison if you require transport.
- Approved a modification to GUC's Behavioural Covenant. The 3<sup>rd</sup> dot point will be modified from "we are accountable for our own conduct, and where necessary, do our best to resolve conflict early." to "we are accountable for our own conduct, and where necessary, do our best to address conflict in a timely manner."
- Agreed to the display of a banner in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. The "Voice, Treaty, Truth" banner will be hung in the leadup to the referendum on the 14<sup>th</sup> October.
- Noted that John McKenzie will not be continuing as Church Council Treasurer after the end of his term (end 2023). The Church Council encourages anyone with finance skills/interests to consider nominating for Treasurer and requests that the congregation commits this vacancy (and indeed all positions on the Church Council) to prayer as we call a new Council in 2024.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on Monday 9 October.

## Spring Clean of the GUC Gardens Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September



The grounds surrounding our church building are in need of a spring clean! We'll be holding a working bee to bring the gardens back under control and tidy up around the building: weeding, mowing, pruning, rubbish pick up, sweeping, etc. We'd love anyone who has time to come along to help out- many hands make light work. Morning tea will be on offer. Please bring your own gardening gloves and any gardening tools you think might come in handy. See Mark or Elizabeth Phythian if you have any questions.

Saturday 23 September 9.30am – 11.30ish (come along for as little or as much time as you have to spare). If the weather is too wet, we will postpone.

## Safe Church Training

Synod has now scheduled an additional safe church training session for **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** at Kippax Uniting, from 9.30am to 1.30pm. If you were unable to secure a place at an earlier session this is another option to complete the necessary training. Alternatively, you can complete training online, choosing one of the additional training providers approved by Synod. To find these, click on the below link and go to *Additional Training Providers*.

You can register at: [Safe Church Training – UCA](#)

<b>ROSTER</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
Greeters	Bec Hobson &	Bec Hobson &	Heather Lamb & Sue Lloyd	Heather Lamb & Sue Lloyd	Heather Lamb & Josephine Deo
English Bible Reader	Bruce Warren	Elizabeth Phythian	Alison McKenzie	Prince Jyubeh	?
Language Bible Reader	Carina Moeller	Kanthy Fernando	Sumira Sheraz	----	Shirley Williams
Prayers for Others	Rose-Mary Faulkner-Schwartz	Alistair Buchanan	Jemimah Hamilton	Patsy Coleman	Ian Bartholomew
Leader	Rose-Mary Faulkner-Schwartz	Bruce Stevens	Alistair Buchanan	Bruce Stevens	Ian Bartholomew
Preacher	Margaret Reeson	Bruce Stevens	Prince Jyubeh	Bruce Stevens	Ian Bartholomew
Flowers	Margaret Reeson	Kanthy Fernando	Patsy Coleman	Eric Holm	Margaret Reeson
Sound	Bruce Warren	Chris Martin		Rob Shelton	Chris Martin
Computer	Thomas Martin	Alistair Buchanan	Bruce Warren	Chris Martin	Thomas Martin
Morning Tea	Heather Lamb & Bronwyn Asquith	---	Jemimah Hamilton	---	Narelle Dodd & Carina Moeller
Communion Preparation	---	---	---	Shirley Williams & Jenelle Martin	---
Pianist	Yoo-Mi Kim	Andrew Johnson	Margaret Reeson	Margaret Reeson	Alison McKenzie
Musicians	Prince John Chung	Mark John Chung	Prince John Chung	Prince John Chung	Prince John Chung
Singers	Vanessa	Jessica, Rose	Vanessa	Vanessa & Rose	Jessica
Oasis Leader	Liz Warren	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays	
Billabong Leader	Elizabeth Phythian & Sue Lloyd	---	School Holidays	School Holidays	Elizabeth Phythian & Sue Lloyd