



Sunday 15th October
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 15th October

9:30am All Age Worship

Lead by Brooke Kilah & Margaret Reeson

Bible Readings:

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday 22nd October

9:30am All Age Worship

Lead by Alison McKenzie & Bruce Stevens

Bible Readings:

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

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

Bronwyn Asquith is our Volunteer Contact

Narelle Dodd is our Safe Church Contact

email: office@gungahlinuniting.org

email: bruce@ccfpsych.com.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
Contact: Matt Grudnoff via
office@gungahlinuniting.org

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

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

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
- Contact the Pastoral Care Team
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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

Our Church at Prayer...

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

- This week we pray for wisdom and vision as we think about those who have gifts for nomination to the next church council.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Weston Creek Uniting Church. Give thanks for the continued involvement of members in Ministry and Mission within and beyond the Church, especially those who have worked hard to provide worship resources and support for members of the congregation at this time. Pray for the Congregation and Church Council as they consider the future, following the retirement of current minister.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico. We are thankful for indigenous and other groups who have resisted injustice and human rights violations and for church leaders who have spoken out and acted on behalf of the poor and marginalized. We pray for stable, democratically elected governments committed to the peace and wellbeing of all; for improved economic life and trade policies so that people will not be exploited and can pursue livelihoods in these countries rather than migrating elsewhere for work.

Important Dates to Remember...

- Sunday 15th October– Nominations for Church Council close (midnight)
- Sunday 29th October – Nominated names for Church Council elections announced
- Sunday 5th November- Last day to submit *Volunteer Forms for 2024*
- Sunday 12th November – AGM following worship and election of new Church Council members for 2024

Church Council Nomination Forms

At the end of this year, Bronwyn Asquith, Lynne Butson, Jessica Marchant, Jenelle Martin, John McKenzie, Carina Moeller, Elizabeth Phythian and Bruce Warren all finish their current terms on Church Council, while Prince Jyubeh still has one year remaining on his.

All members of the congregation, including current serving Church Council members at the end of their service, are able to be nominated so long as they have been part of the congregation for 12 months. We ask you to prayerfully consider who you would like to see on Church Council in 2024. You can either fill in the form and return it to the big pink box in the foyer area, or you can complete an online version of this form using the following link. <https://forms.office.com/r/L2nSfWEh5i>. Or scan the QR Code below.

Nominations close Sunday 15th October- midnight.



Volunteering in 2024- Volunteer Forms

Forms for *Volunteering at GUC in 2024* are available in the foyer.

Remember that you are invited to consider how you would like to volunteer in your church.

Fill in your volunteer sheet and pop it into the pink box in the foyer.

Breakfast...

You are invited to attend breakfast with friends at Siren's Bar & Restaurant, corner Anthony Rolfe Avenue & Gozzard Street, Gungahlin.

Women's & Girls Breakfast- 9am Saturday 14th October

Men's & Boy's Breakfast – 9am Saturday 21st October

GUC Community Social Event

When: Saturday 11th November

Where: GUC

Time: 5pm

This is an opportunity for our community to come together for a relaxed time over a BBQ meal with some fun activities. Please add your name to the list in the foyer if you plan to attend (for catering purposes) or email elizabeth.phythian@gungahlinuniting.org

Church Council October Update

Church Council met on Monday 9 October and:

- Noted that the 'Square' is (encouragingly) being well used for weekly offerings.
- Completed the Act2 phase 2 survey.
- Noted the minutes from the Gungahlin Uniting Mission Group's recent meeting, where the group discussed how church property could be used to resource God's purposes, grow connections in the community and connect with those who rent our property. The group (Jenelle, Margaret, Josephine and Shirley) will continue considering/progressing ideas.
- Noted that Girls' Brigade is seeking a new leader to join the leadership team. Ideally, this person would be a GUC member. Please see Liz Warren if you would like further information or are interested.
- Would like to remind everyone that Church Council nominations close this Sunday (15/10/23) and encourage everyone to put nominations forward. Also, Volunteer Forms need to be returned by Sunday 5/11/23.

The next Church Council meeting will be held on Monday 13th November.

Safe Church Training

Synod has now scheduled an additional safe church training session for **Friday 17th 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](#)

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.

ROSTER

	3 rd Sunday 15 th October	4 th Sunday 22 nd October	5 th Sunday 29 th October
Greeters	Heather Lamb & Josephine Deo	Heather Lamb & Josephine Deo	Heather Lamb & Josephine Deo
English Bible Reader	Tamara Fullard-McShane	Bec Hobson	Bronwyn Asquith
Language Bible Reader	Shirley Williams	Carina Moeller	Sumira Sheraz
Prayers for Others		Prince Jyubeh	Jemimah Hamilton
Leader	Brooke Kilah	Alison McKenzie	Ian Bartholomew
Preacher	Margaret Reeson	Bruce Warren	Ian Bartholomew
Flowers	Margaret Reeson	Shirley Williams	Shirley Holm
Sound	Chris Martin	Thomas Martin	Rob Shelton
Computer	Thomas Martin		Chris Martin
Morning Tea	Narelle Dodd & Carina Moeller	Shirley & Eric Holm	Patsy Coleman & ?
Communion Preparation	---	---	---
Pianist	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Yoo-Mi Kim
Musicians	Prince John Chung	Prince John Chung	Prince John Chung
Singers	Jessica	Vanessa & Rose	Jessica & Rose
Oasis Leader	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace
Billabong Leader	Elizabeth Phythian & Sue Lloyd	---	Elizabeth Phythian & Sue Lloyd