



Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November  
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 12<sup>th</sup> November

9:30am All Age Worship with Communion  
Lead by Bruce Stevens

### Bible Readings:

Joshua 24:1-3,14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November

9:30am All Age Worship  
Lead by Lynne Butson & Bruce Stevens

### Bible Readings:

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

## 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

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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 CC nominees and for our congregation as we prepare and ready ourselves for the upcoming AGM. May we prayerfully discern those nominated to CC. May we have a clear understanding of the importance of decisions required of us and that we are all participants in the life of our congregation. May we take encouragement from the good work that has been done over the past year through the reports in our GUC Annual Report.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Canberra City Uniting Church. We give thanks for this congregation and the ministries it offers including university chaplaincy, the Early Morning Centre, prison ministry and more. We pray for the leadership of this congregation as they serve.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for New Zealand & Australia. We are thankful for the beauty of the land and waters of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, and the special relationship that people enjoy with the natural environment; and how churches have witnessed and worked together ecumenically, especially amid challenges of apathy in highly secularized societies. We pray for churches to have the imagination, skills and energy to build bridges of understanding in increasingly multireligious and multicultural contexts; for those who work tirelessly on issues of justice for the poor, the marginalized and the dispossessed; and for those seeking refuge and a new life in these countries.

## **GUC Annual General Meeting**

This Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding our AGM (Annual General Meeting) following worship. At this meeting, we will be electing our 2024 Church Council. In addition to this, the JNC (Joint Nominating Committee) are excited and looking forward to bringing the name of a candidate for the congregation to consider as our new minister from 2024. At the meeting, we as a congregation will learn more about this person and vote on the nomination.

## **Treasurer**

As you know, John McKenzie will be finishing up as our treasurer at the end of this year. At this point, no one has expressed an interest in filling this role. If we are unable to find a volunteer, we will have no choice but to pay an external provider. Please understand that we are not wanting to pressure or guilt anyone into taking on this position, but we want to be open about the situation and our options going forward. If you would like more information, please talk to either John McKenzie or Jenelle Martin.

## **With Love to the World**

The latest edition of *With Love to the World* is available now. *With Love to the World* is a short daily devotional guide published by the Uniting Church. Each day has a brief reading, a reflection and some prayer guidance. If you would like a copy they are available in the foyer. If you are able to make a donation of \$5 then feel free, but if you simply want to take a copy you are welcome. Please place donations in the Donation/Giving Box attached to the wall near the office window.

## 2024 Lectionary Calendar of Readings

Each week we mostly use readings from the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a list of readings that most larger denominations use throughout the world. You can find each reading listed in our *Bulletin* each week; one from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a Gospel reading, and an epistle. Copies of the new Lectionary Readings for 2024 are available in the foyer for anyone who would like a copy.

## Christmas Singalong and Snags

Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5.30pm at GUC

A wholesome family friendly festive sausage-in-bread early dinner and singing our favourite Christmas songs. Please dress up in Christmas bling!

Could you lend a hand? Jessica Marchant will be the leader for the evening, please speak with Jess if you would like further information on the help required.

## Christmas Singing Group

All voices welcome! Please join us for one performance song to sing to the congregation at the 9:30am service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

Rehearsal dates as follows: 12<sup>th</sup> November, 26<sup>th</sup> November all after the morning service takes place. You don't need to attend all rehearsals, just join in for fun when you can.

Led by Jessica Marchant and Alison McKenzie. Rehearsal tracks/sheet music

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16zhitRytfL0b6W2ZugdXK05QQWxSq40s?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16zhitRytfL0b6W2ZugdXK05QQWxSq40s?usp=share_link)

## Everything In Common- Advance Notice

Are you starting to think ahead about Christmas giving? Would you like your gifts and greeting cards to be meaningful and not just 'more stuff'?

One solution is to plan to use the ethical gift card catalogue of 'Everything in Common' from Uniting World. This will offer everything from virtual chickens for \$10, clean water in India for \$25, kitchen gardens for \$90 or education for girls for \$500, and many other options in between.

These gifts support projects helping people live with dignity and hope.

A gift stall for 'Everything In Common' will be available at GUCCC on Sunday 3 December and Sunday 10 December.



**SpeakOut**  
IN CONFIDENCE

Raise any issues, incidents or concerns via our confidential and secure reporting service 'Speak Out'

INDEPENDENT AND CONFIDENTIAL HOTLINE  
**1800 951145**

For more information go to:  
[speakout.uca.org.au](https://speakout.uca.org.au)

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## Annual Elections for Canberra Region Presbytery

The Canberra Region Presbytery have received a number of nominations and re-nominations for various committees and other roles in the Presbytery - many thanks to those who have already submitted their nomination forms.

We still have a number of vacancies to be nominated, if you have been considering nominating, the presbytery still needs you!

- **STANDING COMMITTEE:** We have received a total of 4 re-nominations from currently serving members of SC. This means we have:  
3x vacancies for the full 2-year term  
4x vacancies for a 1-year half-term
- **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** We have received 1 re-nomination for this committee. This means we have:  
3x vacancies for the full 2-year term  
3x vacancies for a 1-year half term
- **PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** We have received 3 new nominations to PRC this year, all able to serve for up to 2 years. This means we have:  
4x vacancies for the full 3-year term

We encourage those young, old, experienced and those who have not served before to consider standing for election. The Presbytery supports the cohesion and shared direction of the Uniting Church across our region. Volunteer office bearers and committee members provide essential contribution to the mission of our church.

Please consider if you would be willing to serve and encourage those you know who may be interested to fill out a nomination form. The Presbytery Office can assist with any enquiries on 02 6248 9311 or [office@cruc.org.au](mailto:office@cruc.org.au).

### Are you new at Gungahlin Uniting?

*If so, then you are invited to tear off this portion, fill it in, and either place it in the offering bag we pass around in the service, or give it to the person who greeted you as you came in.*

<p>Last Name: _____</p> <p>First Name/s: _____</p> <p>Children's Name/s: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>_____ Post Code _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p>	<p>Please <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> any boxes below:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This is my/our first time here</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am new to the area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am visiting from another church</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>I/we would like a name tag.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>I/we would not like a name tag.</b></p>
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# Roster

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
Greeters	Bronwyn Asquith & Carina Moeller	Bronwyn Asquith & Carina Moeller	Bronwyn Asquith & Carina Moeller	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian
English Bible Reader	Alison McKenzie	Patsy Coleman	Narelle Dodd	Cass Nokham	Kanthy Fernando
Language Bible Reader	Alma	---	Sumira Sheraz	Shirley Williams	Kanthy Fernando
Prayers for Others	Bruce Stevens	Patsy Coleman	Chris Dodd	Prince Jyubeh	Jemimah Hamilton
Leader	Bruce Stevens	Lynne Butson	Chris Dodd	Bruce Stevens	Chris Dodd
Preacher	Bruce Stevens	Bruce Stevens	Chris Dodd	Bruce Stevens	Nicole Fleming
All-Age Message	Bruce Stevens	Bruce Stevens	TBC	Bruce Stevens	TBC
Flowers	Margaret Reeson	Kanthy Fernando	Patsy Coleman	Eric Holm	Shirley Williams
Sound	Rob Shelton	Chris Martin	Alistair Buchanan	Chris Martin	Rob Shelton
Computer	Alistair Buchanan	Bruce Warren			Alistair Buchanan
Morning Tea	---	Mark Butson & Shirley & Eric Holm	---	JJ, Justine, Bec	---
Communion Preparation	Shirley Williams & Tamara F-McS	---	---	---	Tamara F- McS & Alison T
Pianist	Margaret Reeson	Margaret Reeson	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Yoo-Mi Kim
Musicians	Mark John Chung	Prince John Chung	Mark John Chung	Prince John Chung	Mark John Chung
Singers	Jessica & Rose	Vanessa	Jessica & Rose	Vanessa	Jessica
Oasis Leader	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace
Billabong Leader	---	Elizabeth Phythian & Sue Lloyd	---	Elizabeth Phythian	---