



Sunday 5th 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 5th November

9:30am All Age Worship

Lead by Jemimah Hamilton

Bible Readings:

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalm 107:1-7,33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday 12th November

9:30am All Age Worship

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

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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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 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 Wesley Forrest. Praise and thanks that completion of works resulting from hail damage to all buildings on the Forrest site in February 2020 is near- volunteers, staff, insurance and congregational funds have been required in a team effort. Guidance is now sought as we seek to identify Wesley's future mission and outreach.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu. We are thankful for the amazing diversity of people and cultures living on the islands of Oceania and for the magnificent natural scenery and sea life. We pray for efforts to preserve these island nations in the midst of rising seas; for those adversely affected by earthquakes, volcanoes and cyclones; for those dealing with the legacy of past nuclear weapons testing and with garbage dumping today; and for good governance – especially in preserving indigenous cultures –which effectively serves those who are impoverished, hungry, lacking education or unable to make a living.

GUC Annual General Meeting

Next Sunday, 12th 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) will be 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.

Volunteering in 2024- Volunteer Forms due TODAY!

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.

GUC Annual Report

Each year a lot of work goes into writing and preparing our annual report. It is not so much something we must do, and not so much a “report”, but a story and account that reflects upon our life as a congregation. It is a long document and so you are encouraged to read through it over a cup of tea. Hard copies (paper versions) are available in the foyer for pick up.

In this year’s “report” you will find some great reflections on what we do, some interesting stories about things that happen, and on the whole a reminder that, although no one sees everything, a lot of good community and worship life has taken place.

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.

GUC Community Social Event- next Saturday 11th November, 5pm

Everyone is invited to attend our BBQ meal/social get-together next Saturday. Held here at GUC, come along for a relaxed evening of food, conversations, and games for the young and not so young (read that as anyone who wishes to join in). All you need to bring is yourself and your own drinks. The meat, salads and desserts will be provided by the Home Groups. If you haven’t already added your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer, please do so today (or email elizabeth.phythian@gungahlinuniting.org) so that we know numbers for catering purposes.

Christmas Singalong and Snags

Sunday December 3rd, 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 3rd December.

Rehearsal dates as follows: 12th November, 26th 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

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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.

Roster

	1 st Sunday 5 th November	2 nd Sunday 12 th November	3 rd Sunday 19 th November	4 th Sunday 26 th November	1 st Sunday 3 rd December
Greeters	Bronwyn Asquith & Carina Moeller	Bronwyn Asquith & Carina Moeller	Bronwyn Asquith & Carina Moeller	Bronwyn Asquith & Carina Moeller	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian
English Bible Reader	Alistair Buchanan	Alison McKenzie	Patsy Coleman	Narelle Dodd	Cass Nokham
Language Bible Reader		---	---	Sumira Sheraz	Shirley Williams
Prayers for Others	Margaret Reeson	Prince Jyubeh	Patsy Coleman	Chris Dodd	Prince Jyubeh
Leader	Jemimah Hamilton	Bruce Stevens	Lynne Butson	Chris Dodd	Bruce Stevens
Preacher	Jemimah Hamilton	Bruce Stevens	Bruce Stevens	Chris Dodd	Bruce Stevens
All-Age Message	Jemimah Hamilton	Bruce Stevens	Bruce Stevens	TBC	Bruce Stevens
Flowers	Shirley Williams	Margaret Reeson	Kanthi Fernando	Patsy Coleman	Eric Holm
Sound	Chris Martin	Rob Shelton	Chris Martin	Alistair Buchanan	Chris Martin
Computer	Thomas Martin	Alistair Buchanan	Bruce Warren	Thomas Martin	Thomas Martin
Morning Tea	Tamara Fullard-McShane & Mark Phythian	---	Mark Butson & Shirley & Eric Holm	---	JJ, Justine, Bec
Communion Preparation	---	Shirley Williams & Tamara F-McS	---	---	---
Pianist	Yoo-Mi Kim	Margaret Reeson	Margaret Reeson	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie
Musicians	John, Chung	Mark John Chung	Prince John Chung	Mark John Chung	Prince John Chung
Singers	Vanessa	Jessica & Rose	Vanessa	Jessica & Rose	Vanessa
Oasis Leader	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace	Caroline Wallace
Billabong Leader	Elizabeth Phythian & Sue Lloyd	---	Elizabeth Phythian & Sue Lloyd	---	Elizabeth Phythian