



Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> October

9:30am All Age Worship

Lead by Ian Bartholomew

### Bible Readings:

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

9:30am All Age Worship

Lead by Jemimah Hamilton

### Bible Readings:

Joshua 3:7-17

Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Matthew 23:1-12

## 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  
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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](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 those who are pondering their nomination for Church Council, and for our AGM which is not just a meeting, but a reflection on our life as a church and directions for the future.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for students during exam period. We pray for the students among us as they approach a hectic time of year, where the pressures of exams, assignments and limited time begin to build. We pray for adequate rest and refreshment for all who are facing the intensity of academic testing. We pray for year 12 students, as they not only prepare to exit high school, but contemplate what may be beyond secondary education. We give thanks for the gift of learning and those who are committed to teaching others.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Canada, United States of America. We are thankful for the vast expanse of North America with its resources and varied landscapes; may they be preserved, enjoyed and used wisely. We pray for churches facing new challenges, that they may continue to witness boldly to the gospel in evolving multicultural, multireligious and secular contexts; for effectively countering systemic greed that exploits communities and natural resources; and for government leaders that they would advance justice, human rights, and peace for all within these countries and in the rest of the world.

## Important Dates to Remember...

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November- Last day to submit *Volunteer Forms for 2024*
- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – AGM** following worship and election of new Church Council members for 2024

## 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.

## GUC Annual Report- Out Today!

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.

## **T&T**

Our November T&T catch-up (an opportunity for catching up with other GUC community members over a cuppa) is **Friday 3rd November 10.30am**. As usual, it will be held at the Gungahlin Lakes Club Coffee Shop. Everyone is welcome to join us. See Elizabeth P if you require more information.

## **Vegie Garden Get Together**

Our next garden get together will be on **Saturday 4th November**.

Everyone is welcome to come along and help with the vegie garden from 9am. If it is raining on the day, we will cancel. Please contact Mark Phythian if you have any queries - 0403 004 987.

## **GUC Community Social Event**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm at GUC

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](mailto:elizabeth.phythian@gungahlinuniting.org)

## **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 3rd December.

Rehearsal dates as follows: 29th October, 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

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

## **Operation Christmas Child Boxes**

Thank you to everyone who has provided boxes, box items or cash towards delivery costs. Your thoughtful gifts will be a lovely Christmas surprise for many children. Sue will be delivering the boxes to the drop-off centre this week.

## 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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	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
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	Shirley Williams	---	---	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	Prince, 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