Sunday 14th April 2024



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 14th April

9:30am All Age Worship with Communion Lead by JJ Hamilton, Margaret Reeson & Chris Dodd

Bible Readings Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-48

Sunday 21st April

9:30am All Age Worship Lead by Rev Hugh Park

Bible Readings Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

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

Rev. Hugh Park is our Minister Alison Tweedie is our Church Life Worker Jenelle Martin is our Church Council Chair Narelle Dodd is our Safe Church & Volunteer Contact Colin Christian is our Work Health & Safety Contact email: minister@gungahlinuniting.org email: office@gungahlinuniting.org email: chairperson@gungahlinuniting.org email: safechurch@gungahlinuniting.org email: volunteers@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
 <u>office@gungahlinuniting.org</u>
- Contact the Pastoral Care Team Shirley Williams 0418 612 656 Jenelle Martin 0421 997 173 Elizabeth Phythian 0408 624 163 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 <u>www.gungahlinuniting.org</u>

Our Church at Prayer...

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

- This week we give thanks and pray for family life. For parents. For children. For grandparents. For husbands, wives and partners. We pray for people who are new to this area and are new to this congregation, that they will find a true welcome here.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Eden (St George) Uniting Church. We give thanks for the work of God through this congregation. We pray for the those who lead worship and those who serve within. We give thanks and pray for the volunteers from the community who work with Eden UC in service of the community around them
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine. We give thanks for the distinctive icons, art, literature and music that have come from this area and for the faithful witness of churches under the reign of Communism, and their revitalization since then, after decades of official atheism. We pray for compassion and integrity for all peoples in these nations with such diverse ethnic histories; for those who suffer from alcoholism, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and other life-threatening diseases; for the large numbers of people who now live in poverty and are unemployed; and for those in Belarus and Ukraine who suffer from the continued effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster; and for those who struggle for democracy and truthfulness in the media.

Church Council Update

Church Council met on Monday 8th April 2024.

- This weekend four GUC children and two adults are participating in the *Kids Camp Out* at Campbelltown
- GUC Finance matters:
 - the congregational budget meeting has been moved to 18 August 2024
 - o GUC profit and loss statement is showing results similar to the same time last year
 - our Bookkeeper Kelly will be finishing up at the end of the financial year. After discussions with Synod we will be using a company, *Benkorp*, to support our future bookkeeping processes.

NB: *Benkorp* has an MOU with Synod to provide bookkeeping services to Uniting Church congregations.

- GUC Congregational Photo: A few weeks ago, we took a congregational photo to support our GUC promotional information. If you, or your child do not wish to be visible in this photo please contact either the Sound Desk or email <u>office@gungahlinuniting.org</u>.
- GUC Directory will be updated and issued in July this year. Stay tuned.
- Greeters will be asked to close the front door when they finish greeting in the morning as a measure to assist with keeping our little ones safe.

Congregational Photo

On Sunday 24th March, a photo of the congregation was taken. As announced on the day, we plan to use this photo for promotional purposes, including on the web. If you are in the photo and you do not wish for you or your children to be visible, please either advise the people at the sound desk or email Alison, our Church Life Worker, at <u>office@gungahlinuniting.org</u>.

Women's & Men's Breakfast in 2024

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 20th April Men's & Boy's Breakfast – 9am Saturday 27th April

Save the Date...

Women's Breakfast- 12th October

Men's Breakfast- 19th October

See Shirley W for more information. Please add your name to the RSVP sheet in the foyer.

Food Basket as part of our Offering

What is the basket we bring forward each week as part of our offering?

The congregation at Gungahlin Uniting has throughout its life had a basket where members can bring and leave food each week. Food that fills the basket is taken to our Food Pantry where customers come each week to get groceries. We bring the basket forward each week because the food we bring is part of our offering and part of our work as a church. Please remember the basket when you are doing your own grocery shopping. There is a flyer in the foyer with a list of useful items.

Roster	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday
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Greeters	Lynne Butson &	Lynne Butson &	Lynne Butson &
	Elizabeth Phythian	Elizabeth Phythian	Elizabeth Phythian
English Bible Reader	Cass Nokham	Renee Buchanan	Patsy Coleman
Language Bible Reader	Lily Ting	Shirley Williams	Kanthi Fernando
Prayers for Others	Carina Moeller	Prince Jyubeh	Brooke Kilah
Leader	JJ Hamilton & Chris Dodd	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Margaret Reeson	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	JJ	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
Flowers	Margaret Reeson	Shirley Williams	Eric Holm
Sound	Chris Martin	Elijah King	Rob Shelton
Computer	Mark Phythian	Craig McShane	Chris Martin
Morning Tea	Tamara F McShane & Vanessa Yule	Eric & Shirley Holm	Rose-Mary, Alexandra & June Faulkner
Communion Preparation	Shirley Williams & Lily Ting		
Pianist	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Andrew Johnson
Musicians	Mark, John, Chung	Prince, John, Chung	Mark, John, Chung
Singers	Jessica	Vanessa & Rose	Jess & Rose
Oasis Leader	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays
Billabong Leader	School Holidays	School Holidays	School Holidays