



Sunday 21st 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 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

Sunday 28th April

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

Bible Readings

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

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
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 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 Earth Day. We prepare for Earth Day with thanksgiving for the lands and the waters within our region. From the fields and farmland around Crookwell, to the chilly Snowy Mountains in the south-west and the beautiful coastline of Eden in the south-east; and all the places in between.
We acknowledge the many First Nations peoples who have cared for these; we remember our call as created ones to care for the planet we call home, and all the species that live within, we pray for God's help in this task. We lament the ways the earth suffers under the weight of human exploitation. We pray for healing and renewal of the earth and all who depend on it.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia. We pray for greater respect for the human rights of all the peoples living in these countries; for just changes for those living in situations of poverty and discrimination; for the healing of past wrongs and distorted memories of what has occurred; and for the Georgian Orthodox Church, that it may rediscover a rich relationship with the family of churches worldwide.

Church Council Update

Church Council met on Monday 8th April 2024.

- GUC Finance matters:
 - the congregational budget meeting has been moved to 18 August 2024
 - 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 office@gungahlinuniting.org.
- 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 office@gungahlinuniting.org.

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.

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.

May Tea & Talk (T&T)

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

Vegie Garden Get Together

Our next garden get together will be on **Saturday 4th May, from 9am**.

Everyone is welcome to come along and help with the vegie garden. If it is raining on the day, we will cancel. Please contact Mark Phythian if you have any questions or require further information.

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	3rd Sunday 21st April	4th Sunday 28th April
Greeters	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian	Lynne Butson & Elizabeth Phythian
English Bible Reader	Renee Buchanan	Patsy Coleman
Language Bible Reader	Shirley Williams	Kanthen Fernando
Prayers for Others	Prince Jyubeh	Brooke Kilah
Leader	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	Renee Buchanan	Rev Hugh Park
Flowers	Shirley Williams	Eric Holm
Sound	Elijah King	Rob Shelton
Computer	Craig McShane	Chris Martin
Morning Tea	Eric & Shirley Holm	Rose-Mary, Alexandra & June Faulkner
Communion Preparation	---	---
Pianist	Alison McKenzie	Andrew Johnson
Musicians	Prince, John, Chung	Mark, John, Chung
Singers	Vanessa & Rose	Jess & Rose

