



Sunday 23rd February
2025

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 23rd February

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

Bible Readings

Genesis 45:3-11,15
Psalm 37:1-11,39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Sunday 2nd March

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

Bible Readings

Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12 4:2
Luke 9:28-36,37-43

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
(Hugh's day off is Wednesday)

Alison Tweedie is our Church Life Worker

Alison McKenzie 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 0450 356 147

Girls' Brigade

For girls Kindergarten-Year 12
Wednesday 6.30pm
Gungahlin Salvation Army
Contact: Liz 0439 879 339



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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: John McKenzie

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.

Please note:

Our minister's day off is Wednesday.

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
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
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 around us who grieve and who are feeling the weight of life, love, family, death at this time.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Candidates for Ministry and Period of Discernment. We give thanks for another year of formation for candidates for ministry in our presbytery and wider synod. We pray for candidates in our presbytery: James Ellis, Amy Junor, and Jemimah Hamilton. Be with them as they learn and grow in field placements and in all their learning.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for France, Germany, Monaco. We are thankful for the rich historic and cultural legacies that have come to the world from these lands. We pray for economic decisions that are accountable to those who are most vulnerable and not only to those making a profit and for the election of political leaders who will further the common good not only for their country but for the sake of Europe and the rest of world.

Church Council Update

Church Council met on Monday 10th February and discussed the following actions we wish to share...

- We discussed connection opportunities to share with new faces at GUC and how we can continue to support one another in our community
- There have been several requests for bible study groups and Hugh is looking into what this might look like here at GUC for both new arrivals and novice studies of scripture
- Approval for a new office photocopier and of two new data projectors. One of the data projectors recently died and it was decided to upgrade both at the same time, due to their age, regular use for worship and those who hire the space needing this technology
- Our volunteer call out for 2025 has been overwhelmingly positive with 90 volunteers putting up their hands to join our volunteer roster. Some able to take on more than one role, and our youngest volunteer is in Primary School. All are welcome to share their gifts and provide service in many ways
- Safe Church training for all "High Trust" volunteers at the current time is available online only whilst face-to-face training is being revised
- Narelle and Bronwyn have worked hard on the EOI draft for the *Growth Investment Fund* grant from Synod with the deadline upon us. This was approved for submission by CC. The proposal is for a full-time *Family and Young Peoples Ministry Facilitator* at GUC with co-funding over a 5-year period. GUC would contribute \$100,000 towards this project whilst moving toward a sustained position funded by us after this period. What the role we envision is: an experienced *Family and Young People's Ministry Facilitator* is needed to support the Minister and team of volunteers. The ministry agent will help to empower and inspire lay leadership; support and mentor volunteers; assist in developing new programs; and identify further opportunities to build relationships across Presbytery and within the community. The next step is endorsement of our application by presbytery and their submission of our application to Synod.

Funeral Announcement

The memorial service for Bronwen Cobcroft, who passed away last Sunday, will be held on **Friday 28th February at 11am at Gungahlin Uniting Church.**

The service will be followed by a light luncheon at the church. Please wear bright and colourful clothing. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be live streamed and can be accessed by this zoom link:

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/222916065>

Please keep Bronwen's family in your prayers, especially her daughters, Amelia and Naomi.

Two New Opportunities for Learning at GUC

1. *Jesus' Parable: 'The greatest stories every told'*

Rev Hugh Park will lead a series of conversations for people who are new to church and our community, and who want to understand who we are and what is important to this community of faith. If you are interested, contact Hugh Park : minister@gungahlinuniting.org; 0402 478 240

2. *'Finding Jesus in the Stranger'*. A series of Bible studies during Lent based on readings from Luke's Gospel. Six studies between Ash Wednesday 5 March and Easter Day 20 April.

If you are interested, contact Margaret Reeson: margaretreeson@bigpond.com; 0404 148 201. Together we will choose time and place to meet.

Food Garden Gathering

Our next garden get together will be on **Saturday 1st March, from 9am.**

Everyone is welcome to come along and help with the vegie garden. There is plenty of weeding, pruning and watering to be done. All are welcome to attend and enjoy some hard work and good conversations with friends. If it is raining on the day, we will cancel. Please contact Mark Phythian if you have any questions or require further information.

GUC Young Adults Group - Ice Skating



We will be going Ice Skating on **Saturday 1st March at 1:30pm** at the Phillip Swimming and Ice Skating Centre.

The cost is \$25 (to be paid on the day).

All young adults are welcome, please invite all your friends.

Ash Wednesday Gathering (The first day of Lent)

Lent is the period of 40 days before Easter and begins with the day called Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time of reflection as we approach Easter and Ash Wednesday begins that time of reflection. For anyone who would like to come along there will be a simple and brief Ash Wednesday service at on **Wednesday 5th March, 5pm.** All welcome.

Kids Camp Out 2025

Attention all children in years 3-6 and their parents.

Do you love having fun?

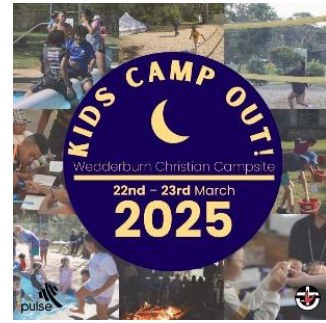
Do you love participating in outdoor and water activities?

Do you love being with other children?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then keep reading.

The Pulse Team are inviting you to join them for Kids Camp Out 2025 from 21 March – 23 March at the Wedderburn Christian Campsite ([Wedderburn Christian Campsite](#)).

For more information go to [Kids Camp Out 2025 - UCA](#) or speak with Jenelle Martin.



Women's Breakfasts – Save the Dates

Saturday 29th March & Saturday 13th September

All women and girls are invited to come along to a social breakfast to share time with others from church. You are also welcome to bring a friend. Breakfast menu items range from \$11 to \$28 plus tea/coffee. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer to help us estimate numbers.

When: 9am on Saturday 29th March

Where: Siren Bar and Restaurant, 30 Anthony Rolfe Avenue, Gungahlin (opposite the Emergency Services station)

For any questions, please see Shirley at church.

Men's Breakfasts – Save the Dates

Saturday 5th April & Saturday 20th September

All men and boys are invited to come along to a social breakfast to share time with others from church. You are also welcome to bring a friend. Breakfast menu items range from \$11 to \$28 plus tea/coffee. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer to help us estimate numbers.

When: 9am on Saturday 5th April

Where: Siren Bar and Restaurant, 30 Anthony Rolfe Avenue, Gungahlin (opposite the Emergency Services station)

For any questions, please see Shirley at church.

Reminder...

Church news, communication and *Bulletin* notices are an important part of our community life. Please have any submissions for the *Bulletin* to the office by Thursday evening, or early Friday morning at the latest. Notices must include all details of your event or notice. Our office worker, Alison's role is to edit the *Bulletin* sheet each week, not to write or compose your submissions. Please send notices to: office@gungahlinuniting.org

Name Tags

It really helps everyone if we choose to wear our name tags. Name tags are not just for those who are new, but for all of us in such a large congregation. If you have lost your name tag, or if you don't have one, then please write your name on a slip of paper requesting a name tag and pop it into the offering bag or see Alison in the office (office@gungahlinuniting.org) or speak with the people who greeted you at the door.

ROSTER

	4 th Sunday 23 rd February	1 st Sunday 2 nd March	2 nd Sunday 9 th March	3 rd Sunday 16 th March	4 th Sunday 23 rd March
Greeters	Lily Ting & Bec Hobson	Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia	Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia	Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia	Jenelle Martin, Esther & Sophia
English Bible Reader	Jacqui Frasersmith	Alexandra Faulkner	Lily Ting	?	Bec Hobson
Language Bible Reader	Lily Ting	Shirley Williams	Yoon Hee Park	Lily Ting	Cindy Han
Prayers for Others	Jacqui Frasersmith	Yoon Hee Park	Cate Wilkinson	Brooke Kilah	Tanya Johnson
Leader	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	Jenelle Martin	Jessica Marchant	Rev Hugh Park	Cass Nokham	Cindy Han
Flowers	Shirley Holm	Shirley Williams	Kanthi Fernando	Eric Holm	Margaret Reeson
Sound	Rob Shelton	Chris Martin	Alistair Buchanan	Craig McShane	Rob Shelton
Computer	Bruce Warren	?	Bruce Warren	Vanessa Yule	Mark Phythian
Morning Tea	Alison T & Patsy Coleman	Josephine Deo & Heather Lamb	Eric & Shirley Holm	Bec Hobson & Lily Ting	Suzy Shelton & Jean Terbeth
Communion Preparation		? & Lily Ting			
BBQ				Mark & Lynne Butson	
Pianist	Alison McKenzie	Margaret Reeson	Margaret Reeson	Yoo-Mi Kim	Yoo-Mi Kim
Musicians	Prince, John, Adnan, Chung, Yoo-Mi	Mark, John, Adnan, Chung, Yoo-Mi	Prince, John, Adnan, Chung, Yoo-Mi	Mark, John, Adnan, Chung	Prince, Chung
Singers	Renee	Jessica, Cate	Brooke, Renee	Jessica, Cate	Renee
Music Practice				🎵🎵	
Oasis Leader	Liz Warren	Liz Warren	Liz Warren	Liz Warren	Liz Warren
Billabong Leader		Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson		Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson	

Please note- Communion will now happen on the 1st Sunday of the month



GIRLS' BRIGADE
Australian Capital Territory
GUNG AHLIN

Girls' and Boys' Brigades

At Girls' Brigade we try new things, play games, learn new skills, go on camps, make new friends, explore the Bible and experience God's love. If you are a girl from Kindergarten to Year 12 you are welcome to come. We meet at Northside Salvation Army, right next door to Gungahlin Uniting.

At Boys' Brigade we have fun, be adventurous, build relationships, and treat others with respect. We also love to play dodgeball!, go canoeing, go on bike rides, go hiking and camping, play computer games and have nerf gun battles. We have three groups- Anchors, Junior and Seniors for boys between 5 to 18 years old.

Girls' and Boys' Brigades run every Wednesday night, from 6:30pm to 8pm during school terms. Come along and try us out.

Please contact Liz and Bruce Warren for more information.

There are brochures in the church foyer.

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: _____</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"/> I/we would like a name tag</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/we would like to be added to the church news email list</p>
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