

# Gungahlin Uniting Church and Community Centre

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 31st August

9:30am All Age Worship Lead by Chris Dodd

#### Bible Readings

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1,10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Luke 14:1,7-14

# Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

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

#### Bible Readings

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

# 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

Safe Church & Volunteer Contact

email: minister@gungahlinuniting.org

email: office@gungahlinuniting.org

email: <a href="mailto:chairperson@gungahlinuniting.org">chairperson@gungahlinuniting.org</a> email: <a href="mailto:safechurch@gungahlinuniting.org">safechurch@gungahlinuniting.org</a> email: <a href="mailto:volunteers@gungahlinuniting.org">volunteers@gungahlinuniting.org</a>

Colin Christian is our Work Health & Safety Contact

#### **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 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.

#### 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 join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Tuggeranong Uniting Church. For Growing Community in our outreach ministries and community connections including Red Dove, Food Bank, Food Van, Karralika, Thursday Community Group, Scrabble Club; and for Growing Young in our worship, kids@TUC, TUC Prayer Partners and our upcoming Season of Growing.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal. We are thankful for the many ways in which these countries have moved beyond their colonial histories, especially the scars related to slave trade. We pray for those people in these societies who continue to live in abject poverty; for the fair election of more just government leaders who respect the rights of all people; and for faith communities witnessing and working together for the common good.

### Tea and Talk (TnT)

If you are free on Friday morning and would like to catch up with/get to know others from our congregation, please join us for TnT for morning tea. We meet at Gungahlin Lakes in the coffee shop area at **10.30am** on the first Friday of the month. A group of us will be there this coming **Friday 5**<sup>th</sup> **September** and we'd love you to join us. See Elizabeth if you'd like more information.

# **Monthly Vegie Garden Get Together**

Our monthly garden gatherings will recommence now that spring is here.

Our next garden gathering will be on Saturday 6th September, from 9.30am.

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

#### **Funeral for Pam**

There will be a funeral to acknowledge and celebrate the life of Pam Thompson at Gungahlin Uniting Church-10.30am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September followed by refreshments at The Lakes Club after the service (11.45am). The service will also be streamed on-line.

#### Invitation

Wattle Park congregation invites friends from GUC to join them for a Hymalong. Come and sing your old favourites once again. There will be a light morning tea to follow. Sunday 21st September at 10.30 am

#### Women's Breakfast

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 13th September

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 Breakfast

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 20<sup>th</sup> September

Where: Siren Bar and Restaurant, 30 Anthony Rolfe Avenue, Gungahlin

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# 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 and the way you can support the food pantry and through it encourage others who are in need at this time. Bring along any non-perishable food items and place them in the basket as you come into worship as part of your offering each week.



#### Interested in leading a children or youth group but would like some training?



# Godly Play 3-day core training in Canberra - seeking expressions of interest

Godly Play is a creative storytelling method which invites the listener to connect faith stories and personal experience through wondering questions and open-ended response. It is used with adults and children in a variety of setting, from local churches, to schools, aged care and pastoral visiting.

There has been a growing interest for a core training in the ACT, so we are putting the word out further to see if we have enough people to go ahead. Most likely timing is early

2026. Email <a href="mailto:narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org">narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org</a> to let us know you're keen and we'll keep in touch as the opportunity shapes up.

#### **RENEW 2026**



Renew is an opportunity for school leavers and young adults to spend a year of your life discovering your place in God's renewal of all things. It's a year to grow as a disciple of Jesus and in your leadership capacity. It is designed to teach these things the way Jesus did - on the road, in real life, through lived experience. Throughout the year are a series of trips and adventures that Renew participants will go on, anchored by mentoring and service in your local church. If interested, please contact narelle.dodd@gungahlinunitprospectus ing.org To find out more and the full visit https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/resources/renew/

Roster	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
	31st August	7 <sup>th</sup> September	14 <sup>th</sup> September	21st September	28 <sup>th</sup> September
Greeters	Josephine Deo &	Josephine Deo &	Josephine Deo &	Josephine Deo &	Josephine Deo &
	Cindy Han	Yoon Hee Park	Yoon Hee Park	Yoon Hee Park	Yoon Hee Park
English Bible	Jacqui Frasersmith	Tamara Fullard-	Elizabeth Phythian	Ben Ram	Reeba Nasim
Reader		McShane			
Language Bible		Reeba Nasim	Cindy Han	Kanthi Fernando	Sung Lee
Reader					
Prayers for	Tanya Johnson	Cate Wilkinson	Margaret Reeson	Prince Jyubeh	YoonHee Park
Others					
Leader	Chris Dodd	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Chris Dodd	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park
All-Age Message	Tanya Johnson	Renee Buchanan	Cindy Han	Jess Marchant	Reeba Nasim
Flowers	Shirley Holm	Patsy Coleman	Margaret Reeson	Shirley Williams	Eric Holm
Sound	Chris Martin	Rob Shelton	Craig McShane	Nathan Frystak	Chris Martin
Computer	Craig McShane	Nathan Frystak	Elijah King	Vanessa Yule	Bruce Warren
Morning Tea	Tamara F-McShane	Billabong	Suzy Shelton &	Heather Lamb &	Mark & Lynne
	& Suzy Shelton		Cass Nokham	Cindy Han	Butson
Communion		Shirley Williams			
Preparation					
BBQ			Alistair Buchanan		
			& Mark Butson		
Pianist	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Lindy Baldwin	Lindy Baldwin	Alison McKenzie
Musicians	Mark John Adnan	Prince John Adnan	Mark John Adnan	Prince John Adnan	Mark John Adnan
	Chung YooMi	Chung YooMi	Chung YooMi	Chung YooMi	Chung
Singers	Jessica Cate	Renee Vanessa	Jessica Cate	Renee Brooke	Jessica Cate
Music Practice	ונ				I.I.
Oasis Leader	Liz Warren	Liz Warren	Liz Warren	Liz Warren	
Billabong	Elizabeth Phythian	Elizabeth Phythian		Elizabeth Phythian	
Leader	& Shirley Williams	& Lynne Butson		& Lynne Butson	

# 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.

Last Name:  First Name:  Children's Name/s:  Address:	Please ☑ any boxes below: ☐ This is my/our first time here ☐ I am new to the area ☐ I am visiting from another church	
Phone:Email:	☐ I/we would like a name tag☐ I/we would like to be added to the church news email list	