



Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
2025

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> September

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

### Bible Readings

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1  
Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Bible Readings

Jeremiah 32:1-3,6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6,14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

## 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

Colin Christian is our Work Health & Safety Contact

email: [minister@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto:minister@gungahlinuniting.org)

email: [office@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto:office@gungahlinuniting.org)

email: [chairperson@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto:chairperson@gungahlinuniting.org)

email: [safechurch@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto:safechurch@gungahlinuniting.org)

email: [volunteers@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto: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 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: 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](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  
Shirley Williams 0418 612 656  
Jenelle Martin 0421 997 173  
Elizabeth Phythian 0408 624 163  
[pastoralcare@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto: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](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 our Food Pantry and Food Garden Co-ordinators and all our food garden/pantry volunteers. We give thanks for this part of our church life and for the way it has provided involvement, community, compassion and food!
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Weston Creek UC. We give thanks for the service of this congregation to the community, including the play-group and mission support offered. We pray for the search for a minister to serve in the congregation; that God may be seen at work in the processes of the church.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay. We are thankful for individuals, churches and other organizations who remain committed to seeking healing, justice and truth. We pray for the protection of children from violence and abuse, and recognition of their rights and dignity; and for those who protect and care for the region's threatened soil, forests, waters, glaciers.



## Synod Grant Success!



We have been successful in winning a grant from Synod to subsidise a family and young people's ministry facilitator. The grant will be over 5 years commencing in 2026.

Working with our volunteers - and indeed all of us - the new position will help us strengthen and grow our ministry to

- support young people explore their faith and to grow in discipleship
- mentor and develop volunteers and the next generation of leaders
- explore innovative and creative worship spaces
- continue to promote a culture of partnership across the Canberra Presbytery and the Gungahlin community
- strengthen our intergenerational and intercultural relationships

For more information on what we plan to do, please go to <https://www.gungahlinuniting.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Family-Young-Peoples-Ministry-Plan.pdf>

## Budget Meeting

On Sunday 28th September our Treasurer, Robert Shelton, will hold a budget meeting to present the proposed budget for 2026. We will enjoy a quick cuppa after the service and return to our seats to hear details of our financial position. This budget meeting is an important opportunity to ask questions of Robert and be involved in the approval process for the way we fund our ministry here at GUC.

## Preparing for 2026...

Each year at GUC we ask everyone to consider if and how you would like to be involved in the coming year. We also elect people to support our congregation through the Church Council.

Our **2026 Volunteer Form** and **Church Council Nomination Forms** are out now!

- The **Volunteer Form** allows everyone to consider how you would like to be involved in the life of the congregation. Pretty much every job in our congregation is listed. Please take one, read through it and prayerfully consider how you can use your gifts to support your church.
- **Church Council Nomination Forms** are available too as we ponder who we would like to be on Church Council in 2026. Our Church Council meets every two months and has oversight of the congregation, seeking to encourage it in faith and love.

Both forms are now available for pickup in the foyer. Please complete the forms and then place them in the pink box in the foyer.

The **Church Council Nomination Forms** can also be submitted online using the below QR code.

We would like to thank Alison McKenzie, Narelle Dodd, Reeba Nasim, Josephine Deo, and Renee Buchanan who finish their Church Council commitment at the end of this year. Robert Shelton and Colin Christian will be continuing their two-year commitment on Council in 2026.



QR Code for online  
submissions

Church Council has provision for up to 10 members plus the Minister. Please prayerfully consider people who you would like to see on your Church Council in 2026. It is expected that people who are nominated for Church Council at GUC have been part of the GUC community for a reasonable period and reflect the diversity of our congregation in age, gender and ethnicity.

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For information on the role of Church Council and members, please refer to the *Uniting Church Synod of NSW & ACT Church Council Ministry Role & Regulations*.

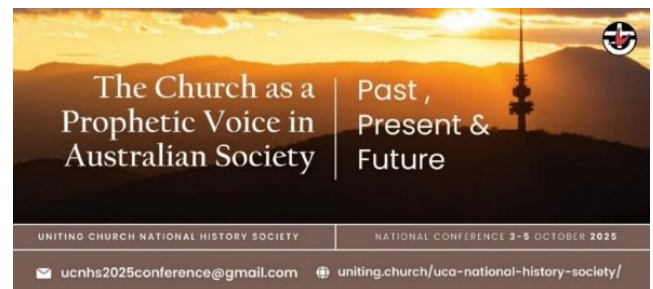


## Insights Magazine

The latest issue of Insights Magazine is available in the foyer, please pick up a free copy today. *Insights* is published by the Synod of the Uniting Church NSW & ACT and shares news, reports, articles from the wider Uniting Church Congregations, Presbyteries and Synod.

## UC National History Conference

You are invited to register for the *UC National History Conference* to be held at Canberra City Church on 3-5 October 2025. The theme is about our church offering a 'prophetic voice', having spoken up on issues affecting Australia. Speakers will look at the impact of the church's influence in the past and give a focus to the present and offer inspiration for the future. Please visit the website for information and registration options. [www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/](http://www.uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/)  
Enquiries: Rev Ivan Roberts – mobile 0422 648 191



## Roster

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> October
Greeters	Josephine Deo & Yoon Hee Park	Josephine Deo & Yoon Hee Park	Carina Moeller & Ben Ram	Carina Moeller & Ben Ram	Carina Moeller & Ben Ram
English Bible Reader	Ben Ram	Reeba Nasim	Alison Halliday	Vanessa Yule	Cass Nokham
Language Bible Reader	Kanthi Fernando	Sung Lee	Lily Ting	Shirley Williams	Fatin Magades
Prayers for Others	Prince Jyubeh	YoonHee Park	Kanthi Fernando	Reeba Nasim	Lynne Butson
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	Jess Marchant	Reeba Nasim	Rev Hugh Park	Jacqui Frasersmith	Liz Warren
Flowers	Shirley Williams	Eric Holm	Kanthi Fernando	Shirley Holm	Margaret Reeson
Sound	Nathan Frystak	Chris Martin	Rob Shelton	Craig McShane	Nathan Frystak
Computer	Vanessa Yule	Bruce Warren	Mark Phythian	Alistair Buchanan	Chris Martin
Morning Tea	Heather Lamb & Cindy Han	Mark & Lynne Butson	Suzy Shelton & Dasuni Kekulawala	YoonHee Park & Hae Kyeong Kim	Jean Terbeth & Vanessa Yule
Communion Preparation			Faulkner Family		
BBQ				Hyun Jou & Mark Phythian	
Pianist	Lindy Baldwin	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	YooMi Kim	YooMi Kim
Musicians	Prince John Adnan Chung YooMi	John Adnan Chung	Prince John Adnan Chung YooMi	Mark John Adnan Chung	Prince John Adnan Chung
Singers	Brooke	Jessica Cate	Renee Vanessa	Jessica Cate	Renee Brooke
Music Practice		♪♪			
Oasis Leader	Liz Warren				Jenelle Martin
Billabong Leader	Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson				Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson



## 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 [narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto:narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org) 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@gungahlinuniting.org](mailto:narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org) To find out more and read the full prospectus - visit <https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/resources/renew/>

## 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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