

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 2nd November

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

Bible Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4,2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4,11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Sunday 9th November

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

Bible Readings

Haggai 1:15-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5,17-21

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

Luke 20:27-38

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: 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
Jenelle Martin
Elizabeth Phythian

pastoralcare@gungahlinuniting.org
or office@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 support such as prayer, phone calls and meals.

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: 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 all the children who are a part of our lives as a congregation; from infants to our young adult children. We pray for them in their lives and challenges and give thanks for their part in our families and church community.
- This week we join the Canberra Region Presbytery in praying for Disaster Recovery
 Chaplaincy Network. For the DRCN team and it's over 400 trained disaster chaplains from
 15 faith groups and diverse backgrounds; for the ongoing development of resources to prepare faith leaders to care for their people in the face of violent attack; and for those preparing for potential disasters this summer.
- This week we join with the World Council of Churches in praying for Canada, United States
 of America. We are thankful for the vast expanse of North America with its resources and
 varied landscapes; may they be preserved, enjoyed and used wisely. We pray for churches
 facing new challenges, that they may continue to witness boldly to the gospel in evolving
 multicultural, multireligious and secular contexts.

Important Dates to Remember...

- Sunday 9th November- Last day to submit Volunteer Forms for 2026
- Saturday 15th November 5pm- Rock With The Flock
- Sunday 23rd November AGM and election of new Church Council members for 2026
- Sunday 7th December 5.30pm- Christmas Sing-a-Long & Snags

Volunteering in 2026- return forms by next Sunday!

Volunteering at GUC in 2026 forms are available in the foyer.

Remember that you are invited to consider how you would like to volunteer in your church. Fill in your volunteer sheet and pop it into the pink box in the foyer.

The GUC Annual Report is out now

Each year a lot of work goes into writing and preparing our annual report. It is not so much something we must do, and not so much a "report", but a story and account that reflects upon our life as a congregation. In this year's "report" you will find some great reflections on what we do, some interesting stories about things that happen, a financial account, and overall, a reminder that, although no one sees everything, a lot of good community and worship life has taken place.

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 7th November** and we'd love you to join us. See Elizabeth if you'd like more information.

Rock With The Flock 2.0

It's on again, if you missed it last May don't make the same mistake.

RWTF2 is on Saturday 15 November 5.00-8.00pm at GUC.

Come and join our worship team as we lift our voices in praise to the Lord! Enjoy a night filled with contemporary songs, fellowship, and a shared meal as we celebrate together with the beautiful sounds and talents of our fabulous musicians.

This time, we're excited to welcome some of our *Billabong* group on the microphones, along with the wonderful Pakistani Singing Group bringing their unique sounds and joy.

We're also hosting a potluck dinner — if you feel called to share your gift of hospitality, please sign up to bring a dish or dessert. You can speak with Lynne or Elizabeth for more information or simply add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

We'd love to see you there! And who knows — maybe next time you'll be inspired to pick up an instrument or a mic and join in too.

LIDS4KIDS Collection Bin

Did you know that plastic lids smaller than a credit card can't go into our home recycling bins? That means they go to landfill and can take hundreds to thousands of years to break down, and even then can leave microplastics that continue to pollute the environment.

BUT we now have a collection bin in our foyer for you to recycle your plastic lids from **water**, **soft drink & milk bottles**! All you need to do is make sure they are:

- * washed and dry
- * single coloured, no pop tops/ hinges
- * bigger than a 10c coin
- * smaller than a credit card

Billabong will sort them into colours and arrange for them to be delivered to LIDS4KIDS for recycling.

Any questions, see Matthew P or Shirley W



Stamps

Thank you! Used stamps are helping to raise funds

Thank you to everyone who collects used stamps!

At the beginning of October 2025, the UCA Stamp Committee (NSW/ACT) had raised \$8,100 (to date for 2025) through the sale of used stamps. Each year the funds are allocated through grants to a range of community and outreach projects across NSW and ACT Uniting Church congregations.

You can help by setting aside used stamps from your mail. Please keep about 1cm of paper around the stamp. Leave the stamps at the church office, or pass them to Brooke.

For more information see: https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/get-involved/the-stamp-committee/

Save the Date- Wednesday 17th December, 7pm

Wattle Park congregation invite their friends at GUC to join them for their annual Christmas Carol service.

November is the month for children, youth and families!

It never rains but it pours! We have a great month for young people and their families. In addition to Rock the Flock, we have two exciting events specially designed to build networks amongst our groups here at GUC and across Canberra. Please contact Narelle Dodd (0422 000 476/ narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org) if you need assistance with transport.

Walk up Mt Jerrabomberra

Come and join our Boys Brigade in walking up Mt Jerrabomberra on:

Saturday 8th November

Meet at Jerrabomberra Mt Reserve car park, Jerrabomberra Hill Rd at 10.30am.

Let's support our Boys Brigade group and get to know the boys and their families.

Primary aged children must be accompanied by an adult.

RSVP: Narelle Dodd: 0422 000 476 / narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org

Youth and family games and youth service

We are also excited to join with other Uniting churches in Canberra for a youth and family event on **Sunday 23 November 3.30-7pm** @Wesley Uniting Church, Forrest.

This follows the roaring success of an earlier youth service and workshop in term 2.

This will be an afternoon of fun games and activities followed by an interactive contemporary worship service and dinner.

It would be great for families to join in the fun and particularly attend the youth service.

Children under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Please register by 14 Nov 2026 using the QR code here:

https://nswactuca.eventsair.com/cryme/youthevent

Enquiries: marikej@nswact.uca.org.au

Register Here by 14 Nov 25



Christmas Singing Group Dates

Rehearsal Dates

- Sunday 9th November (after morning service)
- Sunday 16th November (after morning service)
- Sunday 30th November (after morning service)

Performance Dates

- Sunday 7th December at 5:30pm-7:30pm at GUC Christmas Sing Along and Snags (meet at 5pm for sound check)
- Sunday 14th December at 9:30am Sunday Service (meet at 9:00am for sound check)

Please find the YouTube link of the original song

November	1 st Sunday	2 nd Sunday	3 rd Sunday	4 th Sunday	5 th Sunday
	2 nd November	9 th November	16 th November	23 rd November	30 th November
Greeters	Bec Hobson &	Bec Hobson &	Bec Hobson &	Bec Hobson &	Bec Hobson &
	Natalie Yule	Natalie Yule	Natalie Yule	Natalie Yule	Natalie Yule
English Bible	Patsy Coleman	Alison McKenzie	Narelle Dodd	Jacqui Fraser-	Billabong
Reader				smith	
Language Bible	Shirley Williams	Sung Lee	Reeba Nasim	Cindy Han	Billabong
Reader					
Prayers for	Margaret Reeson	Patsy Coleman	Reeba Nasim	Lynne Butson	Billabong
Others					
Leader	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Billabong
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Rev Hugh Park	Billabong
All-Age Message	Jacqui Frasersmith	Tanya Johnson	Cass Nokham	Cindy Han	Billabong
Flowers	Margaret Reeson	Patsy Coleman	Shirley Holm	Eric Holm	Kanthi Fernando
Sound		Chris Martin	Rob Shelton	Nathan Frystak	Chris Martin
Computer	Alistair Buchanan	Nathan Frystak	Bruce Warren	Vanessa Yule	Mark Phythian
Morning Tea	Patsy Coleman &	Tamara F-McS &	Josephine Deo &	Suzy Shelton &	Yoon-Hee Park &
	Cass Nokham	Dasuni Kekulawala	Jean Terbeth	Cindy Han	Hae Kyeung Kim
Communion	Shirley Williams				
Preparation	·				
BBQ		YoonHee,			
		HyunJoo &			
		HaeKyyeung			
Pianist	Lindy Baldwin	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Yoo-Mi Kim	Yoo-Mi Kim
Musicians	Prince, John,	Mark, John,	Prince, John,	Mark, John,	Prince, John,
	Adnan, Chung	Adnan, Chung	Adnan, Chung	Adnan, Chung	Adnan, Chung
Singers	Renee, Vanessa	Jessica, Cate	Brooke, Renee	Jessica, Cate	Renee, Vanessa
Music Practice					
Oasis Leader	Jenelle Martin	Jenelle Martin	Jenelle Martin	Jenelle Martin	Jenelle Martin
Billabong	Elizabeth Phythian		Elizabeth Phythian		Elizabeth Phythian
Leader	& Lynne Butson		_		& Lynne Butson
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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