

# 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 21st December

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

Bible Readings

Isaiah 7:10-16

Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25

# Sunday 28th December

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

Bible Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18 Matthew 2:13-23

# 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

Ben Ram is our Church Council Chair

Safe Church Officer

email: minister@gungahlinuniting.org

email: office@gungahlinuniting.org

email: chairperson@gungahlinuniting.org

email: safechurch@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
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

#### Snakes!

Remember, although our church is in the town centre, it is also near grasslands and bush! Be aware that our location is ideal for snakes. Please take care in the carpark, around the food pantry building, in the food garden and even in our buildings and sheds. Adults, please all take responsibility to check the playground before children go out to play!

Blue Christmas Service- Sunday 21st December, 6pm at Gungahlin Uniting Church.

This will be a gentle time of reflection for those who find Christmas a difficult time. This brief gathering will be led by Margaret Reeson.

## **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services**

- Christmas Eve- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December- 7pm
- Christmas Day- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December- 9.30am

# Godly Play Training 28th-30th January 2026

Godly Play is a Montessori method of telling bible stories.

If you are interested in using this training in our ministry with children, please contact Narelle Dodd (narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting).

# **Church Council Update**

The Gungahlin Uniting Church Council held its final meeting for 2025 on 8<sup>th</sup> December. This was a significant occasion as the 2025 Council warmly welcomed the incoming 2026 Council members. During the meeting, the new Council selected its executive team for the year ahead. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Alison McKenzie for her dedicated service as Chairperson and acknowledge her decision to step down from the role. We are pleased to announce that **Ben Ram** has been unanimously elected as our new Chairperson. **Rob Shelton** will continue to serve faithfully as Treasurer, and **Reeba Nasim** will continue as Council Secretary. Please join us in praying for and supporting our Council as they lead us into 2026 with wisdom and grace.

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

Sunday 21st December 2025

ROSTER	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday
	21st December	28 <sup>th</sup> December	4 <sup>th</sup> January	11 <sup>th</sup> January	18 <sup>th</sup> January
Greeters	Suzy Shelton &	Suzy Shelton &	Heather Lamb	Heather Lamb	Lily Ting
	Patsy Coleman	Patsy Coleman			
English Bible	Reeba Nasim	Cass Nokham	Ben Ram	Cate Wilkinson	Natalie Yule
Reader					
Language Bible	Fatin Magades	Sumira Sheraz	Umesh	Carina Moeller	?
Reader			Jayasinghege		
Prayers for	Cate Wilkinson	Kanthi Fernando	Margaret Reeson	Brooke Kilah	Jacqui
Others					Frasersmith
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	Tanya Johnson	Rev Hugh Park	Jacqui	Jess Marchant	Jenelle Martin
			Frasersmith		
Flowers	Kanthi Fernando		Margaret Reeson	Patsy Coleman	?
Sound	Nathan Frystak	Chris Martin	Chris Martin	Rob Shelton	Nathan Frystak
Computer		Mark Phythian	Craig McShane	Bruce Warren	Alistair Buchanan
Morning Tea	Lynne Butson &	Cass Nokham &	Jean Terbeth &	Mark & Lynne	Mark & Elizabeth
	Alexandra Faulkner	Josephine Deo	Lily Ting	Butson	Phythian
Communion			Jenelle Martin &		
Preparation			Faulkner Family		
BBQ					
Pianist	Alison McKenzie	Yoo-Mi Kim	Yoo-Mi Kim	Lindy Baldwin	Lindy Baldwin
Musicians	Mark, John,	Prince, John,	Prince, John,	Mark, John,	Prince, John,
	Adnan, Chung	Adnan, Chung	Adnan, Chung	Adnan, Chung	Adnan, Chung
Singers	Jessica, Cate	Jessica, Cate	Brooke, Renee	Jessica, Cate	Renee, Vanessa
Music Practice	וו			I.I.	
Oasis Leader					
Billabong					
Leader					

Christmas Day	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day
Greeters	Suzy Shelton & Patsy Coleman
English Bible Reader	Lynne Butson
Language Bible Reader	Carina Moeller
Prayers for Others	Margaret Reeson
Leader	Rev Hugh Park
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park
All- Age Message	?
Flowers	Eric Holm
Sound	Chris Martin
Computer	Nathan Frystak
Morning Tea	YoonHee Park &
	Hae Kyeung Kim
Pianist	Alison McKenzie
Musicians	Prince, John, Adnan, Chung
Singers	Vanessa