



Sunday 1st March
2026

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 1st March

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

Bible Readings

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5,13-17
John 3:1-17

Sunday 8th March

9:30am All Age Worship with BBQ
Lead by Margaret Reeson

Bible Readings

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

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
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 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 family life. For parents. For children. For grandparents. For husbands, wives and partners. We pray for those who are unwell and struggling in life at this time.

Church Contact Directory

A new Church Contact Directory for 2026 is being prepared. For this to happen we need to have everyone's correct and up to date details. Please fill in the form and return to the church office via the big pink box in the foyer. In addition to completing your details please make sure to tick the boxes you consent to having printed in the new directory.

Bible Study for Lent 2026- POSTPONED

Lenten Bible Study at Margaret Reeson's place has been postponed until further notice, due to illness.

Lent Event

Many Christians take time during the 40 days of Lent to pray, give and act in ways that reflect God's love for the world. One way of helping us focus is through Lent Event, a program of Uniting World. Resources are available through www.lentevent.com.au. Leaflets are also available at GUC, to explain the process.

One way is take the challenge of '40 For the Future', which invites us to change how we eat, travel, shop and use energy for 40 days to help create a more sustainable future, and raise funds for communities impacted by climate crisis.

Tea and Talk (TnT) - Friday 6/3/26

TnT is on again this coming Friday. All are welcome to come along to Gungahlin Lakes Club coffee shop at 10.30am to catch up over morning tea. See Elizabeth if you'd like more information.

Kids Camp Out

We are getting prepared for an exciting Kids Camp Out 20-22nd March for primary schoolers in grades 3-6 and their families. A responsible adult will be allocated to your child if you are unable to attend. Younger siblings can attend if supervised by a parent.

This year the Canberra Youth Network, of which GUC is a member, will cover registration costs. They are also organising transport to and from the camp and can assist with organising tents/camping gear if needed.

You can opt for a tent or for cabins onsite (spaces in cabins limited - get in quick!) to join in worship, messy church, games, pool, craft, campfire and more! The Youth Network can assist in organising tent/camping gear if you don't have any.

Registrations close **22 February**. When registering, please use the code **CANBERRA 26**. Please let Narelle Dodd know if you plan to attend (narelle.dodd@gungahlinuniting.org)

Church Council Update

1. Resignation of Chair

The Council formally received the resignation of Chairperson, Ben Ram, who is focusing on his health

2. Nominations for New Council Members

The Council is seeking nominations for **two new members** to join the Church Council.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider who may be willing and suitable to serve in this role in our congregation. Further details regarding the nomination process will be shared shortly.

Our Acting Chair, Narelle Dodd has agreed to continue in the role until a suitable replacement is appointed, either from the current Council or from among the additional members being sought.

3. Property and Grounds Matters

The Council approved progressing plans to create a safer pedestrian access route from the street entrance rather than through the car park, improving safety and accessibility for all.

In addition, approval has been given for a garden clean-up project. The Property Group has been authorised to source quotes for both the pathway works and garden maintenance and will report back with recommendations.

4. Family and Young People's Ministry Facilitator Role

The Council approved the revised position description and advertisement for re-advertising the *Family and Young People's Ministry Facilitator* role. The team involved in its revision has done an excellent job in making the role more accessible through clearer language and expectations, presented in a staged approach and aligned with youth pastor/worker guidelines.

The documentation will now be submitted for re-approval to the Pastoral Relations Committee, which meets in late March, and then to ACOMP in April. Please continue to pray for this process that it may reach our desired candidate.

New Nominations for Church Council

Recently Church Council co-opted two additional members to Church Council, Margaret Reeson and John McKenzie. We are very grateful for the added experience they bring to Council. We are grateful we have a diverse Council spanning ages, gender and experience.

Since then, however, two members have resigned / expressed their intention to resign, including the Chair, Ben Ram. We thank Ben for being prepared to chair the Council and pray for his ongoing recovery from ill health.

Church Council is keen to seek replacement Council members. Uniting Church Regulations limit us to co-opting only 2 people to Council in a year. This means we need to go back to the congregation to elect new members.

We ask that you prayerfully consider who you might wish to nominate for Council, and if nominated, your willingness to serve the congregation on Council. We propose to open nominations from 15th March to 5th April, with a **very** short congregational meeting on Sunday 19th April to elect the new members.

Fundraising @ GUC

We are looking for enthusiastic people to help GUC fundraise. This is an opportunity for us to come together to build community through our joint efforts as well as to reach out to the Gungahlin community.

As part of our grant application for a *Family & Young People's Ministry Facilitator*, we undertook to co-fund the position drawing on increases in giving, our savings and fundraising. We undertook to raise \$5000pa, rising to \$10,000 in years four and five.

Now is the time to start planning, as it takes a while for fund raising to grow. If you are interested in being part of a small team imagining how we might build community through fund raising, please talk to our Minister, Hugh Park, or email him on minister@gungahlinuniting.org

ROSTER

	1 st Sunday 1 st March	2 nd Sunday 8 th March	3 rd Sunday 15 th March	4 th Sunday 22 nd March	5 th Sunday 29 th March Palm Sunday
Greeters	Marion Watt & Patsy Coleman	Marion Watt & Patsy Coleman	Marion Watt & Patsy Coleman	Marion Watt & Patsy Coleman	Marion Watt & Patsy Coleman
English Bible Reader	Marion Watt	Tamara Fullard-McShane	Bec Hobson	Tanya & William Johnson	Billabong
Language Bible Reader	Shirley Williams	Rudo Madzorera	Alicia Zhou	Carina Moella	Billabong
Prayers for Others	Brooke Kilah	Matthew Phythian	Cate Wilkinson	Margaret Reeson	Billabong
Leader	Rev Hugh Park	Margaret Reeson	Rev Hugh Park	Andrew Johnson	Billabong
Preacher	Rev Hugh Park	Margaret Reeson	Rev Hugh Park	Andrew Johnson	Billabong
All-Age Message	Cate Wilkinson	Renee Buchanan	Jacqui Frasersmith	Cindy Han	Jessica Marchant
Flowers	Shirley Williams	Marjorie Fryszak	Margaret Reeson	Kanthi Fernando	Billabong
Sound	Chris Martin & Scott Jilbert	Craig McShane	Nathan Frystak	Chris Martin	Chris Martin & Scott Jilbert
Computer	Nathan Frystak	Craig McShane & Umesh J	Mark Phythian & Scott Jilbert	Vanessa Yule	Bruce Warren
Morning Tea	Billabong	Cindy Han & Bec Hobson	Lily Ting & Alicia Zhou	Suzy Shelton & Marianne Schreuder	Tamara Fullard McShane & Marjorie Fryszak
Communion Preparation	Faulkner Family				
BBQ		Yoon Hee Park			
Pianist	Lindy Baldwin	Alison McKenzie	Alison McKenzie	Yoo-Mi Kim	Yoo-Mi Kim
Musicians	Prince, John, Adnan, Chung, Yoo-Mi	Mark, John, Adnan, Chung,	Prince, John, Adnan, Chung, Yoo-Mi	Mark, John, Adnan, Chung,	Prince, John, Adnan, Chung,
Singers	Brooke, Jess	Renee, Cate	Renee, Vanessa	Cate	Brooke, Renee
Music Practice		🎵🎵			
Oasis Leader	Jenelle Martin	Jenelle Martin	Jenelle Martin	Jenelle Martin	Jenelle Martin
Billabong Leader	Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson		Elizabeth Phythian & Lynne Butson		Elizabeth Phythian & 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.

<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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