

# CHURCH BULLETIN FOR 2026

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## THIS WEEK:

### BIBLE PASSAGES FOR SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY:

Revelation 21:1-8, 22- 22:5; Isaiah 65:17-25

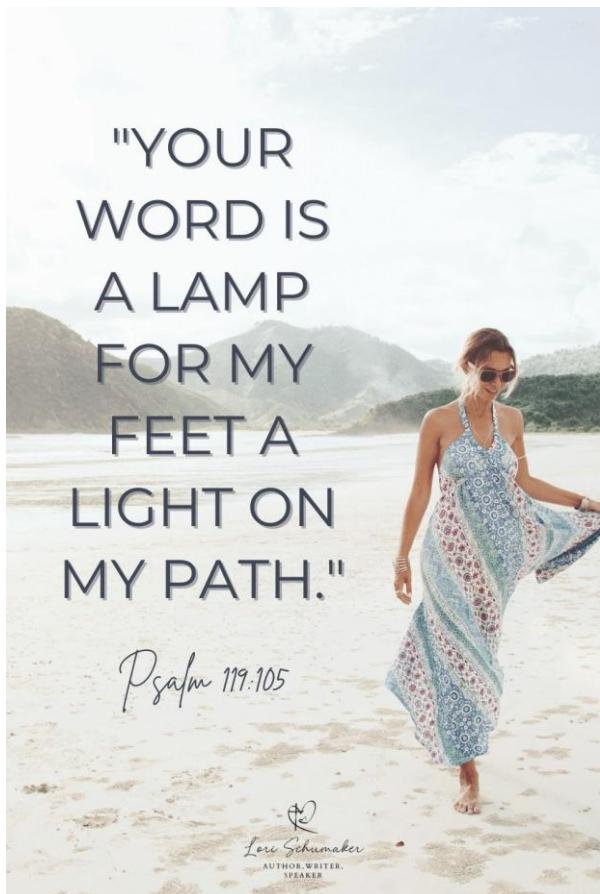
**TOPIC:** The Perfected Kingdom

**PREACHERS:** Duncan Sherman (9.30am, Tim Hall (10am & 6pm) & Brett Marshall (4pm)

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** will restart on Sunday 8 February

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Growth Group Leaders' Meeting – 2 February
- Women's Ministry Planning Meeting – 7 February
- Mandatory Volunteer Training – 8, 9 & 14 February



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GROWTH GROUP LEADERS' MEETING

All growth group leaders, or someone else from their group, are encouraged to come along to a growth group leaders' meeting on **Monday 2 February at 7.30pm, at Grace Chapel**. Come along and connect with other growth group leaders and be encouraged by what God is doing through our small groups as we begin another year. For more information, contact Tim Hall, Brett Marshall or Duncan Sherman.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY PLANNING MEETING

Ladies, you are all encouraged to come along to the Women's Ministry Planning Meeting on **Saturday 7 February at 10am** at the Ministry Centre (Cnr Sarre St & Donnelly Lane, Gungahlin). We will be discussing the results of the women's ministry survey and planning our events for the year, so please come along if you are able to. Brunch will also be provided, so please RSVP to Jen at the office - [office@gungahlinanglican.org.au](mailto:office@gungahlinanglican.org.au) by **Thursday 5 February**.

### MANDATORY VOLUNTEER TRAINING – FOR ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Safe ministry is not just about policies and procedures; it's about love in action. When we create safe spaces, we reflect the heart of the Good Shepherd, who knows each sheep by name and protects them from harm. Part of us creating those safe spaces at GAC is the mandatory training sessions we hold every year, **for all volunteers at GAC**. This is a refresher for those who have been volunteering for a while, and important information for those who are new to volunteering or would like to volunteer. The training will only take an hour, and we're holding it over three different nights so we can hopefully accommodate as many people as possible. Please come if you are able. There is no need to RSVP, just turn up.

The dates & times are as follows - please note, you only need to attend **one** of these sessions:

- **Sunday 8 February** – 12.30pm at Heyward Hall, Forde
- **Monday 9 February** – 7.30pm at Grace Chapel
- **Saturday 14 February** – 4pm at the Ministry Centre (Cnr Sarre St & Donnelly Lane, Gungahlin)

### KID'S CHURCH REGISTRATION

As we look forward to Kid's Church starting up again on **Sunday 8 February**, we would appreciate if you can take 5 minutes to register your children for this year. This will help Fiona to shape classes and ensure we have enough teachers and resources for each group, especially as there are numerous children who are moving up to the next kids church group. You can find the registration form here:

<https://gungahlinanglican.elvanto.com.au/form/25d819a1-9eae-44cb-a59a-4221109f0d23>

Registering your children is important and needs to be completed every year so that we have the most up to date contact information and medical information for your children to ensure that they are being supported and kept safe in our classes.

If your child has any additional needs/allergies could you please note this on your form, any information you may have listed from previous forms doesn't carry over in our system. We want to ensure that we are inclusive to all children and if we need to put additional measures into place

to support you and your children we are more than happy to. Please contact Fiona Hall if you have any questions - [fiona@gungahlinanglican.org.au](mailto:fiona@gungahlinanglican.org.au).

## ADFA CHAPEL SERVICES – HELP NEEDED

Message from Thomas Bielenberg from Navigators – “The biggest class of first years I have seen at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) arrived on 19 January. Navigators and FOCUS Military Ministries have the opportunity to meet them over the next three or so Sundays at the military chapel. We aim to connect with them to introduce them to Jesus, help them to know him better, and teach them to teach others to do the same. **Would you please help by providing food for this key evangelistic opportunity?** This year the whole class will be there at one time, so the more help, the better.

The ADFA first years attend chapel services run by Defence chaplains on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and (perhaps) 15<sup>th</sup> February. Navigators, FOCUS and other military ministries provide supper after the service, creating a relaxed environment which enables us time to relate with the first years. This is key for connecting with young men and women for discipleship and evangelism during their three years at ADFA.

If you can help reach these young men and women by cooking food that is easy to serve in portions, eg. Biscuits, muffins, brownies etc or providing Tim Tams or equivalent, please contact Raylee Bielenberg (txt then call 0416 462 615, or email [sunflowerquiltnstitch@gmail.com](mailto:sunflowerquiltnstitch@gmail.com)). Thanks so much!”

## HEALING MINISTRY TRAINING

Healing ministry training school is conducted by Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) and will be held from **9am on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> to 5pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. Teaching and training will include: How to be set free from past trauma, sin, brokenness & unforgiveness, understanding spiritual warfare, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in ministry and your own confidential prayer ministry session. Learn a biblically based pattern of healing prayer. Plus, great worship and fellowship. For more details go to [vmtc.org.au](http://vmtc.org.au) or contact Peter Cartwright on 0409 049 500.

## BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP - STARTING IN NORTH CANBERRA LATE FEBRUARY

Women, are you interested in knowing God and His word more? Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) can help!

Each week hundreds of thousands of people of all ages and stages across the globe are studying God's word together, chapter by chapter at Bible Study Fellowship. BSF believes people discover their true purpose and identity by knowing God through His word. That is why BSF offers free, in-depth Bible studies in community. You are invited to join an in-person woman's class starting in North Canberra in late February, on Monday mornings from 10am - 11am. Please register your interest with Heather Waddell by email - [heatherwad@hotmail.com](mailto:heatherwad@hotmail.com) or text/phone - [0422 534 198](tel:0422534198)

## PARISH COUNCIL – NOMINATION TIME EXTENDED

Parish Councillors and Wardens serve two-year terms. These are staggered so that half are up for re-election or re-appointment each year. This year the positions of Stuart Bury (Warden), Christina Garbin (Parish Council) and Vicky Briant (Parish Council) are due for re-election.

We do have another Parish Council position to fill as well, as Tim Saunders has resigned. The person elected to take over Tim Saunders' position will only be a one-year term, as his position is due for re-election at the end of 2026.

As such there will be an election to fill these positions for 2026 (commencing after the AGM in March 2026). The election (if needed) will now be held at our Sunday services on **8 February 2026** to allow more time for nominations. Nomination forms are now available by contacting Jen at the Office. Parishioners wishing to nominate should provide written nominations to the church office by **Wednesday 4 February 2026** (via email is fine - [office@gungahlinanglican.org.au](mailto:office@gungahlinanglican.org.au)). As in previous elections, candidates are invited to submit a short description of their background and experience which will be read at the service prior to the election. If you would like any further information, please talk to one of the Parish Councillors at your service, or one of the staff.

## 2026 CHURCH CALENDAR

[Here is a link to our 2026 Church Calendar that you can save to favourites and access the most up to date version at any time.](#)

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will restart on **Sunday 8 February**. Please make sure your child/children are registered using the link in notice above.

## REGULAR MEETINGS

### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

Our weekly prayer meetings are now in recess until February.

*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*

*With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Eph 6:18  
Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thes 5:16-18)*

### CHURCH SERVICES

Our services are on Sundays:

**9.30am** at Grace Chapel, Burgmann Anglican School, Gungahlin

**10am** at Heyward Hall, Burgmann Anglican School, Forde

**4pm** at the Margaret Hendry School Gym, Taylor

**6pm** at Grace Chapel, Burgmann Anglican School, Gungahlin

Our services remain available online via zoom for those who can't attend in person.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's church is available during the school term at our 9:30am, 10am and 4pm services.

Register your child here: [Children's Ministry Registration Form.](#)

### YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is on every Friday night during the school term (except the first & last weeks of term) and is for youth in Years 6 to 12. Please register here: [Youth Group Registration](#). Please contact Nathan Jenkins if you have any questions or if you would like more information [nathan@gungahlinanglican.org.au](mailto:nathan@gungahlinanglican.org.au) or 0410 419 516.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ELVANTO - OUR CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM

If you have any questions or difficulties with accessing Elvanto, please contact Jen at the office or a member of staff. If you're new or have changed your contact details, please fill in the 'Add or Update My Contact Details' form at <https://gungahlinanglican.elvanto.com.au/pages/forms>.

### CREATING SAFE MINISTRIES WORKSHOPS

If you are currently a volunteer helping with Children's Church or Youth Group (or you may do so in the future), or a member of Parish Council, you need to attend a Creating Safe Ministries Workshop. Please use this link to complete the workshop(s)

<https://safercommunities.net.au/anglican-diocese-of-canberra-goulburn-online-training/>. There is a fee for doing the course online, which you can be reimbursed for if you wish. If you have any questions or problems, please email the [Church Office](#).

## PRAYER POINTS

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING" [1 THESSALONIANS 5:17](#)

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If you use the Prayermate App, you can now add our feed to your prayermate, using this link  
<http://praynow4.org/gungahlin-anglican-church>

- Give thanks for God's provision to us and His many blessings as we look forward to sharing the good news of Jesus with others in the coming year.
- Pray for our growth group leaders & members as they prepare to begin meeting again next week.
- Pray for the teachers and students as they start back at school.
- Give thanks for all our Children's Church and Youth Group volunteers, who give up their time willingly to teach our young people. Pray that they are enjoying a well-earned break and that they come back refreshed.
- Pray for Red and the Taylor family during this time.
- Pray for Christian missionaries throughout the world.
- Give thanks for progress towards peace in the Middle East. Pray for God's love to flow into the region.
- Continue to pray for the people of the Ukraine, for the negotiations to be fair to Ukraine and an end to the invasion by Russia.
- Pray for healing for those under cancer treatment and those unwell in our church family.
- Pray for those in our community who are in pain, both mentally and physically.
- Pray for the McGraths, serving with BCA in Jindabyne – "Pray for us and The Village Church; that we would be renewed by God's grace in the newness of this year, so that we will press on in faith and grow as disciples of our Lord, sharing his Good News."
- Pray for the Puffetts, our CMS link missionaries in France: "Travel over the next month – Australia and France; Quality family time over Christmas and for our church plant to continue to faithfully proclaim Jesus through the Christmas season."