

## Next Sunday

**April 30th, 2023, @ 10am**

**Easter 4**

**Sensing Awe**

**Leader: Dinah**

**Preacher Dinah**

**Acts 2:42–47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10**

**Church Council**

**Chair**

Dinah Roepers

**Secretary**

Richard Goodman

**Treasurer**

John Baglin

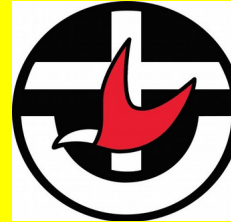
**Councillors**

Dorothy Makasa (2023) Robert M°Alpine (2023)  
Sue Baglin (2025)

**Elders**

John Baglin (2023) Richard Goodman (2024)  
Dinah Roepers (2023)

**Safe Church Contact Person** Richard Goodman



**The Uniting Church in Australia**

**KOGARAH UNITING CHURCH**

**We welcome people of all cultures and lifestyles,**

**We create a safe place for the community**

**We share the journey of life and faith.**

**April 23rd, 2023, @ 10am**

**Easter 3**

**Eyes of the Heart**

**Leader: Deok Hee**

**Preacher Deok Hee**

**Holy Communion Deok Hee**

**Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19; 1 Peter 1:17–23**

**Luke 24:13–35**



The road to Emmaus – Daniel Bonnell

For details and information about our church activities and The Kogarah Storehouse, check out the websites: [kogarah.uca.org.au](http://kogarah.uca.org.au) and [www.kogarahstorehouse.org.au](http://www.kogarahstorehouse.org.au)

For pastoral concerns, please contact the  
Rev Deok Hee Cho  
on 0401 975 745

## Face to face Services Kogarah Uniting Church At 10:00am

### Some COVID Conditions have changed

**We are in the middle of a continuing wave**

**Masks are highly recommended given the vulnerability of some of our members. Please do not come in if you are feeling unwell.**

**Social distancing is also to be observed.**

**Watch this space for any changes.**

### 📅 Planning Ahead

1. 30.04.2023 NextGen Workshop 2-4pm (See ad later)
2. 2.05.2023 Kogarah Church Council meeting 7pm via Zoom
3. 5.05.2023 Storehouse Community Lunch 11:30am -1.00pm
4. 23.05.2023 Storehouse management Committee 7:00pm
5. 25.05.2023 Worship Committee 7pm via ZOOM
6. 4.06.2023 Storehouse Sunday 10am

### Please pray for ...

*The mission and ministry of our congregation and for our Minister, Deok Hee.*

*Worship leaders; helpers, leaders, followers as we prepare for the new year.*

*The Kogarah Storehouse and its many clients; Lala and staff of the Storehouse.*

*Dorothy and Godfrey and the work of LACLA.*

*Nick Hedges and the scripture teaching at JCBTHS and MGHS*

*The team, parents and children in the Early Learning Centre.*

*Those who are sick, sad or lonely:*

*We pray especially today for Brian and Rhonda , Prema, Jim and Bobbie, and others whom we name in our hearts; health care workers in this time of COVID-19, including Richard, Millin and Roseline Goodman and Dorothy Makasa and Elin.*

*Pray for Türkiye, Syria, Ukraine, Russia, New Zealand, and the newly elected government in NSW.*

*Today, from our Presbytery Prayer List, we hold the Rev Bronwyn Murphy, Associate Secretary of Synod (NSW & ACT)'*



# Eyes of the Heart

**O God, you come and walk beside us. You accompany us into the unknown and challenge us to see the world with new eyes. Remind us of your vision, again and again. Amen.**

Biblical scholar John Dominic Crossan remarks, “Emmaus never happened,” clarifying that “Emmaus always happens.” We are given opportunities over and over again to see and be changed by the risen Christ. Now. Here. We are invited to see with new eyes.

In **Acts 2:14a, 36–41**, Peter and the other apostles proclaim to the gathered crowd the crucified Jesus. Peter tells the story. Recognizing the truth of what they hear, the listeners are “cut to the heart.” They ask how to respond. They are baptized and become some of the first members of the church.

The writer of **Psalms 116:1–4, 12–19** shares with Peter’s sermon a solid witness for God as One who saves. In verses 3–4, the writer recounts an experience of calling out to God and responds to God’s answer to his call by giving thanks and witnessing to what God has done.

Those to whom the author of **1 Peter 1:17–23** writes have been born anew to life that lasts forever. They are encouraged to set their faith and hope on God and to love “deeply from the heart.” This trust leads to our capacity for “genuine mutual love.”

The exact location of Emmaus, where the two disciples see the risen Christ in **Luke 24:13–35**, is unknown. Emmaus may be anywhere. Hearts burning and eyes opening do not occur in only one geographical or spiritual place. Emmaus comes into

sight wherever a path leads us toward communion with God and whenever we recognize the risen Christ among us.

When Jesus joins the two travellers on the road, they do not recognize him immediately; perhaps their grief and loss blind them. When they offer Jesus hospitality, a sign of love, and when he blesses and breaks bread, the revelation happens, and they recognize the stranger with whom they have been walking and talking.

A transformation occurs within the travellers; they shift from standing still in a state of sadness to being “on fire” with hope. In great haste, they return to Jerusalem to tell the other followers of Jesus what they have experienced: Christ’s resurrection and their own.

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*Sometimes, our hearts are heavy with the burden of grief, sorrow, and anguish. We have been cut to the heart, but nothing changes, as it does for the crowds listening to Peter’s proclamation. Other times, our hearts can help us to see more grace and love.*

*“God comes to us disguised as our life,” Paula d’Arcy writes. We may fail or refuse to recognize how God is changing our hearts, believing we are on a road of our own making. We can be hardened, but God expands the vision of our hearts.*



### April 23 – St. George

George is believed to have been a soldier who was martyred in Lydda, Palestine, during the Diocletian persecution about 304 CE. While legend says that George slew a dragon, some authorities believe he was confused with St. Michael, who was usually depicted wearing armour in religious icons or was mistakenly identified with Perseus, a mythological character from the area of Lydda who is said to have slain a sea monster. George replaced Edward the Confessor as patron saint of England following the Crusades when returning soldiers brought back with them a renewed devotion to St. George.



### April 25 – St. Mark

According to Acts 12, Mark (or John Mark) accompanied his cousin Barnabas and Paul on their first missionary journey to Perga. Later, he went to Cyprus with Barnabas and to Rome with first Paul and then Peter, thus earning his title "Evangelist." The gospel attributed to Mark is generally recognized as the earliest and is the shortest of the accounts of Jesus' life. It is thought to have been written while Mark was in Rome and may have been based as much on Peter's preaching as on Mark's memory of the events.

### April 25 – ANZAC Day (*Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia*)

The anniversary of the World War I landing of the Australia and New Zealand Army Corps on Gallipoli in 1915 serves as an opportunity to

honour the past and recommit ourselves to working for peace and justice in the present and future.

### Building Your NextGen Ministry

A Workshop for Ministries with Purpose and Focus

April 30 from 2pm – 4pm

At Hurstville City Uniting Church

The Avenue

HURSTVILLE

Call the Georges River Presbytery office on 9579 4682 to register.



### Food by OZHARVEST with Thanks

Storehouse Community Lunch

Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am

Come and help set up, serve and mingle with our guests.