

Next Sunday

June 11th, 2023, @ 10am Pentecost 2 - Community of Grace

Leader: Deok Hee
Preacher Deok Hee et al.
Holy Communion Deok Hee

Genesis 12:1–9; Psalm 33:1–12; Romans 4:13–25
Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Church Council

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Dinah Roepers
Richard Goodman
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.

June 4th, 2023, @ 10am Pentecost 1 – Trinity Sunday Storehouse Sunday

Leader: Richard
Preacher Deok Hee et al.

Genesis 1:1-2:4; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20

We welcome the staff, volunteers and clients of the
Kogarah Storehouse to our special service today



For details and information about our church activities and The Kogarah Storehouse, check out the websites: kogarah.uca.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 still 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.

• Planning Ahead

1. 6.06.2023 Bayview Morning Tea at Kogarah RSL @ 10:30am
2. 7.06.2023 Kogarah UC Church Council via Zoom 7pm
3. 15.06.2023 Storehouse Community Lunch from 11:30am
4. 17.06.2023 Bayview Service @ Kogarah from 1:30pm
5. 18.06.2023 Church Council/Elders elections in service

Presbytery Events

- 24 June - Mission Possible 2 – Church Planting
- 25 July - Safe Church Workshop – Kingsgrove UC
- 11 November - Safe Church Workshop – Caringbah UC
- 9 December – Christmas Event for whole of Presbytery

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, Denis and Dolly, Jim Bird. 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, and the newly elected government in NSW.

Today, from our Presbytery Prayer List, we hold Beth Eden Uniting Church and their minister, Pr Max Mieruntu in our prayers. Beth Eden Congregation share the property at Earlwood. Indonesian language services are held at 10.30am on Sundays.



Community of Creation

Faithful Creator, we give thanks for your forming, saving, and empowering work in our lives. Shape us for a closer relationship with you and a meaningful life among our neighbours. Amen.

At the beginning of time, God expressed delight in Creation and declared all Creation “very good.” The readings on this Trinity Sunday invite us to explore and celebrate the many ways God is revealed in and through continuing relationships within Creation. God entrusts remarkable potential to all that is created. New beginnings emerge as the community of Creation lives into such promise.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a likely took shape when the people of Judah lived in exile in Babylon. In response to their captors, who insisted that their rulers held all power, these exiles told a story about their God that insisted otherwise. Genesis 1–2 did not originate as a scientific explanation of how all things came to be. Instead, it emerged as an assertion of the power of God, from whom all things came to be – and in whose hands the past and the future remained.

In Jewish tradition, retelling scripture’s story enables listeners to enter that story as if it were ongoing. God’s creative activity continues. Our fashioning in the image of God is more than a story of long ago. God has not finished with Creation or with us. We are empowered by our identity as made in the image of God and entrusted with a caring relationship with all Creation.

God blesses both creatures (1:22) and humans (1:28). A key issue in 1:28 involves the meaning of the “dominion” bestowed upon human beings. Many associate dominion exclusively with control. Dominion, however, has a different meaning when heard in the context of the “image of God.” God’s dominion does not exhibit itself in exploitation but in compassion and responsible care. God entrusts dominion to us as a responsibility, not a licence to abuse.

This narrative of Creation concludes with God blessing the seventh day. We call this blessing Sabbath. Sabbath reminds us that work does not wholly or finally define life. It does not for God. It does not for us. Sabbath bears the gift of rest. Remembering Sabbath celebrates the grace of God.

Genesis 1:1—2:4a forms a liturgy of creating word and faithful response that includes all God created. Imagine this account coming to life. Use your senses to see, hear, smell, touch, and taste life bursting all around you. Proclaim that everything, in the words of God, is good.

In a liturgical celebration of praise for God’s Creation, the writer of **Psalms 8** reflects on the meaning of human beings made in God’s image, evoking with Genesis a consideration of the relationship between dominion and caretaking.

2 Corinthians 13:1–13 appeals to the Corinthians to put things in order, to agree with one another, to live together in peace. We might hear a call to the church to remember that God’s essential act is one of love and to live back into the gracious and good dominion of God. The community is reminded of the communion of the Trinity.

Matthew 28:16–20 Jesus bestows authority upon all followers to bring the call of discipleship to all nations. The baptismal formula resonates with the celebration of Trinity Sunday.

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This week's scripture passages lift themes of Creation and Trinity's relationship with and within Creation. What seems to be God's hope and purpose for you and your church as your journey into the future with the community of Creation? How do we, as those created in God's image, continue to reflect the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer to the world?

From the Storehouse

Lala's Report to the Board of Management meeting of the Kogarah Storehouse held last week. It shows the huge variety of activities taken in our name as part of God's mission in this place and reveals some of the issues we all need to face in the future. We all must ask ourselves the question: How can I help?

Operations Report (adapted) May 2023 The Kogarah Storehouse

Time flies faster every year. Now we are at the end of May 2023. This month celebrated National Volunteer's Week.

As we all know that the Kogarah Storehouse would not survive without the commitment, loyalty and generosity of volunteers. During this National Volunteer Week, we held a **Thank You Lunch** to extend our deepest gratitude to every volunteer who has selflessly given their time, skills, and passion to The Storehouse. We also presented a certificate of recognition to Aming Suntara for his precious contribution and outstanding dedication by

cooking every Wednesday for all our food parcel helpers at the Kogarah Storehouse.

We also thank Ms Bina Narula from Linda Burney's office, who came and presented us with a certificate of recognition of our volunteers. Thank you to Linda for her ongoing support!

The **procedures manual**, including communications, such as phone & internet, website and social media, is still a work in progress. Reception guideline are completed.

I need help in administration (fall behind) such as training manual and Storehouse programs 2023 information. I have to spend some time going to meetings outside the Storehouse as I try to help with NILS promotion and also the soup campaign.

Volunteers who are helping in the reception are Larisa for Monday, Reiko for Tuesday, Eko for Wednesday and Reiko on Thursday.

Kitchen Handling Training that should have been on the 27th or 28th April, has been postponed by TAFE outreach until further notice. **Watch for details.**

Proposed dates for First Aid Training by the Head teacher in nursing. TAFE advised me that TAFE Outreach no longer give First Aid Training. We have to contact St John's Ambulance and would have to pay for this training. To be discussed: Through NILS promotion visits, I have more connections that propose to support the Kogarah Storehouse.

1. **Service NSW Kiosk** would like to offer state government rebates that include 72 rebates from 45 different state government departments. This offer is over and above what clients get from Centrelink. He needs one table and two chairs. For EAPA he needs a land line. These could cover all languages, and interpreter costs are covered by Service NSW.
2. In the process Service NSW would like to support the soup campaign during this winter.

Emergency Food Program (Funded by Sisters of Charity)

Since the last committee meeting in February 2023 we have been very busy meeting the demand for Food Parcels. The food program grant funds have run out, so we need to find more to meet the current demand. At this stage to fill in the gap I organised a *cans of soup campaign* at Bethany College and also Kogarah Commonwealth Bank. They are in the process of collecting the cans for us.

In December the Storehouse received \$15,000 for the continuation of Food Program from Sisters of Charity Foundation. A grant application to Sisters of Charity for an additional \$5,000 has been submitted. By the end of June we will know the outcome.

In February 2023, Storehouse has distributed food parcels to 150-160 people/family per week. Now in May 2023 Storehouse distributed on Tuesday 30 food parcels, Wednesday about 130-140 food parcels and Thursday 30-40 food parcels. Total per week 210 bags we have had to prepare. This is the reality that we have to face. This in total 420 bags we used/ week.

As much as we want to keep the food parcel distribution only on Wednesdays, we have had to spread it to other days too, as it is easier for us to coordinate the registration and the queues.

Social Media

Thank you to Laura: Margaret Beasley, the NSW Governor, has checked in to Storehouse's Facebook, Instagram and website. She said it is a very busy centre, so many activities," I could not follow how many groups activities you have."

If you follow the Storehouse on Facebook and Instagram ,you would see how active Storehouse is in the community. Laura has continued to cover all the Storehouse's social media. This has had a very strong positive impact in the community.

Charity Market

Normally sales are around \$1000 per month. Profits which help run the Storehouse are around \$800 per month. Many thanks to Laura for all her hard work.

Women's Support Programs (funded by Big Sister Foundation)

2023, *Finding My Way Forward' DFV* 6 weeks Workshop second program started on the 10th May and ends on the 14th June. We have 6 women attending. No children

Arabic women attended the *Who Am I* workshop on 11th to 25th of May (9 women attended)

Bangladeshi women will start the *Who Am I* workshop on the 11th to 15th June. (12 women attending)

The Mongolian Mothers and Children Support Group completed the *Who Am I* workshop.

(Supporting the Pre and Postnatal Mental Health of Women for the Mongolian Community) This support group started on the 18th April will end in September 2023

Women's Health and Wellbeing

Postnatal Mental Health of Women for the **Nepalese Community** workshops started on the 13th February attended by 15 women. This group is growing fast; now we have 22- 29 women and men attending. Childminding for 5 children.

NILS - No Interest Loan Scheme

Jessica Mak is back busy with promotion and application in 2023. Russell, Jim and I talked to the State Manager regarding NILS future funding at TKS.

Welfare

Bibby left the Kogarah Storehouse from 13th January. However, Bibby is still coming as volunteer.

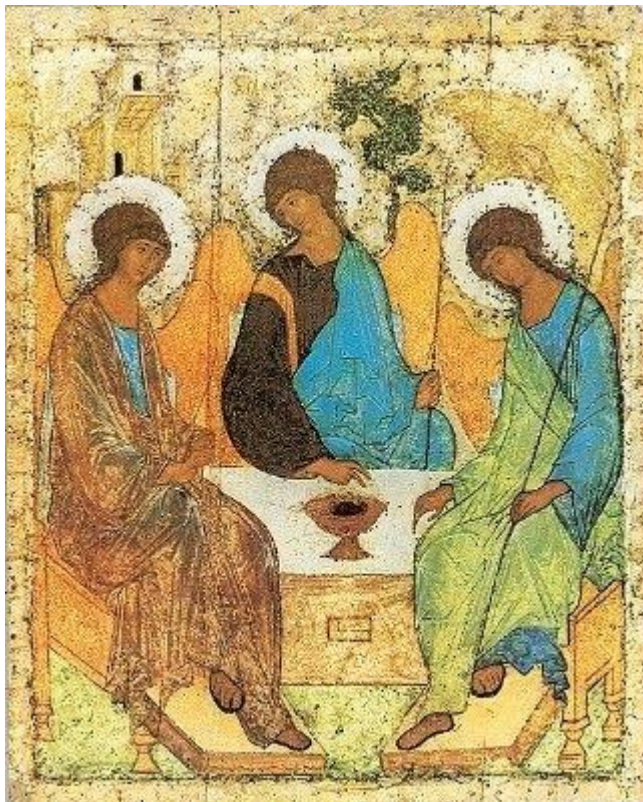
Jordanna left the Kogarah Storehouse in March 2023. We thank her for her many years of service and wish her well in the future.

Gaby, a Physiology Student from Macquarie University, started on the 15th of February to do her 'Work Experience' in welfare. She is doing well and has adjusted to the EAPA system.

If we can receive Emergency Relief funding from the Federal Government, we will need a Welfare Officer who can provide emergency funds and referral Case Management.

Lala Noronha

22nd May 2023



Continuing my cycle of sonnets for the Church year. Here is one for Trinity Sunday. By coming to us as the Son, revealing to us the Father, and sending to us the Spirit, Jesus revealed the deepest mystery; that God is not distant and alone, but is three in one, a communion of love who comes to make His home with us.

The [Rublev Icon](#), above, shows the Three in One inviting us to share in that communion. If, as I believe, we are made in the image of God, as beings in communion with one another in the name of that Holy and Undivided Trinity whose being is communion, then we will find reflections and traces of the Trinitarian mystery in all our loving and making. I have tried to suggest this throughout the poem and especially in the phrase 'makes us each the other's inspiration',

[Trinity Sunday](#) by Malcolm Guite

In the Beginning, not in time or space,
But in the quick before both space and time,
In Life, in Love, in co-inherent Grace,
In three in one and one in three, in rhyme,
In music, in the whole creation story,
In His own image, His imagination,
The Triune Poet makes us for His glory,
And makes us each the other's inspiration.
He calls us out of darkness, chaos, chance,
To improvise a music of our own,
To sing the chord that calls us to the dance,
Three notes resounding from a single tone,
To sing the End in whom we all begin;
Our God beyond, beside us and within.

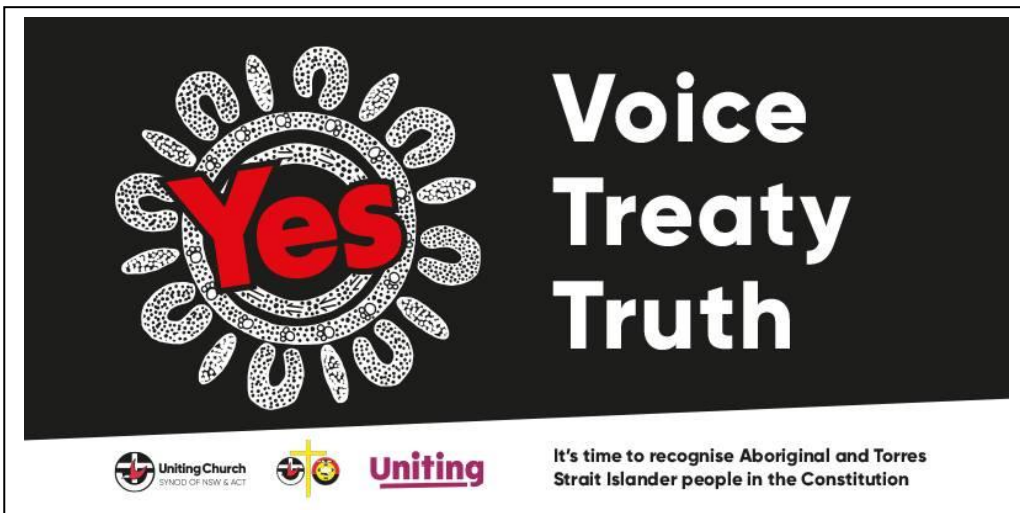
Hi Presbytery friends,

We had a very informative session on the Voice referendum on Saturday 20 May at Revesby Church. Nathan Tyson from the Synod spoke to us from his indigenous and legal background. He spoke clearly, simply and answered all our questions.

We are happy to provide a link to the Revesby Church YouTube channel that has the full recording - about 1.75 hours, see below. Copy this address into your search engine.

VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7n6kI9pv_Q

A text account of the issues is available. Please speak to me or Richard and we will provide you with a copy. It is 20 pages long.



Can you help?

The next
Kogarah Uniting Church – Kogarah Storehouse Community Lunch
will be held on

THURSDAY 15TH JUNE 2023
FROM 11:30AM

Church members are needed to serve and mingle. Food will be
prepared by the Arabic Women's Group

