

## Next Sunday

**December 10th , 2023, @ 10am**  
**Advent 2 – Peace**

Leader: Deok Hee  
Preacher Deok Hee  
Holy Communion Deok hee

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 86:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

### Church Council

Chair Richard Goodman  
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**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.*

**December 3rd, 2023, @ 10am**  
**Advent 1 – Hope**

Leader: Robert  
Preacher Deok Hee

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37



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)

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

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

Some COVID Conditions have changed  
**There is an increasing number of cases at the moment, so there is still a need to be careful.**  
**New strains have been detected recently.**  
Masks are highly recommended given the vulnerability of

#### • Planning Ahead

10th December Advent 2 @ 10 am Peace  
16th December Kogarah UC & Storehouse Community  
Christmas – @ 5pm followed by dinner.  
17th December Advent 3 @ 10am Joy  
19th December Blue Christmas @ 7:30pm

24th December Advent 4/Christmas Eve @10am + HC Love  
(No evening service. Bring lunch to share.)

25th December Christmas Day @ 9am

31st December News Year's Day 10am

Please plan to be there where possible.

Advent Studies – Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd 23 @ 10am

#### Presbytery Events

- 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 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 and Priya, Jim and Bobbie, Denis and Dolly, Jim Bird, Naghuia, health care workers in this time, including Richard, Millin and Roseline Goodman and Dorothy Makasa and Elin.*

*For others whom we name in our hearts.*

*Pray for the people of Türkiye, Syria, Ukraine, Russia, Niger, Sudan, Morocco. Libya. Israel and Palestine*

*Today, the people from Georges River Presbytery will be praying for St Matthews Uniting Church, Peakhurst Heights.*



## O Emmanuel

O come, O come, and be our God-with-us  
O long-sought With-ness for a world without,  
O secret seed, O hidden spring of light.  
Come to us Wisdom, come unspoken Name  
Come Root, and Key, and King, and holy Flame,  
O quickened little wick so tightly curled,  
Be folded with us into time and place,  
Unfold for us the mystery of grace  
And make a womb of all this wounded world.  
O heart of heaven beating in the earth,  
O tiny hope within our hopelessness  
Come to be born, to bear us to our birth,  
To touch a dying world with new-made hands  
And make these rags of time our swaddling bands.  
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you might like, on occasion, (not every time of  
course!) to pop in and buy me a cup of coffee.  
Clicking on this banner will take you to a page where  
you can do so, if you wish. But please do not feel any  
obligation!

**Malcolm Guite**

**Kogarah Uniting Church** **the Kogarah STOREHOUSE**  
Sharing God's love with our local community

# Christmas Season Services

## at Kogarah Uniting Church

## The Kogarah Storehouse

You are warmly invited to join in our  
Christmas Celebrations

**Kogarah Uniting Church and Kogarah Storehouse Community  
Christmas Celebration**  
**Saturday, December 16th at 5 pm**  
Celebrate the year with singing, dancing and sharing a meal.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS**  
**Tuesday, December 19th at 7.30 pm**  
A quiet gathering for those who are missing friends and family  
and who are looking for comfort this Christmastime.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**Sunday, December 24th at 10 am**  
A joyful service of readings and songs.  
Bring something to share for lunch after the service.  
There will be no evening service this year.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**Monday, December 25th at 9.00 am**  
A celebration of Jesus' birth.

If you have any questions about any of these events,  
please contact **Rev Deok Hee Cho** on **0401 975 745**



## **“Advent Song”**

### Refrain:

*Gather in hope, people of God.  
Sing the Advent song!  
Song of faith, song of trust,  
a song to welcome the Christ.*

*Let the warmth of our love,  
like the long summer days,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord.  
Let our will for justice,  
as strong as the sun,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord.  
Refrain:*


*Let our thirst for the truth,  
like the dry, parched earth,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord.  
Let our dream for peace,  
as bright as the sky,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord.  
Refrain:*

*Let the prophet be heard,  
like the blaze of fire,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord.  
Let the poor and the rich,  
as the lamb and the lion,  
prepare the way of the Lord,  
prepare the way of the Lord.  
Refrain:*

*Dedrie Browne*

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### First Sunday of Advent




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## Hope for families forced to flee

Jehan\*, a brave mother of five, made the courageous decision to escape on foot to Pakistan with her family when Afghanistan fell to the Taliban in 2021. Your gifts through the Christmas Bowl can help Act for Peace coordinate rapid emergency responses with local partners, like Church World Services Asia, so that they can immediately act, giving families like Jehan's safety in exile – and hope for the future – when they need it most. **Please give today.**

\*Name changed for safety reasons



**Christmas Bowl**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au](https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au)**

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