



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.*

February 11th, 2024, @ 10am
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
The Transfiguration

Leader: Deok Hee
Preacher Deok Hee
Holy Communion Deok Hee

2 Kings 2:1–12; Psalm 50:1–6; 2 Corinthians 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9



For details and information about our church activities and The Kogarah Storehouse, check out the websites: kogarah.uca.org.au and <https://www.kogarahstorehouse.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.

Planning Ahead

14th February Ash Wednesday @ 7:30pm – our Lenten journey to Easter begins

18th February – first Sunday in Lent @ 10am

6th March Worship Task Group 7pm via Zoom

7th March Kogarah Church Council @ 7pm via Zoom

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 as The Storehouse opens again this week.

Dorothy and Godfrey (as they travel back from Africa) 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, John and Sue and especially John's mother and father,; health care workers at this time, including Richard, Millin and Roseline Goodman and Dorothy Makasa and Elin.

Especially today keep Craig and his family in your prayers. Joy, Craig's wife died recently in St George Hospital.

For others whom we name in our hearts.

Pray for the people of Türkiye, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine, Yemen

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!



Word for the Day

For the past five weeks, we have been thinking about Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The reading for today comes from the second letter. Scholars believe there were more than these two letters and that these are just the two that have been preserved in our Bible. Sometimes, it is tempting to think that the early church had it all figured out, and if we could just return to that time all our problems would be sorted. However, living in community is hard. It was then; it is now.

It is easy to complain about the things that are not right; today, we are encouraged to think about the things that are good. How can we encourage others today? How can we light up the darkness?

Scriptures

2 Kings 2:1–12

Elisha insists on staying with Elijah right up to the moment Elijah is taken up to heaven in a whirlwind. Note the injunction to silence and the repetitions of Elisha's insistence on staying and the parallel sentiments at the beginning of Ruth.

Psalm 50:1–6

This Psalm of Asaph describes God's glory as 'the perfection of beauty' and a 'devouring fire' and 'mighty tempest,' and reminds the reader that God is a judge of righteousness.

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Paul encourages the Corinthians to keep spreading the message of the gospel.

Mark 9:2–9

In a mountaintop experience, Peter, James and John witness Jesus talking to Elijah and Moses. Jesus instructs Peter, James, and John not to tell anyone about this until after he has risen from the dead.

**Wednesday February 14th 2024
Our Lenten Journey Begins
Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:30pm**

Leader: Deok Hee

(Please bring the palm crosses you made on Palm Sunday 2023, if you still have them. We can supply you with some if you can't find them.)

Psalm 51:1–17; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21



Welcome to our Christian community.

We are a small congregation of the **Uniting Church of Australia**, seeking to share the love of God with the local community. We are an inclusive community welcoming people from all types of backgrounds, cultures, and lifestyles, and we endeavour to create a safe place where people can gather to share the journey of life and faith.

Sunday Morning Services Take place at Kogarah @ 10:00 am; a podcast is available via on Vimeo. Communion is shared on the second and the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome to our morning family-friendly services.

Uniting Early Learning Kogarah offers education and care for babies to pre-school-age children in a nurturing and creative learning environment. Our service is located in the heart of Kogarah and celebrates the diversity of our children, families, and team.

The Kogarah Storehouse is an outreach mission of the Kogarah Uniting Church and operates without government funding, relying on the generous support of dedicated donors, sponsors, and friends. It operates with only part-time staff and the essential help of committed volunteers.

A core service which The Storehouse provides to people in our community is the **food program**. The Kogarah Storehouse also offers a range of support services for people in need, including Emergency Payment Assistance (EPA) (electricity, gas, water) and the No Interest Loans Scheme (N.I.L.S.)

The Kogarah Storehouse can be contacted on 02 9587-5761, or via email (enquiries@kogarahstorehouse.org.au)

Women's Support Programs: Many people seeking help from The Kogarah Storehouse are women, particularly mothers with young children. The Storehouse runs programs for women experiencing domestic violence; for mothers with small children; and activity groups to develop new skills.

Community Support Programs: These programs target various groups from within our community from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. .Programs are run to enable these groups to meet with each other as well as teaching the skills needed to function well in our multicultural society. These activities involve support groups, talks on living under Australian laws and often celebrate our diversity and cultural richness via food and entertainment at Community Lunches.

Gambling Support This is new in 2024 and involves personal counselling for people who feel the need for support to break their gambling habit.

Next Sunday

February 18th 2024, @ 10am
Lent 1

Leader: Robert

Preacher Robert

Genesis 9:8–17; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Peter 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15
(Today is Deok Hee's Rostered Day Off)



Church Council

Chair

Richard Goodman

Secretary

Sue Baglin

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Robert M^cAlpine (2024)

Sue Baglin (2025)

John Baglin (2025) Richard

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Dinah Roepers (2024)

Safe Church Contact Person

Richard Goodman

Lent Bible Studies

Going Deeper

(developed by the Uniting Church Assembly)

These studies will start next **Friday 16th February at 10am**. A study booklet will be printed off by Deok Hee for use by participants. It is not necessary to attend all studies which will take place on the Fridays in Lent with the exception of Good Friday.

Please take the opportunity where possible to join with others from our congregation on this journey to Easter.

(More details to come)

Community Lunches with the Kogarah Storehouse

These lunches will begin this month on Thursdays beginning at around 11:00am. Watch for more details. Your help in setting up or meeting with the people who attend over lunch would be greatly appreciated.

The first lunch is tentatively “booked” for **29th February 2024**.