



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.**

18th January 2026 @ 10am

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Listening for God's Call

Leader Richard

Reflection Richard

(Deok Hee is on annual leave with his family in South Korea)

Isaiah 49:1–7, Psalm 40:1–11, 1 Corinthians 1:1–9, and John 1:29–42



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 Deok Hee on
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Scriptures

Isaiah 49:1–7 This is the second of four passages identified as the Servant Songs in the book of Isaiah, which tell about God’s call. In this song, the servant is encouraged to use their voice to speak to Israel and to the nations.

Psalms 40:1–11 Praising God’s steadfast love, the psalmist recounts how God listened and encouraged them. In response, the psalmist willingly tells others about God’s righteousness and faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 Writing about his call, Paul demonstrates his thankfulness for the church at Corinth, encouraging them and reminding them of God’s faithfulness and of their call.

John 1:29–42 The writer of John connects Jesus’ baptism with the calling of the disciples. John the baptiser names Jesus as the ‘Lamb of God.’ John’s disciples respond with curiosity, and Jesus invites them to ‘come and see.’ Along the way, Simon is given a new name—Peter—a sign of who he is becoming.

Theme Focus

As Isaiah sings of a servant called before birth and Jesus invites the first disciples to ‘come and see,’ we are invited to listen and respond to how God is naming and calling us today.

Word for the Day

In Isaiah 49, the servant is called and named by God, entrusted with a purpose. God's call is both deeply personal and expansively communal.

In John 1, John the baptiser names Jesus 'Lamb of God.' The curiosity of John's disciples leads them to follow Jesus, who invites them to 'come and see.' Simon is renamed Cephas/Peter, showing that God's call recognises our potential—who we are becoming. Following Jesus begins with curiosity and invitation.

Baptism tells us that we, too, are named and called as Christ's body. God invites us not only to hear but to respond—to live as people through whom the light of God's love shines.

Ideas for Reflection

- The readings from Isaiah and John show a variety of names: Servant, Israel, Lamb of God, God's Son, Rabbi, Messiah, Christ, Simon/Cephas. Reflect on how each of these names tells us something about the person to whom it is applied.
- What difference does it make to know that God calls you by name?
- Where do you hear God's call in your life right now?
- How might our community 'come and see' where Jesus is in our neighbourhood?
- How might God's light and love be made known through God's people today? (Isaiah 49:3)

I don't ever crave
extraordinary
moments anymore.
Just small, gentle
hums of beauty
streaming from below,
above, and beyond simply
from paying attention.
Sound. Light. Shadow.
Art. Warmth. The night.
The morning. Dreams that
are not faraway but
exist right here –
already in my days,
hands, and heart.

Victoria Erickson

Shared from Jamberoo Abbey's Facebook page for January 12



O Christ, Lamb of God
Sharing our weakness, our weakness
Have mercy, have mercy

O Christ, Lamb of God
Bearing our healing, our healing
Have mercy, have mercy

O Christ, Lamb of God
Sharing our story, our story
Oh grant us, grant us Your peace
Oh grant us, grant us Your peace

Amen

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan



Planning Ahead

- **February 19, 2026, Worship Task Group meeting @ 7pm via Zoom**

Please pray for ...

The mission and ministry of our congregation and for our Minister, Deok Hee, and Wynne Cheng as they make links to the Chinese community.

Worship leaders; helpers, leaders, followers The Kogarah Storehouse and its many clients; Lala and staff and volunteers at the Storehouse. Dorothy and Godfrey and the work of LACLA. The team, parents and children in the Early Learning Centre.

Those who are sick, sad or lonely: We pray especially today for Dennis and Robyn Lyons, Rhonda Chamberlain and family; Prema and Priya, Denis and Dolly, Ngahuia, Peter and Sue; Dinah; Ern Edwards; Jim Bird, Cindy, Dorothy and Godfrey, - For members of the Jewish community who continue to mourn. For others whom we name in our hearts.

Pray for the people of Syria, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine, especially the people of Gaza and Lebanon. The USA and the countries of Europe. Sudan. The people of Venezuela, both there and in Australia.

Kogarah Storehouse Dates

The Storehouse will reopen on 21st January 2026 (first food distribution day)

Next Sunday

25th January 2026 @ 10am

Third Sunday after Epiphany *Real People, Real Life Challenges*

Leader Sue

Reflection Sue/John

Holy Communion Richard

(Deok Hee is on annual leave with his family in South Korea)

Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 27:1, 4–9, 1 Corinthians 1:10–18, Matthew 4:12–23



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