



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.**

1st March 2026 @ 10am

Lent 2

Faith on the Road

Leader Richard

Reflection Deok Hee

Genesis 12:1–4a; Psalm 121,

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17, John 3:1–17



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.**

Scriptures

Genesis 12:1–4a

God calls Abram to leave what is familiar and go toward promise; faith begins as a journey into uncertainty.

Psalm 121 is a song for travellers, lifting eyes to the hills, trusting that the Maker watches over every step.

Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

Faith is not achievement but trust in the One who brings life out of what seems impossible.

John 3:1–17

Nicodemus seeks understanding in the night; on another mountain, light transfigures what was hidden.

Theme Focus

On this Lenten journey, we are invited to step into the unknown, like Abram leaving home, and to encounter God's transforming presence, and as Nicodemus did in the night—trusting that faith calls us to step forward even when the way is unclear.

Word for the Day

Faith is often portrayed as certainty, but the Bible paints a different picture:

Abram steps out with only a promise.

The psalmist looks to the hills, unsure of what lies ahead, yet confident that help will come.

Paul insists that faith is not our achievement but our trust in God's mercy.

Nicodemus, curious and cautious, finds himself invited into rebirth, a new way of seeing.

Lent is the road between loss and resurrection.

We travel it carrying our doubts, our griefs, our half-healed hopes.

But along the way, grace keeps pace with us, sometimes a whisper, sometimes a light on the path.

This is faith: walking on, even when the stars are the only map we have.

Ideas for Reflection

- What 'leaving behind' might God be calling you toward right now?
- Where have you glimpsed God's guidance when the way was unclear?
- How might grief itself become part of your faith journey?



Dark Emu

EASTER PREPARATIONS 2026

Lenten Studies

We will be using materials from Common Grace. We will meet in the church on the following Fridays at 10am for about an hour. More details to come.

- 6th March - The Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:1–30)
- 13th March - Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1–10)
- 20th March - The Woman with the Bleeding Condition (Mark 5:25–34)
- 27th March - The Paralyse Man Lowered Through the Roof (Mark 2:1–12)



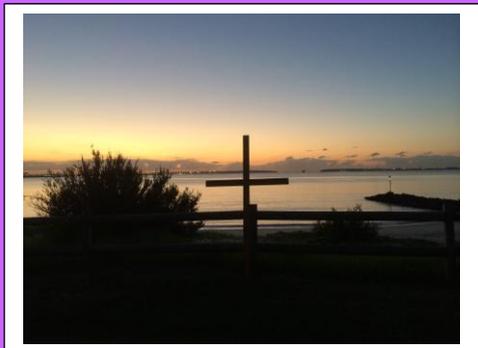
EASTER CELEBRATIONS

- 29th March – Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday (We make Palm Crosses)
- 2nd April @ 6:30pm– Maundy Thursday – A simple meal followed by worship, - songs, readings, hand washing and Holy Communion
- 3rd April 10am– Good Friday – we follow Jesus' journey to the cross. Hot Cross Buns. We view a video of Handel's *Messiah*
- 5th April 10am – Easter Day! We celebrate the Resurrection together as well as the Baptism of Mei Mei, one of our Chinese members. There will be many visitors today: friends and family of Mei Mei, John and Mariane and members of their Indonesian community whose choir will enliven our service. There will be cake and special food.

Chinese Seminars

- 28 February - Title *Discern the authenticity of online pain treatment information. Held yesterday*
- 13 March - Community seminar Title-*Celebrating Life.*
- 28 March - Legal seminar Title: *tenancy disputes, building management fees, and boundary/fence disputes.*

These seminars will be held in Chinese



Upcoming Storehouse Activities

- 5th March - Chinese New Year celebrations. Soul of Chinatown, as supporter of the Storehouse, will provide lunch/Yum Cha.



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Sharing God's love with our local community

Planning Ahead

- **March 31 Church Council Meeting @ 7pm via Zoom**
- **April 12 Yum Cha after church at Kogarah RSL**
- **May 7 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, Ngahua, Peter and Sue; Dinah; Ern Edwards; Jim Bird, Cindy, Dorothy and Godfrey, Nives - 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.



Next Sunday

8th March 2026 @ 10am

Lent 3

Living Water: Where Thirst Meets Grace

Leader Deok Hee

Reflection Deok Hee

Holy Communion Deok Hee

Exodus 17:1–7; Psalm 95,

Romans 5:1–11, John 4:5–42



Church Council 2025-2026

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