



**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.**

**8<sup>th</sup> 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**



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) and <https://www.kogarahstorehouse.org.au/>

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

### Scriptures

**Exodus 17:1–7**

The people's thirst turns to complaint, yet God brings water from the rock.

**Psalm 95**

A song that remembers both faithfulness and rebellion, calling us to listen today.

**Romans 5:1–11**

Through suffering comes endurance, through endurance hope; God's love is poured out like water.

**John 4:5–42**

At a well in the heat of the day, a weary pilgrim meets the One who offers living water.

### Theme Focus

As we linger with Christ at the well and wander with Israel through the dry places, we are invited to bring our deep thirst—and the grief and hope we carry—into the open, trusting that the God who brings water from rock and living streams to weary hearts will meet us with grace that flows again.

## Word for the Day

At the well, two people meet in the heat of noon. Both are thirsty, one for water, the other for honesty. Jesus does not shame her story; he listens until the truth becomes living water.

The scriptures this week ripple with that same movement of grace.

In Exodus, God draws water from stone, and grief becomes generosity.

In Romans, suffering leads to hope, and pain becomes the place where love overflows.

And in John's gospel, an unnamed woman becomes the first preacher of good news; her testimony turning shame into invitation.

When we dare to speak our truth before God, we find that the well of love never runs dry.

This is the promise:

our thirst is not the end of the story; it is the place where grace begins to flow.

Ideas for Reflection

- Where have you experienced spiritual thirst lately?
- What conversations or encounters have felt like a cup of cold water to your soul?
- How might your own grief become a spring that refreshes others?

## 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.

- 13<sup>th</sup> March - Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1–10)
- 20<sup>th</sup> March - The Woman with the Bleeding Condition (Mark 5:25–34)
- 27<sup>th</sup> March - The Paralyse Man Lowered Through the Roof
- (Mark 2:1–12)



### EASTER CELEBRATIONS

- 29<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday (We make Palm Crosses)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 6:30pm– Maundy Thursday – A simple meal followed by worship, - songs, readings, hand washing and Holy Communion
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10am– Good Friday – we follow Jesus' journey to the cross. Hot Cross Buns. We view a video of Handel's *Messiah*
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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



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## Days for Celebration and Reflection



## 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 and other Middle Eastern Countries involved in the current war., Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine, especially the people of Gaza and Lebanon. The USA and the countries of Europe. Sudan.

**Next Sunday**

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 10am**

**Lent 4**

**To See or Not to See**

**Leader Robert**

**Reflection Video - Pastor Duane Steele**

**1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23,  
Ephesians 5:8–14, John 9:1–41**



**Church Council 2025-2026**

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