



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.**

31st May 2026 @ 10am

Pentecost + 1 – Trinity Sunday

Breath, Word, and Welcome

Leader Robert

Reflection Robert

Genesis 1:1—2:4a;

Psalm 8; Matthew 28:16–20

Today is Deok Hee's Rostered Day Off.



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/>

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

Scriptures

Genesis 1:1—2:4a Creation unfolds by word and (wind) spirit. It is ordered, rhythmic, and declared 'good.' Trinity Sunday hears in this cadence the God who speaks, breathes, and blesses life into being.

Psalm 8 A small human beneath a vast sky, yet crowned with care. Divine majesty does not erase human dignity; it entrusts it.

2 Corinthians 13:11–13 A community blessing that is more than farewell; the grace, love, and fellowship named here are the Church's shape because they are God's life.

Matthew 28:16–20 On a mountain of worship and doubt, Jesus sends imperfect people to participate in God's renewing life, baptising them into the Triune name and teaching love-shaped ways.

Theme Focus

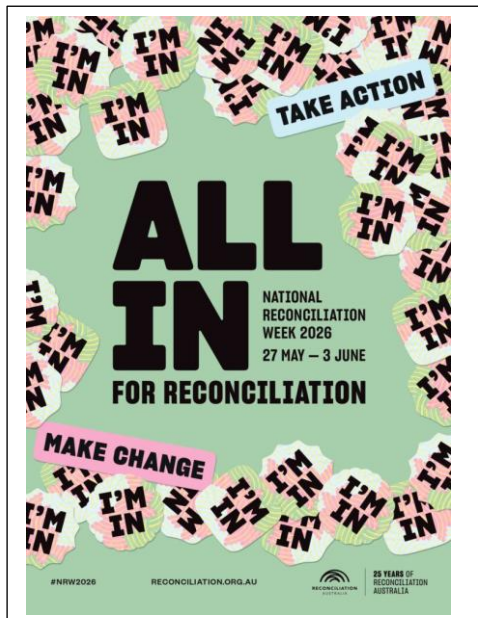
On Trinity Sunday, we listen for the life of God—breath that creates, love that heals, and fellowship that sends us to carry hope into ordinary places this week.

Word for the Day

The readings for Trinity Sunday invite us to see the life of God not as an abstract doctrine but as the rhythm of creation, relationship, and mission. Genesis speaks of a world brought to life through God's word and breath, while Psalm 8 reminds us that even beneath vast skies, humanity is entrusted with dignity and care. On the mountain in Matthew's gospel, worship and doubt stand side by side as Jesus sends the disciples into God's work.

Ideas for Reflection

- Where do you need God's breath to steady you?
- What word of Christ do you need to practice this week?
- With whom is the Spirit nudging you to deepen fellowship?
- Where might you carry hope into an ordinary place this week?
- When have you experienced God's welcome through another person?



From Common Grace ...

It's more important than ever to keep raising a gracious Christian voice.

Organisations and governments across Australia are actively undermining our efforts for reconciliation.

In the last few years, we've seen truth-telling inquiries cancelled and laws repealed that were set up to protect children.

My dear friend, Aunty Donna Meehan, a proud Gamilaroi woman, has seen first hand the impact of this injustice on our children while visiting prisons with Kairos Torch Ministry.

Sitting looking at a young child's face in prison, you hear a story that changes you. A life so devastating— a homeless child without role models.

And I learnt that many of our Aboriginal children in juvenile justice are on remand... just waiting for a court case.

They're in there for months and months and months before a court case.

Other kids with the right legal representation, like non-Indigenous kids, can be in for exactly the same thing, but they get to be at home and on bail.

But our kids don't have money, they'll do the time. Just waiting.

Our children can't wait any longer. Research shows that the laws locking up children are not working. Communities are not any safer. And our children are experiencing untold harm.

Without voices of compassion, nothing will change.

So let's speak up.

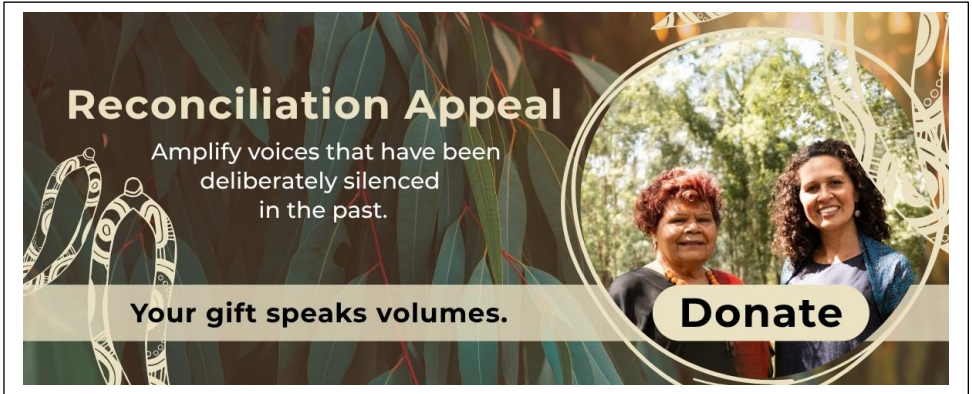
Aunty Donna remembers the deep ache of being forcibly removed from her Mob and her Aboriginal family as a young child.

She knows the pain and anger of injustice. Fuelled by God's grace, she deeply loves the church. And faithfully, she speaks out for the good of her people.

Today, she's calling on you to join in the chorus....

If churches can support us in what we're asking for, which is for our children to be home, safe, connected to our communities, that's got to be reconciliation 'cause they're hearing our voices.

(If you so wished, you could donate to Common Grace to support their advocacy work.)

A banner for a Reconciliation Appeal. The background features a dark green leaf pattern on the left and a circular inset on the right showing two smiling women. The text is white and yellow. A semi-transparent yellow bar at the bottom contains the word 'Donate' in a white rounded rectangle.

Reconciliation Appeal

Amplify voices that have been
deliberately silenced
in the past.

Your gift speaks volumes.

Donate

KUC Annual Congregational Meeting and Church Council Elections

On Sunday June 21, we plan to hold our Annual Congregational Meeting and Church Council Elections.

The church councillors at present are

- Sue Baglin (2027)
- Joshua Chang (2026)
- Robert McAlpine (2026)

Joshua's and Robert's terms expire this year, while Sue will continue until 2027.

The elders at present are

- John Baglin (2026)
- Dorothy Makasa (2026)
- Bobbie Miller (2028)
- Richard Goodman (2027)

John's and Dorothy's terms expire this year while Bobbie and Richard will continue as elders next year.

Nomination forms for these positions are available from Sunday, May 10. Completed forms need to be in Richard Goodman's by TODAY.

Gloria - By Joy Cowley

**Glorious are you, Mystery of Life,
essence of all creation.**

You are the symphony of stars and planets.

You are the music of the atoms within us.

**You are the dawn on mountain peaks,
the moonlight on evening seas.**

**Forest and farm, the rush of the city,
everything is embraced in your love.**

We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.

Glorious are you, O Jesus Christ,

Cosmic love in human flesh.

**You graced the smallness of time and place
to teach us to dance to the music.**

You walk on our seas and heal in our streets.

**You make your home in our lives,
revealing that cross and resurrection
are one on the road to freedom.**

We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.

**Glorious are you, O Spirit of Truth,
wisdom and breath of our being.**

You are the wind that sweeps our senses.

You are the fire that burns in our hearts.

You are the needle of the inner compass,

always pointing to true North,

guiding us on the sacred dance

into the Mystery of Life.

We rejoice as we sing our gratitude.



Dance of the Trinity

(From Dance of the Seasons @ Mary Southard, Ministry of the Arts)

Trinity

**Maker of mystery,
dreamer of what will be,
wellspring and fertile ground of all our growing:
tending the buried seed,
foreseeing every need,
you draw us into life beyond our knowing.**

**Christ, strong and living vine
spreading through space and time,
deep-rooted in the love of God our Mother:
dying, you live and share
your strength with us, to bear
ripe fruit in season for the life of others.**

**Wild Spirit, springing green,
coiled in the depths unseen,
promise of seed within the fruit maturing:
new life, you grow and swell,
burst from the outgrown shell,
hundredfold yield in every age ensuring.**

**Living and loving God,
sing in the pulse of our blood;**

**help us to know you in your own creation,
love you, the life of all,
serve you and hear your call
from our first forming to our full salvation.**

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Planning Ahead

- **June 11 Next Kogarah Church Council meeting via Zoom @ 7pm**
- **June 21 – AGM for our Congregation. Election of Elders and Church Councillors**
- **August 6 – 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

7th June 2026 @ 10am

Pentecost + 2

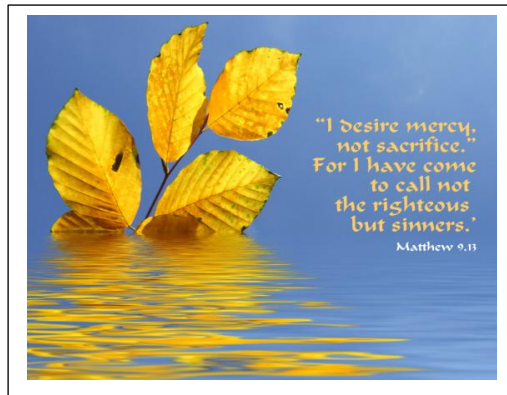
Mercy on the Move

Leader Richard

Reflection Deok Hee

Genesis 12:1–9;

Psalm 33:1–12; Romans 4:13–25; Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26



Church Council 2025-2026

Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Councillors

Richard Goodman

Sue Baglin

John Baglin (2027)

Robert M^cAlpine (2026)

Sue Baglin (2026)

Joshua Chang (2026)

Elders

John Baglin (2026)

Bobbie Miller (2028)

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Dorothy Makasa (2026)

Culture of Safety Contact Person

Richard Goodman