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Kogarah Storehouse
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Sharing God's love with the local community.

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Worship Services

Sunday Morning Services

Brighton at 8:45 am
Kogarah at 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Services

(Third Sundays of the month)
Kogarah 5:30 pm

Offerings by Direct Debit

Account name: Brighton Kogarah
Congregation Cheque Facility
BSB: 634 634
Account Number: 100011488

FOR CHRISTIANS

Penelope Brook

For Christians, Christmas is a joyful season when we celebrate the coming of God's love to live with us. But we know, that Christmas does not always bring joy for everyone or everything. At present, parts of Australia are ravaged by drought and bushfires. Too many lives have been ended too soon, too many homes destroyed, and too much of our natural environment decimated. Events like these can leave us asking questions such as: how do we celebrate amongst the destruction of people's lives, property and of the flora and fauna of our Australian landscape, and how and where do we find God in such situations? Let me share with you, an extract from 'Songs From A Strange Land: An Australian Advent Calendar published by the Anglican Board of Mission for Advent/Christmas 2019.

'A chaplain once told me the main thing she brought into distressing situations was the presence of God. She may say this or that thing. Or nothing at all. Her words mattered but they weren't the heart of it. I knew this was true because of how she was for me.

One of the ordinary places God is found is in the flawed and crumbly human self.' For Christians, God's most important sacred site is the human heart opened to God.

This Christmas, we remember the Christ who was the cause of all creation and yet came to live as one of us, the Christ who offers to dwell within us and the Christ who is yet to come and who will bring all

creation to its rightful completeness. We have a God who knows human suffering, who walks beside us in our darkest times and who promises to never leave us or forsake us. This is the God we celebrate at Christmas: God with us (and all creation). *Amen*

Penelope Brook



Church Family Dinner



The Church Family Dinner will be held
On Friday 17 Jan 2020
At 6:00pm for 6:30
At Oatley RSL

Join us for a fellowship start to the New Year! If you are intending to come, please notify Robyn McAlpine on **95883351** or in person. Please leave a message if we are not home.



NUTS & BOLTS' Note from Editor

Wishing you a happy New Year!
If you have any articles or news to share in 'Nuts & Bolts', please contact me at Jennifer.j.liu@gmail.com. Items for the February 2020 issue must be received by **16 January 2020**. *Jennifer*

Storehouse Christmas Lunch

Linda Burney (Federal member for Barton) and Chris Minns (member for Kogarah) were present. The Storehouse was presented with a cheque for \$2600 by representatives of Hurstville Boys High. The Storehouse received 600 votes from those buying objects in Westfield which had been collected by the boys to raise money for charity. We were truly honoured. We thank the boys for all their hard work. The money will be put to good use at the Storehouse.



Storehouse The Storehouse is now closed and will reopen to the public on Wednesday 15 January, 2020. The Coffee Morning and Community Lunch will recommence on 5 February, 2020.

Church Regular Activities are also taking a break in January and will resume in February 2020.



Rosters – January 2020

Note: If you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty for any reason, **please arrange a swap and advise the worship leader before that week.**

Brighton roster									
Date	Preacher	Worship Leader	Musician	Bible Reader	Welcomer	Projector	Open close + Communion	Morning tea	God's Gang
Jan 5	Bruce Wyndham	Bruce Wyndham	Alison & Marques	Carolyn	Charles/ Harry/ Dennis	Ese	Dennis Gates + Gaitau Family	Pam & Talafu	Shirley & helper
Jan 12	Pene Brook	Rev Penelope Brooke	Alison & Marques	Luisa/Poro		Gordon		Alison, Paula & Sonny	Children in church
Jan 19	Pene Brook	Rev Penelope Brooke	Alison & Arinona	Pam/Luisa		Komiti		Carolyn & Sala	Shirley & helper (One of the Gaitau girls)
Jan 26	Pene Brook HC	Rev Penelope Brooke	Alison & Marques	Alison		Stephen & Dennis		Talafu & Paula	Charles & Pam & helper (One of the Gaitau girls)

Kogarah roster as at 16 December

Date Time	Preacher	Worship leader	Communion	Musician	Bible reading	Projector	Sound	God's Gang	Welcomer	Tea
Jan 5 1030 am	Pene Brook	Robert McAlpine	-	Christine	Robyn McA	Allan	Jim V	All In	Dolly	Yamini
Jan 12 1030 am	Pene Brook	Richard Goodman	Richard Goodman	Sue	Betty	Robert	Peter de B	All In	John B	Sue de B
Jan 19 1030 am	Pene Brook	Pene Brook	-	Sue	Sue B	Richard	John	All In	Jim B	Robyn McA
Jan 26 1030 am	Pene Brook	Richard Goodman	Pene Brook	Sue	Jim B	Richard	Allan	Joshua & Terry	Dinah	Ruth