

Sharing God's love with our local community



The church of Christ working together to feed the needy

One way the Kogarah Storehouse is able to help alleviate poverty is by providing nutritional food parcels to the families in this community who are really struggling.

We have been blessed by a number of other local churches who have seen the need to support us in our efforts.

One such church is the New Church at Hurstville. They held a Thanksgiving service on March 10th and made the decision to give the collection of food to The Kogarah Storehouse to distribute as

part of our Food Service Program.

Another church who regularly supports our work is Rockdale Uniting Church. Many times on a Monday morning we will see an overflowing bag of groceries that have been donated by congregation members.

You too can support this vital ministry by dropping off a spare can or packet of non-perishable food to the Storehouse office. Its only a small gesture but when many people are involved it makes a very big difference.



SecondBite Community Connect™

Coles Community Food with SecondBite is an exciting food rescue initiative whereby Coles has partnered with SecondBite to donate fruit, vegetables and bakery items which do not meet their in-store quality standards, but which are still safe and nutritious to eat.

This is a national program with a local focus, enabling community centres around Australia access to fresh surplus food that would otherwise go to waste. The Kogarah Storehouse is one of those centres selected to collect fresh fruit and vegetables three times per week to enhance our Food Parcels and give our clients and their families an even healthier choice.



Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread



Many of us have trouble relating to the prayer, "God, give us this day our daily bread." Because our pantries are so packed and our bellies so full, we seldom ask for food. More likely, we need to ask for self-control and say, "God, help me not to eat so much."

You won't find books on surviving starvation, but you will find shelves loaded with books on losing weight. That doesn't negate the importance of the prayer, however. Just the opposite. We pray only to find our prayer already answered! At some point it occurs to you that someone is providing for your needs.

You take a giant step in maturity when you agree with King David's words in 1st Chronicles 29:14, "Everything we have has come from God and we only give You what is Yours already." Long before you knew you needed someone to provide for your needs, God already had!

By Max Lucardo

Service in Focus - Care Packages

Did you ever hear about someone who feels abandoned in a nursing home? Almost everyone has! Lots of people don't like visiting nursing homes because they "feel" these places are "depressing." And, in many ways, they are right! But it's the people who live in these places that "feel" it the most! They don't want to be there. They would much rather be in their homes. Through some unforeseen and unfortunate series of events, these otherwise "normal people," have wound up in that place.



Some time last year The Kogarah Storehouse decided that we wanted to bring some cheer to these residents by giving them individualised Care Parcels. These residents were so delighted to receive a gift from someone they did not know.

Along with these packages we also have a team of caring volunteers who go into the home and gather around the piano and sing to the residents. This have proven to be a truly delightful time for all.

*independent, interdenominational Christian ministry

What's

On...



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Coffee Morning

every Wednesday
10am-11.30am



Wednesday Lunch @

The Storehouse
12pm-1pm - everyone
is welcome and its **FREE**

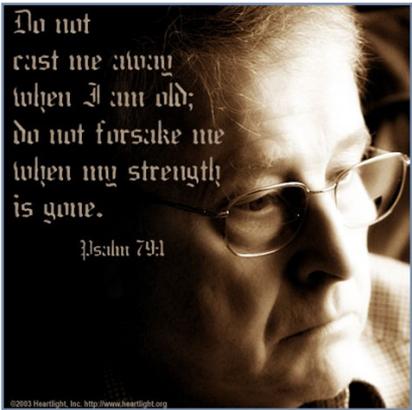


OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Kogarah Storehouse runs many social activities during the week. One of those is Playgroup. There are two Playgroups that meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This is a happy time where little ones can play safely together and mums can make new friends and share their baby experiences together. For details on our Playgroups and all our other regular activities please call the Storehouse on 9587-5761 or visit our website at

www.kogarahstorehouse.org.au



APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

So that we can continue the vital work we do each day, we need more supporters to join our 200 CLUB. For \$1 a day (or \$30/month), your contribution will help to pay our ongoing expenses and ultimately enable us to provide care and support that our community needs. With the help of '200 CLUB' members, we can meet our

annual target. If you would like to donate to the work of the Storehouse, please call (9587-5761) or email us (enquiry@kogarahstorehouse.org.au) for more information. We are a registered charity with DGR status and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

