



## Resources for churches and ministries in the Anglican Church Southern Queensland

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) and The Week of Prayer for Reconciliation are held concurrently each year between 27 May and 3 June. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

As a church, we are committed to reconciliation with First Nations people. National Reconciliation Week and the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation give us an opportunity to put our beliefs into action.

Here are a few ideas about how you might celebrate these important 'weeks' in your church between Wednesday 27 May and Wednesday 3 June in 2020:

- Start your meetings during Reconciliation Week with an [acknowledgement of country](#) and include it during your Sunday liturgy.
- Use [prayers or intercessions](#) relevant to reconciliation and First Nations people.
- Focus your [liturgy](#) on reconciliation with First Nations people.
- Display Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander [flags](#) inside or outside your church.
- [Play videos](#) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples speaking about reconciliation as part of your liturgy.

### Reconciliation Australia

Reconciliation Australia has resources which can be found here:

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au/resources/>

### Acknowledgement of Country

Guidelines and formats for Acknowledging Country can be found here:

<https://anglicanfocus.org.au/2020/03/04/why-are-welcome-to-country-and-acknowledgement-of-country-important/>

<http://www.doingjustice.org.au/acknowledge-country/>

## **Prayer and Liturgy**

On page 203 of *A Prayer Book for Australia* is a prayer for reconciliation.

The Anglican Board of Mission has liturgical resources for Reconciliation Week, including prayers, intercessions and a full liturgy:

<https://www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=14&arch=1>

A Voice in the Wilderness is a useful resource for exploring the Statement from the Heart and includes prayers that could be used in worship:

<https://www.abmission.org/resources.php?action=list-items&catId=31>

The Uniting Church has produced a Day of Mourning Worship Resource that includes some helpful elements and ideas for worship:

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/day-of-mourning>

## **Flags**

The NAIDOC website has information on the history, symbolism, display and purchase of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags:

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/about/indigenous-australian-flags>

## **Reconciliation Videos**

The Parishes and other Mission Agencies Commission has published videos of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people talking about reconciliation:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0afLRWvN6zIYBzhuxinXOqi2ks3Ucpl>

## **Stories**

There is a range of [anglican focus](#) stories to share with people during National Reconciliation Week.