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NAIDOC Week Resources for Churches

Anglican Church Southern Queensland

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

As a church who is committed to reconciliation, both in general and specifically with First Nations people, NAIDOC Week gives us an opportunity to put our beliefs in action.

The [NAIDOC Week website](#) has many resources and ideas that are worth exploring.

Here are a few ideas about how you might celebrate this important week in your church between Sunday 4 July and Sunday 11 July in 2021:

- Organise and [register](#) a NAIDOC Week event.
- Find a local NAIDOC Week event and support it.
- Display the [NAIDOC Week poster](#) in your church.
- Focus liturgy on celebrating the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. (*The first Sunday in NAIDOC Week is traditionally Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.*)
- Use [prayers or intercessions](#) giving thanks for First Nations people.
- Display Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander [flags](#) inside or outside your church.
- Start meetings (e.g. Parish Council meetings, staff meetings etc) during NAIDOC Week with an [Acknowledgement of Country](#), and include an Acknowledgement of Country during services.
- Invite local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders and leaders to speak to your community (contact 13 QGOV to find a representative in your region).