



Our Vision  
A Community Transforming Lives

Our Values

Parramatta Mission values

Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope



## Our News



11th May 2014

Uniting Church in Australia  
Worshipping at Leigh Memorial & Westmead

## John 10:1-10

1 Jesus said, "Truly, truly I say to you, the one who does not enter through the door to the sheepfold but climbs in by another way is a thief and a robber. 2 But the one who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To this person the doorkeeper opens the door and the sheep hear his voice; he calls his own sheep by name and he leads them out. 4 When all of his own are brought out, he goes in front of them and his sheep follow because they know his voice. 5 In no way will they follow a stranger, but will flee from this person because they do not know the voice of the stranger". 6 Jesus said these figures of speech, but the people did not know what he meant. 7 Jesus said, "Truly, truly I say to you; I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who enter before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep do not hear them. 9 I am the door – if anyone enters through me they will be saved and will come in and will go out and will find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Translation by Keith Hamilton



**The Gala insert in this  
newsletter is for you to  
pass it on to others.  
Please do.**

Foster your faith this week as you read:

Acts 7:55-60      Ps 31:1-5,15-16

1 Pt 2:2-10      Jn 14:1-14

# Leigh Congregation

## HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!



**Prayers of gratitude and warmth for all our Mums, Grandmothers and Great-grandmothers in the congregations!** We love you and wish you a very special day. Cherished & loving memories also for those Mums & Nannas who are no longer with us. A little poem from our Sunday School kids to all the Mums: *We love you lots & lots Mum, even when you're grumpy - or make us tidy our rooms, or your mashed potato is lumpy. We love you lots & lots Mum and we know you love us too, even though we're sometimes lazy - when you have lots to do. We love you lots and lots Mum and we think you are the best - so as today's your special day...we'll let you go home and rest!*

**PARRAMATTA MISSION LADIES HIGH TEA** (Theme: Self -Care):

**NEXT SATURDAY, 17 May, 2 - 5pm @ the Coffee Shop (\$5 pp).** It's going to be a very special, inspiring and restorative afternoon, so please come along and enjoy a cuppa with friends old & new and from all our congregations and staff - plus support a great cause! **NB:** This year, we will be offering a fully supervised creche/ child care room on the premises to cater for children of all ages, so that Mums can have some 'time out'. No bookings required.

**HERITAGE SUNDAY** - Church services will be held at both Leigh Memorial & Westmead on **Sunday 22 June**. **NB:** The 'Brunch' has been postponed.

**Heritage Snippet 2: Did you know...** that the long history of Parramatta Mission contains many, wonderful mothers who personified the phrase: " grace under pressure"? Among those, was Parramatta-born **Mary Cover Lawry (nee Hassall) (1799 - 1825)**. While still in her early 20s, Mary helped to create the first church on this site and sailed across half the world doing important missionary work with her husband, Rev. Walter Lawry. While being the daughter, sister and wife of influential men, Mary was very influential in her own right. She led our first Sunday School and devoted her life to others. Sadly however, she died in England, aged just 26 - soon after giving birth to the couple's second child, a daughter called 'Mary Australia'. It is certainly fitting - as we celebrate **Mothers' Day 2014** and look forward to our **Ladies High Tea** next weekend - that we stop to remember young Mary Lawry. Not only did she set the benchmark for the love and service displayed by our subsequent female leaders - she did so with undeniable courage.



# Westmead Congregation



- A great service & great music was led by Rev Rodel Palma accompanied by daughter Leanne at the piano.
- Singing Practice for the Westmead Kookaburras after the service on 18<sup>th</sup> May towards the Mayflower Music Afternoon in June. Come and join us.
- Got any long wooden stakes you no longer use and want to give away? Some budding gardeners in Westmead need them to prop up tomato plants. Talk to Veitinia.
- Fijians are having stalls on 28<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June towards their Melbourne trip in July.. We welcome any donations of clothing, jumpers, jackets, blankets, linen, kitchenware. Especially books. Call Veitinia 0421 656 335.

Lorna, our Event Coordinator, reported that MUNCH 'n' BRUNCH Day was cold, partly wet with limited sales. Still we made **\$900**. Thanks to all the willing helpers who braved the day, helped move the tables inside and made it all fun and worthwhile.

## **Pastoral message for this week.....**

**It's the little things we do for each day for others,  
that makes the difference**



### **PARRAMATTA MISSION COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK BOARD**

**The Community Care Board has determined that the minutes of their meetings may be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.**

**A copy of the April Board minutes is available by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or [robert.key@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:robert.key@parramattamission.org.au)**

### **Congregations update:**

Rev Dr Manas Ghosh has accepted the call to become the next Minister of the Word at the Leigh Memorial congregation. A suggested date for the induction is in mid-July. The Church Council received advice from the Leigh Memorial Congregation leaders last week and is working with Presbytery and Manas to make arrangements. As soon as they are in place, the information will be placed in the newsletter. Keith Hamilton's placement as the Leigh Memorial Minister will conclude, and he will continue as the Senior Minister/Group CEO.

The Church Council this week confirmed the names of members of the Westmead Joint Nominating Committee to work towards calling a new Minister of the Word for Westmead, which will allow Veitinia to transition to focussing all her attention on the role of Minister of the Word of the Leigh Fijian Congregation. The Church Council has begun work on this process.





The (above, below) photos are of the 92 pamper packs collected by Cumberland Zone congregations and taken by Rev Sharon and John Cus, of Wentworthville to the people of the village of Hillfield and surrounding villages in the Riverina. For some people in straightened circumstances, running water, cleaning teeth, is a luxury! Thank you to all who assisted, and to the Gray family who coordinated Pamper Pack Centre to help make this happen.



# Uniting Multicultural Festival

## 14 June 2014

**Come and enjoy dance, music, and food!**

### MUSIC COMPETITION

**9am-3.30pm, Saturday 14 June 2014**

#### CATEGORIES:

Choral Music: **Ensemble, Small/Large Choir**

Solo Singers

Bands: **Brass, Acoustic/Ukulele, mixed instruments**

### DANCE COMPETITION

**9am-3.30pm, Saturday 14 June 2014**

#### CATEGORIES:

Classical: **Contemporary, lyrical & ballet**

Funky: **Jazz and hip hop**

Cultural/Character: **Cultural, character, drama/mime/'story telling'**

Finals

**5-8pm, Saturday 14 June 2014**

All ages welcome!

Food Stalls; Fun & Entertainment available each Sat.

### LOCATION

**Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Dr, North Parramatta**

UCA Anniversary Celebration - Multicultural Worship Service

**Sunday 22 JUNE 2014, 6.30pm**

Sydney Town Hall

**George Street, City.**

CONTACT: [unitingmulticulturalfestival@nsw.uca.org.au](mailto:unitingmulticulturalfestival@nsw.uca.org.au)

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Synod of New South Wales and the ACT

You are invited to attend the  
Parramatta Mission's

raising hope for  
**homeless  
women**  
gala dinner



Hosted by  
**Mark Taylor**  
*Parramatta Mission  
Patron*



with Guest speaker  
**Michael Clarke**  
*Captain of the  
Australian Cricket Team*

Friday 27th June 2014  
Commences at 7:00pm

Waterview in Bicentennial Park,  
Bicentennial Drive  
(entrance off Australia Avenue)  
Bicentennial Park,  
Sydney Olympic Park

Cost: \$200.00 per ticket  
Table bookings welcome

RSVP by Thursday 12th June to Donna Kelly  
[donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au)  
Ph: (02) 9891 2277



Parramatta Mission has been providing community services for over 30 years. Helping people who are homeless, people facing crisis and people living with mental illness.

Today, Parramatta Mission is one of the largest providers of community mental health services in New South Wales, as well as one of the largest providers of community services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Western Sydney.

The programs and services that Parramatta Mission provides are delivered with the values of grace, dignity, inclusion, faith and hope, and with a vision of transforming lives.

A growing concern in our society and the community sector is the lack of crisis accommodation for homeless women. We know that there is a need for emergency housing for women, and we plan to make a difference.

Parramatta Mission is hosting this Gala dinner event to raise awareness and funds to address this issue. The aim is to raise enough funds to build and develop accommodation for homeless women, which will also provide case management, support and assistance to women in need, homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Parramatta Mission thanks you for your support and partnership in this event.



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## Uniting Church in Australia ASSEMBLY



**UnitingWorld**  
connecting communities for life.

You are invited to the induction of

**Rev. Scott Kelly**

into placement with the Assembly as

**National Director, Frontier Services**



and the commissioning of

**Mr Rob Floyd**

**National Director, UnitingWorld**



**Friday 16 May 2014 at 5.30pm**  
Lyceum Room, Wesley Mission  
220 Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
Light refreshments to follow

**UCA President Rev. Prof. Andrew Dutney will be the preacher.**

**RSVP Friday 9 May 2014 to:**  
[jadelc@unitingworld.org.au](mailto:jadelc@unitingworld.org.au)  
cc to [kathy.j@frontierservices.org](mailto:kathy.j@frontierservices.org)



# LADIES HIGH TEA

SATURDAY 17TH MAY, 2-5PM

COFFEE SHOP AT LEIGH MEMORIAL  
CHURCH, PARRAMATTA MISSION

## THEME—SELF-CARE

The afternoon will include speakers, workshops,  
high tea and of course lots of talking.....

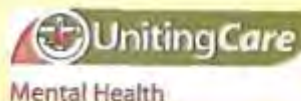
*We would welcome a plate of food to share  
& also this year we will be  
asking for a \$5 contribution to  
sponsor one young woman from each  
of our congregations to  
attend the Uniting Women  
Sydney Conference in  
September 2014.*



*I lovingly take  
time to care  
for my mind,  
body and soul.*



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: Please RSVP to Julie Hamilton on :  
: 0428 334 680 :  
: or via email :  
: [julie.hamilton5@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:julie.hamilton5@det.nsw.edu.au) :  
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## Do you care for someone with a mental illness?

Do you find yourself overreacting to situations?

Would you like to know yourself better and improve relationships?

Are you interested in being able to have a more positive outlook on life?

## EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

Learning about the following topics can help you to cope in your caring role:

- **Self-Awareness** – ability to recognise your emotions and how they affect thoughts and behaviour.
- **Self-Regulation** – ability to manage emotions and impulsive behaviours.
- **Social Awareness** – understand emotions, needs and concerns of other people, notice emotional cues and feel comfortable socially.
- **Relationship Management** – ability to develop and maintain good relationships, communicate clearly and influence others.
- **Mindfulness** – quieting thoughts about the past and future and being present in the here and now.
- **Positive Psychology** – enhancing happiness and pleasure in your life.
- **Happiness and Optimism** – what the differences are and the benefits of optimism.

**Location:** Eloura Training Centre,  
57 Lawson Drive, Springwood  
(*subject to change*)

**Dates:** 4 Tuesdays:  
20 & 27 May, 3 & 10 June 2014  
(*subject to change*).

**Time:** 1pm – 3pm  
(*Registration from 12.45pm*)



**Booking is essential!**

**Afternoon tea will be provided.**

All courses are **FREE** to families and carers of those with mental illness who live in Western Sydney or the Nepean Blue Mountain region.

For further information or to register your interest please contact Family and Carers Program: (02) 8842 8289, [fcmhinfo@ucmh.org.au](mailto:fcmhinfo@ucmh.org.au)

# 시드니 조은교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church 14-19

## 네 번째 부활주일 4th Easter of Sunday (주일 오후 1시 30분)

- \* 개회찬송(Entrance Hymn).....(예배를 위한 묵상).....다함께
- \* 예배의 부름(Calling).....다함께
- \* 송영(Gloria).....찬양 성부 성자 성령 (2/6).....다함께
- \* 사도신경 신앙고백(The Apostle's Creed).....다함께
- \* 찬양/찬송(Chorus & Hymns).....(앉아서).....다함께  
 하나님의 크신 사랑(15/55) 목마른 자들아(526/316)  
 정결하게 하는 샘이 (264/198)
- \* 기도 (Prayer) .....다함께
- \* 말씀 (Preaching).....전현구 목사 Rev. H G JUN  
 “예레미야 2:4-13”  
 “우물과 저수지”
- \* 찬송(Hymns).....샘물과 같은 보혈(258/190) .....다함께
- \* 봉헌(Offertory).....다함께
- \* 나눔과 알림(Announcement & Notices).....다함께
- \* 폐회찬송(Final Hymn)...빛의 사자들여 어서 가서(502/497).....다함께
- \* 축도(Benediction).....전현구 담임목사

### 교회소식(Notices)

할렐루야! 주님이 주시는 참된 평안이 마음과 가정, 그리고 삶의 현장 가운데  
 늘 함께 하시길 축복합니다.

1. 주일 예배에 참석하신 모든 분들을 주님의 이름으로 환영합니다
2. 매일 성경 읽기를 통해서 Q.T 하시고 주님과 교체하시는 하루가 되십시오
3. 기도와 삶으로 복음을 전하는 전도는 그리스도인의 사명입니다.  
 영혼 구원을 위해 거룩한 부담을 가지고 중보기도 합시다.
4. 고국 방문 중인 성도들을 위해 기도해주시기 바랍니다.

#### \*Wednesday Worship (7:00pm)

\* Rom 7:14-25

#### \* 수요일기도회 (오후7시)

로마서 7:14-25

#### \* QT 나눔/ 성경공부(주일오후 4시)

#### \* Early Morning Service

(Tues-Sat 6:00am)

#### Daily Scripture Readings:

Rom 6:15-8:39

#### \*새벽기도회 (화~토 새벽6시)

로마서 6:15-8:39

# FIJIAN CONGREGATION



- Vei kemuni kece sara na Marama Tina, **Happy Mother's Day**. Mo ni kalougata tiko e na nomuni siga oqo kei na kena veimataka!!
- Tuvatuva ni Valenilotu – 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.
  - \* Vunau: Rooty Hill ,
  - \* Vunau Vakarau: Viliame Kamotu.
  - \* Tu Vakarau Veiliutaki: Wasewase # 3.
  - \* Tali Vunau: Wasewase # 2.
- Vunau Lesi ki Rooty Hill e na 18/5/2014: **Filikesa Kamotu**
- Sa lewe 17 na yaca sa soli mai me gole ki Malevani: Bera Family, Toa family, Sadrata family, Youth: 10. Sogo tiko na yaca e na 26<sup>th</sup> May. Solia na yacamu vei Talatala.
- Sa kerei na Matamasumasu kei na lewenilotu taucoko me da masulaka na noda vakavakarau ki na Koniferedi mai Malevani e na Jiulai.
- Kerei tiko na liga ni volivolitaki e na 2 na Basa veitaravi. - 28 May, 4 Jiune. Me vakalevu mai na taga palasitika.
- E na sauma na Parramatta Mission e dua na noda Stall (\$350) e na soqo ni Uniting Church Multicultural Festival ka na vakayacori mai North Parramatta e na Vakarauwai 14 Jiune.
- Sa lokuci meda na Lotu Cokovata kei Westmead e na Siga Tabu, 22 Jiune me donuya na Siga ni Sucu ni Uniting Church ni sa yabaki 36. Vakananumi talega kina na Heritage Week e na noda Tabacakacaka Levu na Parramatta.Mission.



# Reflections

*I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. John 10:9-10*

In the book, *Inclusion: making room for grace*, Eric Law wrote:

I have heard this passage used by many Christians to support their exclusion of others. Their assumption is that if a person does not believe in the specific way that they do, that person is blocked from entering God's kingdom by Christ, who is the gate. The image of Christ that they use is that of a doorman, checking each person who is attempting to come in, and only those who fit the prototype – themselves - and follow the rules are allowed to enter. This interpretation of Christ as the gate is based on the assumption of limited grace - there is not enough grace to go around, so only those who are good enough will receive it.

On the contrary, Jesus was describing a much more dynamic process, using the symbol of the gate –“come in and go out and find pasture.” This dynamic process is based on the spirituality of abundance “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” The way Jesus used the gate image connoted Christ as a gracious host, welcoming strangers to come in and share the abundance of love, joy, and life and sending guests out into the world to share the same. If Christ is the gate, then Christ is the boundary function of the Christian community.

On this reading, it is a distortion of the Christian faith to exclude people. The idea of inclusion is central to the Uniting Church, even expressed in its name. Of course, even people with good intentions and good will can inadvertently find ways to exclude. We can do that by who do and don't talk to. Who we do or do not sit next to at functions? Do we pay greater attention to a speaker of a certain gender, race, age, or political persuasion than to others?

Another way of understanding the Easter message is of God embracing the whole of creation. Somehow when we stop setting limits and go for grace and go inclusion, our life becomes bigger and abundant.

Blessings

Keith Hamilton

# Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

<b>Mon to Fri</b>	<b>9.00am - 2.00pm</b>	<b>Open Church at Leigh Memorial</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1.10pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion @ Leigh</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Leigh Memorial</b>
	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Westmead</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Fijian @ Leigh Memorial</b>
	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Korean Faith Community @ Leigh</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Praise, Prayer, Cake &amp; Coffee</b>

**2014 Living is giving** - Our Parramatta Mission congregations direct giving to these projects as part of our support in the work of the Uniting Church.

Please pray for:

- ♥ Living as a multicultural church
- ♥ Ministry with mental patients and prisoners
- ♥ Hospital chaplaincy with patients staff & families



## Westmead Church

Cnr Queen &  
Hawkesbury Roads  
Rev Veitinia Waqabaca  
Ph:9682 3422

## Westmead Mission Worker

Pastor Trish Rooney  
Mobile: 0478 301 698

## Leigh Memorial Church

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Rev Keith Hamilton  
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## Our Prayer Points

We pray for healing & wholeness for these people & places:

- ♥ World Council of *Malawi, Zambia*
- ♥ UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone; Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.
- ♥ For the worship, witness and service of Tahmoor Uniting Church – Congregation Give thanks for the ministry of the most southerly of the Presbytery's congregations.
- ♥ We pray for members of our congregations, staff and volunteers, and their families and friends, particularly people going through difficult times. Dianne.



**Leigh:** Pat, Fred, Ken & Nell, Frank & Lynn. Preparations for the induction of Manas Ghosh

**Fijian:** Pray for the Uniting Church Fijian National Conference in July.

**Westmead:** For *Time Out Cafe* program, and its restructure to attract more people.