Our News

17th May 2015

Uniting Church in Australia

Parramatta Mission: Congregational life@ Westmead & Parramatta & Hospitality, Community and Mental Health Services across Greater Sydney and beyond

Our Vision
A Community Transforming Lives

Our Values
Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope

A heartfelt Thank You TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
Psalm 1

1 Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of the scoffers;  
2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.  
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.  
4 The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteousness, but the way of the wicked will perish.
THANK YOU

To everybody from Leigh Memorial + the PM congregations - and all others - who have kindly supported our efforts to help Wilhemina remain here in Australia with her family. We'll keep you informed re the progress of our petition and letters etc. Please see Manas with any further queries. Photo below: Wilhemina (left) and her lovely family, following the recent baptisms of her grandchildren at Leigh Memorial.

![Wilhemina and family](image.png)

'RAISING HOPE' GALA DINNER - The date for this important PM fundraiser - 7pm, Friday 29th May at 'Waterview' Sydney Olympic Park - is getting much closer! Tickets are available from the office by credit card (Tracey) (9891-2277) or online - and Julie H + a few other congregation members are selling **raffle tickets for $10 each** with great prizes on offer. Please pray for this event and those organizing it - and support it in any way that you're able.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - PARKING REMINDER - Please remember that due to a Parramatta Council gesture, **free parking** for the Leigh Memorial congregation is available in the Erby street car park across the road for 3 hours on Sunday mornings until midday. Members who are able, are invited to park there as a means of freeing up space in the church car park for the Fijian congregation, whose later service time prohibits them from accessing a similar, free option in the parking station. Please also remember the needs of elderly and disabled drivers in relation to our church car parking spaces. **Enquiries:** LM Property Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH GO 'VIVID'! - 6.30pm, Next Saturday, 23 May, we'll be having our annual 'Progressive Dinner' which (in honour of 'VIVID' Sydney) is going to be a "VIVID DINNER"! We'll be dressing in vivid colours, playing vivid games, having glow in the dark fun and maybe even eating some vivid food!? RSVPs to our teachers asap.

'Couples & Friends' ANNUAL SERVICE - 9.30am, Next Sunday, 24 May, followed by what is bound to be a beautiful morning tea. The C & F's service is always a warm, friendly and very inspiring one, so thank to all involved for their generosity and devotion in the preparation and planning of this event - and in all their various, benevolent activities throughout the year.

Leigh Congregation
Sunday School @ Leigh

Children making some wonderfully creative 'HEART' cards for their Mums and Grandmas last Sunday!
Hoping that everyone had a lovely day.

Thanks to all those who prepared the fresh chrysanthemums for distribution during our service - and for all the special beverages which were available at morning tea time - Liz.
We will be providing a concert at Mayflower Village on Saturday 20th June at 10.00 am. For this to happen we need people to indicate they will attending and singing. There’s a list on the welcome table. The music will be familiar but practices will be after church on 24th May and the following weeks. We will be wearing red and black.

Anyone who feels fit and healthy enough to do the City to Surf might like to join with the 'stop the traffic' team. This team seeks to find ways to stop people trafficking in a time when we have more slavery than ever before in history.

Bible Study is on Mondays at 2.00pm.

As the roof is still not quite finished
Time Out Café will return on Tuesday 26th May from 11.00-1.30pm, and Thursdays.

Open Door meets Wednesdays from 1.00pm.
Tai Chi is Fridays 10.00-11.00

Raising Hope Gala is on Friday 29th May. Tickets for the Gala are available at the Mission for $200 each but there are raffle tickets (which can also be seen as a donation) for $10 each. Please see Christine. If you would like to purchase by credit card over the phone please contact Tracey at the Mission on 9891 2277.

There are changes afoot as you can see with the demolition of the house next door. Because of some of the changes to the wider Westmead area the redevelopment has been delayed for ap. 5 years. This means we need to refurbish the Westmead church and motel. So there will be a range of conversations about some of these changes which need to happen to better connect with the current market for the motel, and increase the hospitality options for the congregation. If you have any issues or concerns or even questions please talk to Rev Christine.

We give thanks for baby Mere (Mere’s granddaughter) and her mother who are just home from hospital. We have a number of people who are sick so we pray for them, especially family members undergoing tests and treatment.
Hi everyone

I am happy to say we have had another amazing result in fund raising and also more importantly, raising awareness of Lifeline and other services we provide to the community.

Over the four days at Plumpton Marketplace, we were able to raise $875.60 from the gift wrapping and $97.40 from the quilt raffle which gave us a grand total of $973!

Of course this could not happen without the immense support we receive from Plumpton Marketplace (Dexus Group) each time and we are most grateful. In addition to this, I would also like to thank the volunteers that are able to give some of their time to make this happen.

A big ‘thank you’ also goes out to Anne Crowley who made and donated the beautiful quilt that was won by Michael Morrisey.

Our next round of gift wrapping will be in September for Father’s Day. So if you want to join in the fun of gift wrapping and having the opportunity to talk to people in the local community, put a note in your diary and watch out for more information.
At this event, Associate Professor Dean Drayton will launch Glen O'Brien and Hilary Carey, eds. *Methodism in Australia: A History* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2015), the first national history of Methodism in Australia for over one hundred years. According to Professor Geoffrey Blainey Emeritus Professor of History, Melbourne University, this book ‘fills a deep gap in the history of Australian religion and daily life.’

Dean Drayton was Moderator of the Uniting Church's NSW Synod (1995-1996), and in 1997 was Visiting Lecturer at Perkins School of Theology in Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He served as President of the Uniting Church Assembly from 2003-2006. A collection of historical materials will also be on display and a light supper will follow.

RSVP: glenaobrien@gmail.com or 0451 010 799 by 19 May 2015
Uniting Mission and Education invites you to

A Conclusion of Ministry Service
For
Rev. Dr. Jione Havea

Date: Saturday 30th May 2015
Time: 2:00pm
Venue: St Andrew’s Chapel
Centre for Ministry
Address: 16 Masons Drive
NORTH PARRAMATTA

Please join us for Afternoon Tea and a celebration of Jione’s Ministry

RSVP by Monday 18th May
to Jenny Stockton
T: (02) 8838 8914
Or E: jennys@nswact.uca.org.au
The Entertainment Book is now available with lots of great discounts and vouchers for you to enjoy over the coming year.

20% of the cost of every book or digital version sold comes back to helping Parramatta Mission so please share with your family and friends and help our services while enjoying discounts on meals and entertainment.

CONTACT: Fundraising at Parramatta Mission
SAMUEL LEIGH 200th ANNIVERSARY
PARRAMATTA MISSION
ADVANCE NOTICE - PROGRAM OF EVENTS: 9 – 30 AUGUST, 2015

1) Sunday 9 August, 9.30am, Anniversary Service @ Leigh Memorial;
2) Sunday 16 August, 10.00am, PM Worship Service + BYO Picnic @ Parramatta Park (Combined Congregations);
3) Saturday 22 August, 3.00pm Parramatta Mission ‘Women’s High Tea’ @ Leigh Memorial (Guest Speaker: Rev. Myung Hwa Park, Moderator NSW/ ACT);
4) Sunday 23 August, 6.30pm, Heritage Evening, inc. Dessert @ Leigh Memorial;
5) Sunday 30 August, 12.00pm, PM Kids, Youth & Families Outing to Castlereagh.

Who was Rev. Samuel Leigh? Leigh was born in Staffordshire England, in 1785. Although raised an Anglican, he was converted to the Wesleyan Methodist cause and accepted a call to missionary work in the Pacific. Via a ship called the ‘Hebe’, he arrived in Sydney on 10 August, 1815 and was the first Wesleyan Missionary to the Colony of New South Wales and subsequently, the first Minister of Parramatta Mission. Through his sound relationship with Governor Lachlan Macquarie, Leigh helped to secure the grant of Macquarie Street land on which our first Chapel was built in 1821 and where Parramatta Mission/ Leigh Memorial Church stand to this day. Through his early ministry on horseback, he was able to establish the ‘Parramatta Circuit’ (a collection of congregations throughout what we now call ‘Greater Western Sydney’). He also established contact with local Aboriginal groups and initiated Wesleyan missionary efforts in New Zealand. Leigh’s wife, Catherine, worked tirelessly in missionary work at Parramatta and elsewhere - and had a particular gift for supporting children and families. In all their efforts, both Rev. and Mrs. Leigh exemplified the Parramatta Mission values of ‘Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope’. Following two further appointments at Parramatta in 1825 and 1830, Leigh eventually returned to England, where he preached until his death in 1852.

Enquiries: Liz / PM Heritage Committee, 9891-2277.
Parramatta Nepean Presbytery
And Wentworthville Congregation
Invite you to a
SERVICE OF CLOSURE for
The Rev Sharon Cutts
WENTWORTHVILLE UNITING CHURCH
2.30 MAY 24TH 2015
115 Station Street
Wentworthville  NSW
wentyuniting@gmail.com
9769 0356

Please stay after the service for a sumptuous afternoon tea
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Pastoral message for this week.....

Volunteers Week
“We couldn’t do it without you”

#WELOVEVOLUNTEERS
Foster your faith this week as you read:
Acts 2:1-21   Ps 104:24-34
Rom 8:22-27   Jn 15:26-27

Raising Hope – final weeks

All are welcome to attend the 2015 Raising Hope for women facing homelessness Gala.
Please contact Donna for bookings and inquiries on:
donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au
or phone 9891 2277

ONLY 2 WEEKS TO GO

RAISING HOPE GALA RAFFLE

As part of the Raising Hope for women facing homelessness Gala we will be holding a raffle with some great prizes. We would like to offer you the chance to enter by purchasing tickets prior to the gala evening.

If you would like to purchase or sell tickets please contact Tracey to receive your book of 10 tickets. Tickets are $10 each and will be drawn at the gala on May 29th.

Email tracey.taylor@parramattamission.org.au or phone 9891 2277

GOOD LUCK!

1st Prize
5 Night stay in a Penthouse with private rooftop pool including breakfast for 2 people at Twinpalms Resort, Phuket Thailand PLUS Flight Centre voucher for $2,000.

2nd Prize
$300 Westfield Voucher.

3rd Prize
Outdoor Fire Pit valued at $85.

4th Prize
SCG Family Tour Experience valued at $78.
UCA Anniversary Celebration - Multicultural Worship Service
Sunday 21 June 2015, 4pm
Newington College
200 Stanmore Rd, Stanmore NSW 2048

&

Uniting Multicultural Festival
27 June 2015, 8am – 6pm
UCA Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Dr, North Parramatta
Come and enjoy dance, music, and food!

MUSIC COMPETITION
9am-3pm, Saturday 27 June 2015

CATEGORIES:
• Choral Music: Ensemble, Small/Large Choir
• Solo Singers
• Bands: Brass, Acoustic/Ukulele, mixed instruments

DANCE COMPETITION
9am-3pm, Saturday 27 June 2015

CATEGORIES:
• Classical: Contemporary, lyrical & ballet
• Funky: Jazz and hip-hop
• Cultural/Character: Cultural, character, drama/mime/story telling

Finals
4-6pm, Saturday 27 June 2015

All ages welcome!
Food Stalls, Fun, & Entertainment available

CONTACT: unitingmulticulturalfestival@nsw.uca.org.au OR batalinot@nsw.uca.org.au
+61(0)409 679 354

Brought to you by:

Synod of New South Wales and the ACT
Parramatta Mission projects supported in the Uniting Church

Please pray for:  
Living as a multicultural church  
Ministry with people in prison  
Ministry with hospital patients living with a mental illness  
Hospital chaplaincy with patients, staff & families

PARRAMATTA MISSION CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A small number of copies of the last Church Council minutes are available from the Stewards. A copy of the minutes can also be obtained by contacting Robert Key on 9624 1797 or roert.key@parramattamission.org.au

NEW DATE: MONDAY 8th JUNE 2015

CHARITY FOOTBALL GAME

LEGENDS v ALLSTARS

We are pleased to announce the Legends V Allstars game will now take place as a part of NRL Round 13.
Eels V Cowboys, Pirtek Stadium on Monday June 8th.
The game will commence at 5.50pm, prior to the main game.

More information coming soon.
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Thank You!!
Talei ni mai tomani keda na vakasigalevu na marama i Talatala. Na vakavinavinaka levu ena i tavi ni marama ena Siga Tabu ni Tina, kei na vakasigalevu tokoka mai vei kemudou na turaga kei na Youth.

- Vuli Sere ena Vakarauwai 23 ni Me, e Vale ni Lotu ena 4pm
- A great response to the Mother’s Day service and appeal: Sa lewe 10 na marama ena veitokoni ena “Raising Hope Gala 2015” ena 29 ni Me. Oqo na sasaga ni Mission me vupei ira na marama era vakaleqai ka sega ni vakaitikutiko. Vinaka na veitokoni ena veiqaravi ni Mission
- Kerei na matamasumasu me uturi tiko na buka ni masumasu kei na lolo. Vakauqeti na veivuvale ena masumasu vakavuvale.
- You can contact Sosi Toa, Siaki Foiakau or any elder/leader if you have any queries or require pastoral assistance

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Reflection

As one might anticipate, Psalm 1, along with Psalm 2, are like gateways into the book of Psalms, introducing themes that are carried through the next 150.

The image of a tree is used to compare two ways of living. Those who draw wisdom, strength and inspiration from the teachings - the meaning of the word ‘law’ - of God are like trees planted by streams of water that both yield fruit and do not wither.

It is this image that in part inspired the image of the tree as representative of PM. PM started on the banks of the Parramatta river, under the trees that were there in 1791. We have grown like a big strong tree. The trunk of the tree represents the congregations faithful in their prayers for all the people of PM and people we journey with. Finances and IT, People and Culture and other support services are part of the trunk and run through the tree. The three branches represent UnitingHope, UnitingHospitality, and UnitingCare Mental Health. The PM tree extends from Parramatta and Westmead to Campbelltown, Liverpool, Penrith, Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains, northern suburbs and northern peninsular, central coast and lower Hunter, and indeed one of our branches connects with people across Australia. This is a big tree. Our values, grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope, provide ethical leadership and draw on the wisdom of Judeo-Christianity, and run through the entire tree.

The value grace comes from an understanding that God created everything as a gift or grace, and continues to grace the whole of creation, so we are gracious or generous in our relationships with others. Of interest, there is no word for grace in Fijian, instead the word love is used. That understanding of love is of God doing the best for the creation as an attitude or an orientation or focus on that which gives direction to actions, and our love is doing the best for others in similar fashion as an orientation or focus of direction to our actions, a similar understanding to grace.

Inclusion and dignity are the outworking of grace: all are included, all have a dignity and all are treated with dignity. That is a powerful message for all people, particularly those who have an illness – physical, emotional, mental - physical impairment or intellectual disability, face homeless, live in poverty, or recovering from abuse and trauma. It does not just happen, our actions of inclusion and treating people with dignity strengthens whatever words we might say as we journey with people.

All of this leads to the recovery of faith and hope, which are essential for all people to live life to the full and with fun.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton
**Worship Services at Parramatta Mission**

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**Prayer Points**

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

- **Brazil**
- **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**: Quakers Hill Uniting Church
- **P M Leigh Memorial**: Frank & Lynn;
- **P M Uniting Hospitality; Uniting Hope; Uniting Care Mental Health**: With more than 300 congregation members, 450 staff and 500 volunteers, there are a myriad of life and health issues facing our people and their loved ones at any one time: currently there are people across PM facing surgery, recovering from surgery, or awaiting results of tests, some going on annual leave – some overseas - others returning from leave, new people starting, and some leaving. There are people organising all sorts of events and activities, some stress free and others highly stressful. There are all sorts of significant meetings and negotiations taking place about all sorts of things with all levels of Government, with businesses, churches and community groups. Pray for grace for all, healing and wholeness, wisdom, patience and diligence.
- **P M Leigh Fijian**: Dale Tonawai & Silo, Sai Vute, Kula Dqoliwasa, Niko Balavu, Bera family. For the congregation beginning the process of calling a new minister
- **P M Westmead**: Doreen and David Ryan, Deidre and husband, Phyllis, Yvonne, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy

**Contacts**

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- **Westmead Church** 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 98919354
- **Leigh Memorial Congregation** Rev Dr Manas Ghosh: 0429 892 548
- **Leigh Fijian Congregation**: 9891 2277
- **Leigh Memorial Church** 119 Macquarie St Parramatta
- **Church Office**: 9891 2277 Email: wecare@parramattamission.org.au
- **Senior Minister/Group CEO** Rev Keith Hamilton M: 0417 487 446