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Parramatta Mission

Congregational life @ Westmead & Parramatta

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Hospitality, Community and Mental Health Services across Greater Sydney and beyond 24th April 2016

Our Vision
A Community
Transforming Lives

Our Values Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope

## LEIGH CONGREGATION

## **LEST WE FORGET**

This ANZAC day, we honour all those from the Parramatta Mission congregations who served - and those who gave their lives: <a href="WWI">WWI</a> - James A. Tamsett, Stephen J. Booth, Clive Wooster, J. Morris Hunt & <a href="WW2">WW2</a> - Brian C. T. O'Reilly, Lindsay K. Wilson, Keith Mc. F. Brown, James Hutton, Frederick C. Pinfold. They do not grow old as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the



morning, We will remember them. NB: An article called 'Lest We Forget' which includes the history of Leigh Memorial's WWI involvement, will be in the next edition of our PM congregations' e-tree magazine. Many thanks again to Lucy Koe for her ANZAC selection on the organ and to the PM Heritage Committee for their various contributions, including this year's ANZAC pamphlet.

## **GLOSTER UDY PLAQUE**

The <u>proposed wording</u> for the Gloster Udy commemorative plaque (to be installed in June), will be available for viewing after the service today. Feedback is encouraged. Thank you - Heritage Committee.

#### CONGREGATION LEADERS' MEETING

Reminder: The first meeting of Leigh Memorial's new leadership team will take place after morning tea **next Sunday**, **1 May** in the Coffee Shop. Enquiries/feedback: Manas/Bruce.

# NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE

On **Monday 9 May @ 7pm**, Leigh Memorial will be hosting this special, ecumenical service (including contributions by our own Music Praise Team). The service will be followed by supper. All welcome & a very important night in the life of our congregation! <a href="Enquiries">Enquiries</a>: Leaders' team.

## **LEIGH MEMORIAL PLAQUES (Final - Plaques series : Jordan Sparks)**

The final plaque story in our current series belongs to a remarkable old Parramattarian and dedicated Wesleyan: **Jordan Sparks (1813 - 1878)** Mr. Sparks was a true 'jack of all trades' - simultaneously performing the roles of Local (Lay) Preacher and Plumber, plus Parramatta's premier Funeral Director. His personality was energetic, dedicated, humble and good humoured and he served his church and community with great distinction. After his passing, his wife continued her husband's work as an Undertaker, which was very rare for a woman of the era. Mrs. Sparks was however, tough, caring and well organized. At the age of 21, she had survived a near drowning at the Parramatta steamboat jetty (not far from the current Rivercat wharf) and went on to live a long life making valuable contributions as a Parramatta businesswoman and Christian.

## WESTMEAD CONGREGATION

Rev. Christine is on leave this week and also next week, and we hope this will be a much needed restful break from her constantly busy schedule. Services for today and next week are in place.

We welcome Fil Kamotu from the Leigh Fijian Congregation to worship at Westmead and thank you for bringing God's message to our congregation today.

Next Sunday the Westmead Chairperson, Karen, will lead the service, and the preacher will be Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson.

Rev. Christine will return for the Mother's Day service on 8th May. If you have need to speak with anyone prior to Rev. Christine's return, please speak with any of the Elders.

There will be no BIBLE STUDY this week, being Anzac Day. See you on 2nd May. There will be OPEN DOOR on Wednesday 27th April. Open Door has been in recess during the school holidays, during which Sue and Georgie have had grandchildren time. We hope you have both enjoyed this special time.

It is so good to have Soo Ling back after several months overseas with family, and we are most appreciative that she will assist our worship service with playing piano when needed. We are always grateful for all of the pianists who assist in this way.

The Mayflower Concert will be on Saturday 21st May, and if you would like to be part of a group to visit and entertain the residents on this day, you would be welcome. The music for this group will be available on Sunday 1st May, a quick talk through on 8th May and PRACTICE WILL BE ON 15th May. (Singing well known songs)

PRAYER CHAIN is a group of people from the congregation who pray for the needs of others when requested. Anyone may request prayer, and privacy is respected. The request will be passed on to the people listed on the prayer chain, who will pray for the particular concern.

If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain, please speak with Coordinator, Robyne, or Rev. Christine.

#### DEEPENING FAITH

BIBLE STUDY MONDAYS at 2.00pm

## LIVING OUT OUR FAITH

TIME OUT CAFE (TOC) TUESDAYS

and THURSDAYS 11.00 - 1.30pm

OPEN DOOR WEDNESDAYS 1.00 - 3.30p.m.

# **Fijian Congregation**

- Upcoming Fundraisers for FNC:
  - 1. Roti Curry @ vulisere
  - 2. Pie Drive on Mother's Day
  - 3. Sausage Sizzle
  - 4. Car Wash Youth to organise
- Contribution fee:

⇒ Free: 5 & younger

⇒ \$100: 6yo - 17yo

⇒ \$150: 18+

For registration forms and fee instalments please contact Steve

## Back to school prayer for students

Father, we pray that this new term is filled with knowledge and understanding, development and growth, safety and protection, old and new friendships, strength and peace. Guide these children through any obstacles they may face at school.

In Your Holy Name, Amen.

## Vei ka e so...

- 30/4 Mother's Day rehearsal from 3-5pm @ Church
- 30/4 Vulisere after Mother's Day rehearsal
- 7/5 Mother's Day rehearsal from 1-5pm @ Church
- ⇒ School begins!!! Enjoy the new term!
  - ⇒ Youth Contact Fil for further details



	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
1-May	Rev. K. Hamilton		S. Toa	Youth	
8-May	Siga Tabu ni Tina				
15-May	Rooty Hill	V. Kamotu	A. Vocea	M.1	M.2

시드니 조은 교회	Sydney Jo-Eun C	hurch 14-16					
부활후 네 번째 주일 Easter 4th of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분							
개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상							
예배의 부름 (Calling)	인도자						
<b>송영</b> (Gloria) <b>새 2장 통 6장</b> 찬양 성부 성자 성령							
<b>사도신경 신앙고백</b> (The Apostle's Creed)다함께							
찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)							
새 <b>40</b> 장 통4.	으로 보답할 수 없는						
새 194장 통 20	죄에서 구하시려						
기도 (Prayer)		다함께					
주기도문송 <b>새 635장</b> 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지							
성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마가복음 11:15-19							
말씀 (Preaching) - 손종란 목사 내가 거룩하니 너희들도 거룩하라							
성찬및 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)							
<b>새507장 통455장</b> 주님의 마음을 본받는자							
나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)							
<ul> <li>할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다</li> <li>● 성령충만함으로 주께서 주신 사명 잘 감당하는 건강한 교회로 세워지길 기도합니다</li> <li>● 한 영혼을 구원하는 전도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.</li> <li>● 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.</li> <li>● 부활후 네 번째 주일입니다. 설교를 해주신 손종란 목사님에게 감사드립니다.</li> </ul>							
<b>폐회 찬송</b> (Final Hymn) <b>새502장 통 259장</b> 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)							
<b>축도</b> (Benediction) 손종란목사							
<b>QT나눔 &amp; 성경공부</b> 오후4:00	<b>수요기도회 :오후 7시</b> 레위기 13:1-17	<b>새벽기도회 : 오전6시</b> 레위기11:24-14:20					

## REFLECTION

Several years ago I was invited to be part of group which went to Turkey at this time of the year. We ended up exploring Istanbul: we haggled our way through the Grand Bazaar; we visited the Blue Mosque and walked in humbled awe through Hagia Sophia which was once the greatest church in Christendom. Our party toured a number of other historical sites which echoed the journeys of the apostle Paul – Ephesus and Assos (opposite the island of Lesbos which is now crowded with so many refugees). On a day's excursion via coach I was asked to give a brief lecture on how the Council of Nicea had been called together in 325 and the Nicene Creed was formed. Nicea is now known at Iznik and is a couple of hours travel from Isbanbul.

On the evening of the 24<sup>th</sup> April we made our way to the town of Canakkale. It lies at the narrowest point on the Dardanelles. In the early hours of the next morning we made our way by coach to Gallipoli; we were ushered into the VIP area overlooking the beach. It was very cold. The Dawn Service unfolded before us: as the sun rose and light fell upon the cliffs their steepness and the difficulty of terrain was progressively more obvious. At the completion of the service we were taken for a breakfast with various dignitaries and then spent the rest of the day clambering over the historic sites – Lone Pine, and being a New Zealander, also Chunuk Bair.

We were a mixed group. We were members of the Uniting Church (including a past and present moderator) – and "we" were also Turks who had migrated to Australia. It was our Muslim friends who had organised this trip and played host for us. We sat side by side in the VIP area during the service; during the balance of the day we heard about the Gallipoli campaign from the Turkish point of view. In the course of the day I asked one of the Mehmets (Mehmet is a popular Turkish name: it is an alternative to Muhammad and means "praiseworthy") what was it like to go to school in and around Anzac Day. He had gone to high school in the western suburbs. I suspect I was the first person who had ever asked him that question. We are talking about several decades ago now, but Mehmet said it was very difficult. One of his teachers made a lot of disparaging remarks about the Turks and it was obvious that he was one of "them" over and against the rest of the class who were "us".

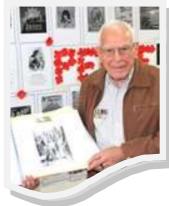
That story came to my mind while reflecting on the lectionary readings for this week. It is more than likely the Sunday service will focus on the reading from John which speaks of a new commandment and people will know that you are Christian by the way in which you love one another. One of the other readings comes to us from the book of Revelation. It carries within its words part of the Christian hope. It looks beyond here and now and to the coming of a new earth and a new heaven. It looks to a time beyond death and beyond tears. We live within a period where there is much civil war, natural disaster and injustice in the world. It is easy to get locked up into the realism of the moment. In a small that expedition to Turkey and the mutual sharing of Christian and Muslim is like a sign of reconciliation. It is perhaps like the foretaste of that new heaven, new earth the book of Revelation talks about.

Clive Pearson









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

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."
Lest We Forget.......

For the Sake of a Reconciled Earth

Foster your faith this week as you read:

Acts 16:9-15 Ps 67

Rev 21:10-22-22.5 Jn 14:23-29 of Jn5:1-9

## 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.

Wentworthville Uniting Church is organising a
Women's Breakfast on 14 May.
RSVP 7th May to Gwen Rosolen
grosolen123@hotmail.com / 0418 651445
We have The Hon. Julie Owens MP as our guest speaker
and she will speak on Women's Issues.



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 8 - 15 May, 2016

"Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord"
(cf. 1 Peter 2:9)



Photo: Denise Stevens

#### ECUMENICAL WORSHIP SERVICE

#### 2016 Launch

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Date: Monday 9th May 2016

Venue: Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta Mission Address: 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta, NSW, 2150

Time: 7.00pm to 8.00pm

## Followed by light refreshments

Further information:

Rev Dr Manas Ghosh Mobile: 0429 892 548 or on manas.ghosh@parramattamission.org.au

For further enquiries on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity please contact: nswec@ncca.org.au



After evening service on the 3rd April 2016 a meal was shared together. SPOW members enjoyed sharing lunch at Merrylands Bowling Club on the 3rd April; thank you to Beverly Beaman who always looks after us at these lunches.

## **REPORT ON COUPLES & FRIENDS COACH TRIP TO ALBURY**

This year we had 34 travellers journey to the Albury area on Couples & Friends 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Coach Trip. A great time of fun, fellowship and food was experienced by all. Again, on the bus, knitting needles were busy as colourful squares that will be sewn together to make rugs for the clients of the Thelma Brown Programme were produced. With seat rotation on the bus and enjoying meals in the company of different people every time great fellowship was shared. Our musicians, Don, Bruce and Bill lead us in an enjoyable night of singing old favourite songs and 2 games nights led by Brian & Marcel were lots of fun. With a very safe driver, Norm, very comfortable rooms, beautiful weather, interesting scenery and tasty meals a great 6 day holiday was enjoyed by all. Book your seat for next year as we travel to Coonabarabran.

Helen Key

# **Prayer Points**

Our Congregations are committed to praying for our Congregations, Staff and the People we walk with in their journey of recovery:

- Sudan; Uganda
- ♥ For the worship, witness and service of: Leets Vale UC—Pray for this faith community on the Hawkesbury River at the northern extremity of our Presbytery, and for faith communities in general as they work out God's will and purpose for them.
- UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.
- PM Leigh Fijian: "For the families and friends affected by Cyclone Winston, "Wendy Morris as she prepares for volunteer placement in Suva with the Methodist Church in Fiji and UnitingWorld's Pacific Region office. Kula Diqoliwasa, Niko Balavu. For the congregation, continuing the process of calling a new minister."
- PM Leigh Memorial: Ken and Nell, Willamena.
- PM Westmead: Robyne, Deidre and husband, Rajes (Sandra), Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, , Mrs R, Olivia, Ruth, baby James and family, Michelle and family, Don, Soo Ling and family, Caroline A, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Spencer and family, Scott and family and Paul and Eileen, Mr and Mrs B and family, E and his family, Sheila W.
- PM UnitingHospitality; UnitingHope; UnitingRecovery; Pray for grace for all, healing and wholeness, wisdom, patience, diligence and fulfilment in work.
- Prayers of encouragement for people around the world working for peace and reconciliation.

# Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm Open Church @ Leigh Memorial

Tuesday 1.10pm Holy Communion @ Leigh

Sunday Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh 9.30am

> 9.45am Westmead Congregation @ Westmead

11.15am Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh

1.30pm Korean Faith Community @ Leigh

7.00pm Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh

# Contacts

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