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Parramatta Mission

*Congregational life @
Westmead & Parramatta*

&

*Hospitality, Community
and Mental Health
Services across Greater
Sydney and beyond*

15th May 2016

*Our Vision
A Community
Transforming Lives*

*Our Values
Grace, Inclusion, Dignity,
Faith and Hope*

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL SERVICE - THANK YOU

Many thanks to Rev. Manas & everyone who contributed to last Monday evening's NSW Ecumenical Council service and supper at Leigh Memorial, including. our own Music Praise Team plus the Leigh Memorial leaders' team and congregation. Thanks to everyone who brought a 'plate' and helped to set-up/ pack-up. 50 people attended, including Federal MP Julie Owens and State MP Geoff Lee, while Rev. John Barr of West Epping Uniting (President of the Ecumenical Council) gave the address. Feedback from all of our visitors was very encouraging and many also stopped to take photos of our church's beautiful interior while sharing the evening's message of 'Christian Unity'.

HOSPITALITY MONTH

Many pleasant social events are currently taking place as part of our congregation's Hospitality Month. We hear that a few people have filled up on so many treats and cups of tea that they didn't need dinner! Please direct any enquiries or requests for assistance to the Leaders' team.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH

Our Sunday School children and teachers have been very busy creating Pentecost decorations for today's service - thanks all! Sunday School are also looking forward to a Progressive Dinner this term, plus an excursion and some super bible quizzes. Thanks to our team for their ongoing dedication and creativity: Anne, Samantha, Alan, Ken and Auntie Jo. Sunday School enquiries: Liz/ Samantha.

POSITIONS VACANT!

Following recent resignations, we need people to represent the Leigh Memorial congregation at the **Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery Adult Fellowship** - and at **Presbytery** itself. Assistance/ support will be readily available to suitable applicants as needed. Please see Beverly (re Adult Fellowship) and Parriss (re Presbytery) for role descriptions - and please also speak with Manas or Bruce for further information.

SOME CONGREGATION 'DIARY' DATES: MAY & JUNE

NB: Please check specific arrangements and dates/ times with activity co-ordinators

- * **Hospitality Month** - various social gatherings throughout May
- * **Couples & Friends service**, 9.30am, Sunday 22 May
- * **Clive Pearson, guest preacher**, 9.30am, Sunday 29 May
- * **Sustainable Sunday** - Eco-Theology service plus LM leaders' commissioning - 9.30am Sunday 5 June
- * **Safe Church 'Refresher' Workshop** - 1.00 - 4.00pm, Sunday 5 June
- * **Heritage Sunday Service**, inc. Gloster Udy plaque dedication - 10.00am, Sunday 19 June
- * **AVP Workshops** (Alternatives to Violence Project) - Saturdays 18 and 25 June.

*******Manas on leave from 17 May to 1 June Inclusive*******

**All Leigh pastoral matters should be directed to
the Leigh Congregation Leaders**

LEIGH CONGREGATION

Today is the day for our practice for the Mayflower Concert which will be on the 21st May. As the songs are well known we do not think there will be too many issues. We anticipate this will be a fun morning with the people at Mayflower village. Singers are asked to wear red top with black skirt or pants. The concert is at 10.00am and if anyone wants to join us it is not too late.

We have a short bus trip planned for next Fellowship meeting. We will leave the church at 1.30pm and be back for afternoon tea around 3.00pm. If you wish to go then please ensure you write your name down on the form on the table in the foyer.

If you are someone who is willing to be a part of our prayer chain then please write your name on the list in the foyer. This role simply asks for people to pray for the person or situation which is sent around and to contact one other person on the chain. This means that within a very short period of time we can contact people and have a range of people praying for the situation. Likewise if you have a situation or person you wish prayer for then please contact Rev Christine or Robyne.

In the foyer area you might also notice a sign which has the list of elders and congregational leaders for 2016. Each person has an elder who is willing to provide support, prayer and contact for each person or family in the congregation. As new people come the congregational leaders prayerfully allocate an elder for them so that all of us are able to contact an elder as well as Rev Christine. If you do not know who your elder is then please ask and we will let you know.

Sunday 29th May is our International Sunday Service. We encourage people to come dressed in clothing (or an article of clothing) from their cultural heritage- or from another heritage. We also ask if people are able to bring some food from that cultural heritage so we can gather for lunch following the service.

We are also planning to have a used book sale which will include hand crocheted and knitted blanket, beanies and scarves. We will sell soup as the fundraiser will be in August. So if you have some books you would like to donate then please start bringing them in.

And our sympathy goes to Henry on the death of one of his daughters- Jane. Henry was able to travel to Fiji for her funeral and whilst we are very glad to have him back with us we are saddened for him.

DEEPENING FAITH:

Bible study Mondays at 2.00pm

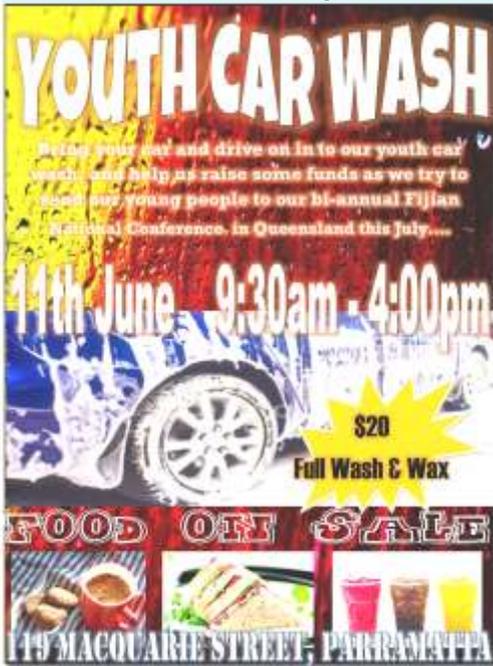
LIVING OUT OUR FAITH:

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.00-1.30pm.

Open Door- Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am cost \$10 each week.

Fijian Congregation



Vei ka e so...

- We're **finalising** names for the Conference. KEREI me sa soli tiko vei Dauniyau nai sau ni keba \$150 adult /\$100 child
- Roti parcels available at vuli sere \$2 a parcel

Island Night
28th May - 6PM @ Hall
Veisivi Sere vakavanua & Soli
Youth, M1, M2 & M3



Vinaka vakalevu!!

Thank you for
leading Mothers' /
Womens' Day
Worship.
Na sere kei nai tavi
kece sara. Taleitaki
na ukutaki ni vale ni



	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
22-May	S. Toa		S. Qata	M.2	
29-May	Fiji Parish	S. Qata	N. Balavu	M.3	M.1
5-Jun	Rev. K. Hamilton		J. Foiakau	M.1	

첫 번째 성령강림 주일 1st Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 목상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 5장** **통 3장** 이 천지간 만물들이

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새15장 **통55장** 하나님의 크신 사랑

새 268장 **통 193장** 예수 십자가에 흘린 피로

기도 (Prayer) 다함께
 주기도문송 **새 635장** 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **마가복음 1:40-45**

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구담임목사 **손을 내미는 예수님!**

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)
새545장 **통344장** 이 눈에 아무증거 아니뵈어도

나눔과 알립 (Announcement & Notices)

- 할렐루야 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다
- 성령충만함으로 주께서 주신 사명 잘 감당하는 건강한 교회로 세워지길 기도합니다
 - 한 영혼을 구원하는 전도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
 - 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
 - 성령 강림주일 첫번째 주일입니다. 결실의 가을에 주님의 풍성한 은혜가 넘치시길

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn) **새502장** **통 259장** 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부 오후4:00	수요기도회 :오후 7시 사무엘상 12:1-15	새벽기도회 : 오전6시 사무엘상 10:17-14:23
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Genesis 11:1-9

1 The whole earth, land, was one language and few words. 2 When they departed from the east, they found a valley, in the land of Shinar and they settled there. 3 And they said to each other, come let us bake bricks. Let us burn them with a burning. It was to them bricks for stone and mortar was to them for clay. 4 And they said "Come, let us build for ourselves a city and a tower with its head in the heavens, and let us make for ourselves a name lest we are scattered over the face of the whole earth, land 5 And Yahweh came down to see the city and the tower which the children of humanity had built. 6 And Yahweh said, "The people are one and there is one language to all of them and this is the beginning of their doing". Now it will not be withheld from them anything they plan to do. 7 Come, let us go down and let us confuse their language there, whereby they will not be able to hear each other's language. 8 So Yahweh scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, land, and they ceased to build the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel because there, Yahweh confused the language of the whole earth, land. And from there, Yahweh scattered them over the face of the whole earth, land.

Translation by Howard Wallace

Reflection

Here is a story from pre-history, when truths of relationships between humanity and God were told in story rather than historical fact. This story paints a picture to assist people understand differences in culture and language. There is oneness in all humanity, even while also differences. The differences are important, so too is the oneness. Oneness does not equal sameness. Bono said, "We're one, but we're not the same."

The election campaign tempo is building with local members and candidates and political parties announcing their policies. We who are over 18 will have the privilege of voting for the next Federal Government and Opposition and Senate. It will cost a lot of money, and we will receive many polices. We will hear and read of debate on radio, TV and newspapers. It will arise in conversation. It should arise in our corporate and individual prayers. It will be difficult. We may be tempted to give up and wish it over. But we are engaging in a very important process that not every country has and many more desire. All of us with our differences get to decide on our government. It is democracy at work. Churchill said "democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others." Though far from perfect, what else would we do that involves all the people? It is a way of respecting the differences of our people yet expressing a common view on some things, and setting a plan for the future. When we hear political candidates express a different opinion to our own, of course we are entitled to disagree, but not be disagreeable or offensive. Candidates are fallible like all of us and all want the best.

How might this connect with the feast of Pentecost this Sunday? It was a harvest festival in the Middle East. It is possible there were a number of festivals that have been collapsed onto one; the feast of the first fruits, the feast of new wine, the feast of new oil. While now one, possibly these feasts were fifty days apart; the first being fifty days after the Passover, which closely aligns with the Christian festival of Easter.

Luke, Acts 2:1-21, describes Pentecost this way.

They were all together in one place. There was a sudden sound from heaven like a violent wind or breath and it filled all the house where they were sitting, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit emboldened them . . . Now there were living in Jerusalem Jews, devout people from every nation under heaven and when this sound happened the multitude came together and were confounded because each one heard them speaking in their own language. And they were amazed and wondered saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear each in our own language in which we were born, Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the ones inhabiting Mesopotamia, both Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, both Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our tongues the great deeds of God." And all were amazed and greatly perplexed, saying to one another, "What do we make of this?" (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

There is much that is noteworthy and can be said about this day and this scripture. Note the people who gathered together were from different places and spoke different languages, yet in Pentecost had oneness even while culturally different.

What difference it would make, inspired by Pentecost, if we in Australia valued the contribution of all, even while recognizing our differences. What difference it would make if we respectfully engaged with people with different opinions, whether political, social, theological, and economic, while celebrating our common humanity. What difference it would make if we raised our horizons to celebrate that oneness, though not sameness, with a common humanity, with people across the whole world. What difference it would make if we all listened intently to each other, even in our differences for the gems of truth and inspiration. I think that would be pleasing to both God and the people. It could be another Pentecost.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

“*The Good Lie* offers real insight into the tragedy of that time and the triumph of the human spirit that existed through those who managed to survive”

- Producer Ron Howard



Rated “M” for “Mature themes and civil war violence”

Friday 20th May at 7.30pm

**Maurice Davies Hall, West Epping Uniting Church
Corner Carlingford Rd and Orchard St. Epping**

Foster your
faith this week
as you read:

Prv

8:1-4

Ps 8

Rom

5:1-5

Jn

16:12-15



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297-305 Old Castlereagh Road Castlereagh



You are cordially invited to join us for our
SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

On

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2016 @2.30PM



Following the service a brief Testimonial Service for the late Enid Kerr will be held at
the Columbarium

This will be followed by a Fellowship Afternoon tea
in the Dining Hall

Please RSVP by 17th June 2016 to assist with catering
Phone 47 290012 or **Email: academyaccom@bigpond.com**

NSW ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

@ LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH: MONDAY 9 MAY, 2016



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We have been invited to the Salvation Army Parramatta (Smith Street Parramatta) to attend the Instillation of the New State President of the Australia Church women, Pamela Freeman on Monday, 16th May at 11am.

All those wanting to go will be most welcome.

Pastoral message for this week....

We are all different and in our diversity God embraces us

You are invited to a

Transforming Power Workshop

On **Saturday 18 June and Saturday 25 June**

8:30am - 6:30pm both days

(Commitment to both Saturdays is required)



This experiential workshop will be facilitated by Alternatives to Violence Project.

For further information and/or to register your interest contact:

Norma 0474 358 445 / email norma.weaver@yahoo.com Or Rev Dr Manas Ghosh 0429 892 548
RSVP Norma by 31 May 2016.

Workshop venue: Leigh Memorial Uniting Church (Parramatta Mission)
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta
(Parking available in Horwood Parking Station, Horwood Lane, Parramatta)

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided

Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *Kenya, Tanzania*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Liverpool UC—Pray once again that God will lead the congregations of this Presbytery in mission that crosses cultural and ethnic borders. Pray for the development of ministry to the burgeoning Indian population in Liverpool and across the Presbytery.*
- ♥ *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, May.*
- ♥ *PM UnitingHospitality; UnitingHope; UnitingRecovery; For all who walk with people on difficult journeys of life. For hope, patience and enduring compassion.*
- ♥ *Prayers of encouragement for people around the world working for peace and reconciliation.*

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.

Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

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

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