



Parramatta  
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

## *Uniting Church in Australia*

God said,

"You don't have to worry about love.  
As long as I'm existing, you will be loved."

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*22nd May 2016*

*Parramatta Mission*

*Congregational life @  
Westmead & Parramatta*

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*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*

## **COUPLES & FRIENDS SERVICE - TODAY**

Many thanks to our Couples & Friends for leading this morning's worship service and for providing a delicious morning tea. It's always a great morning with the C & F, so we're set to enjoy each minute! During the service, the group will present a collection of beautifully knitted rugs to Thelma Brown cottage/ Parramatta Mission for use by families in need this winter. Many thanks to all involved. NB: Rev. Manas is on leave until 5 June. Pastoral needs should be referred to the Mission's Pastoral team or congregation leaders. NB: Next Sunday, 29 May, Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson will be leading the service.



## **POSITIONS VACANT: WE NEED YOU!**

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 volunteers 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.

## **GO GREEN!...'SUSTAINABLE SUNDAY' @ LEIGH**

On **Sunday 5 June**, our **9.30am service** will have an 'eco-theology' theme acknowledging World Environment Day - plus a guest preacher: **Rev. Richard Macguire**. Congregation members are invited to wear green, bring a plant or some fresh flowers from home to decorate the church and to try and "reduce, recycle and re-use" - both that day and every day. The service on 5 June will also include the commissioning of the 2016 congregation leaders' team.

## **SAFE CHURCH 'REFRESHER' REGISTRATIONS DUE**

On **Sunday 5 June, 1.00 - 4.00pm**, a Safe Church 'Refresher' workshop (for those who have completed a first) will be taking place in our Coffee Shop. **To register, please call 8838 8912 ASAP**. Completing and updating Safe Church training is a mandatory requirement for all leaders (ie. not just those working with children).

What fun at the Mayflower concert! With a larger choir (including some men), Fijian dancing with Rev Christine, Mere, May and SooLing, some crazy holes in the bucket (Dear Liza) and a love-erly solo from Lyn Graham, not to mention some fun songs as well as some favourites, it was a great opportunity to not only entertain but remind people of the connection with God. The spine-tingling rendition of Amazing Grace sung in parts was wonderful. And in all we were backed up by Anne- who is such a gifted accompanist. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Sue and Georgie for all of the preparations.

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. We have had some special prayer requests so please pray for Maureen B and her family as she undergoes more tests and treatment, and for Poppy's family as they welcome a new child.

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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. There is a plan to have Rev Christine wearing different cultural clothing - so if she is game- so should you be. And it would be a great opportunity to bring a friend.

Rev Manas has also asked us to advertise a Transforming Power workshop which is part of the Alternative to Violence Project. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 8.30-6.30pm at Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta (both days are required). Enquiries to Norma 0474 358 445.

**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.

WESTMEAD  
CONGREGATION

# Fijian Congregation

## Island Night

*Bogi ni Veivanuayanu*

Where: Fellowship Hall  
When: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Time: 6PM

Sere Vakavanua kei na Soti  
Rice Curry & Fish Salad Parcels  
will be available for \$5

*Please support our trip to  
Fiji National Conference*



**YOUTH CAR WASH**  
Bring your car and drive on in to our youth car wash, and help us raise some funds as we try to send our young people to our bi-annual Fijian National Conference, in Queensland this July....

**11th June 9:30am - 4:00pm**

**\$20 Full Wash & Wax**

**FOOD ON SALE**

119 MACQUARIE STREET, PARRAMATTA

## YURORA

NCYC 2017 UNITING CULTURE  
8-12 JANUARY 2017

**12/6 - Multicultural Worship:** we will be joined by the NCYC Yurora Team. Hear what Yurora is all about... What plans have been put together thus far... and the opportunity to ask questions of the Yurora team.

### Vei ka e so...

- 5/6 - Safe Church Refresher from 1pm-4pm @ Coffee Shop
- Vulisere - ena kena gauna ga

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

두 번째 성령강림 주일 2nd Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5장 통 3장 이 천지간 만물들아

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) .....다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새21장 통21장 다 찬양하여라

CCM 찬양 감사함으로 그 문에 들어가

새 268장 통 193장 예수 십자가에 흘린 피로

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 시편 100:1-5

말씀 (Preaching) - 전현구담임목사 기쁨으로 여호와를 찬양하라!

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)  
새303장 통403장 나 위하여 십자가의 중한 고통

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 진도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
- 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
- 성령 강림주일 두번째 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 15:16- 35

새벽기도회 : 오전6시  
사무엘상 14:36- 17:27

## Romans 5:1-8

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we also have had access to this grace in which we stand, and boast in our hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that but also we boast in our tribulations, knowing that tribulations produce patient endurance, 4 and patient endurance produces character, and character produces hope; 5 and hope does not humiliate, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which has been given to us; 6 indeed, when we were weak, at the appointed time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, scarcely would one die on behalf of a just person; though, perhaps someone might dare to die on behalf of a good person. 8 But God commends his love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died on our behalf.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

### Reflection

Another Sunday another festival. Today is Trinity Sunday. The day reminds Christians of their faith that God is one yet three, and three yet one. What does that mean? Many have attempted to answer that question in the knowledge that our language formed in this world will struggle to speak of an otherworldly mystery. But we must try.

Jürgen Moltmann wrote about the Trinity. God, who we might call Father, is father only because there is a child, Jesus. Jesus is the only begotten borne of the father. Indeed an eighth century affirmation of the Orthodox Church speaks of the Son begotten or born out of the Father's womb, which suggests a feminine quality about the Father. The Spirit is the breath of God that originates in the Father and that breathes life into Creation. Moltmann's picture of God is very relational. This picture of the nature of God challenges such views of God as some kind of super ego, authoritarian, harsh, domineering without empathy, and replaces that with a picture of God who has empathy, is relational and expresses mothering qualities of God who is beside us and around us and wants the best for us all. Jurgen Moltmann said; "The history of the world is God's passion, not his self-realisation."

We held another engagement day this week for new starters at Parramatta Mission. I always attend the whole of these days. The day involves a bus tour visiting a cross section of the whole of Parramatta Mission. The breadth of what we do in our three congregations, support services of finance, IT, payroll, People and Culture, and the three branches of UnitingHospitality, UnitingHope and UnitingRecovery, always makes a deep impression on people. For me it was also deeply gratifying to hear people at all of our places speak about the living out of our values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope. In this we are not perfect, very much a "people on the way," constantly striving to be an inclusive community that influences the wider community so all may live life to the full.

Our redevelopment project group met this past week. We are working towards lodging our Parramatta redevelopment plans with Council in coming months, and we are progressing our redevelopment plans for Westmead.

With three congregations, and with activities of our three branches of Parramatta Mission scattered across Sydney and the Central Coast, we can fall into thinking in silos, focussing on our own part of the world. This newsletter goes to all our congregations and staff and volunteers of PM. Our Snippets on our web site and the new E-tree and other newsletters and social media are attempts to build connection. I think it would be very inclusive if all the newsletters generated in any area of PM were to be circulated to all of PM. Friend us on Facebook to see our latest happenings.

There is nothing like seeing people face to face to build relationships. This week's Engagement Day visited Wesley Lodge, and our Westmead minister, Wesley Apartments, Hope Hostel, AWCE, HASI Plus, Lifeline Western Sydney, headspace Parramatta, Meals Plus, Open Church, and LikeMind Seven Hills. It is inspiring to meet with and hear our staff speak of their work.

Our managers, group executive, and finance are working on our budget for 16/17. Our congregation leaders have workshopped their budgets. The Finance and Admin Committee has received reports and offered guidance and encouragement in the budget preparation. Of course there is more to a budget than money. It is the setting of priorities, and determining where our efforts will be directed in the forthcoming year. In a time of economic uncertainty, with a Federal election looming, the start of the NDIS, changed funding models, this is requiring considerable work and finesse.

One of our staff is celebrating the birth of her first baby; another is preparing to give birth, another is concerned for an unwell mother. A member of a congregation is grieving the death of a work colleague, two others are on leave overseas, and two members are candidating to becoming ministers in the church. There is always a lot happening in the lives of our people, and I believe that the breathe of God is among us all.

A client of Meals Plus thanked me for the help of Meals Plus. It takes our congregations at prayer, deliberations of the church council, board and committees, diligence of the support services and front-line staff, volunteers and corporate supporters to make a difference in one person's life such that they say 'thank you.' Thank you for being part of the Parramatta Mission community.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Free to family and Carers supporting someone through mental illness.

**Emotional Intelligence:** 'Self Awareness' 'Social Awareness' and 'Finding Optimism' - 3 short courses in this series, to help carers manage relationships and maintain strength and positivity. You can pick and choose your preference or attend the whole series.

**Blacktown,** Fridays 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am-12.00pm.

**Holding Onto Hope:** This 2 day introductory carer education course aims to assist families and carers cope with the day to day challenges of caring for someone with a mental illness and become more resilient within their caring roles.

**Parramatta** Tues/Wed 21, 22 June 10.00am-4.00pm

**Values – Know What Matters** is a short 90m workshop designed to assist carers to identify their own goals and values and work towards living by them.

**Seven Hills** Fri 24 June 10.30am -12pm

**Please ring 8599 4880 for more details**

Foster your  
faith this week  
as you read:

1Kgs 18:20-21

Ps 96

Gal 1:1-12

Lk 7:1-10



### Couples & Friends OUTING

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May Couples & Friends are heading off for a light rail trip to Dulwich Hill then lunch at the Fish Markets. All are invited to join us meeting at the light rail platform at Central at 9.30a.m.

CASTLEREAGH CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTRE  
CASTLEREAGH UNITING CHURCH  
297-305 Old Castlereagh Road Castlereagh



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



On

SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016 to assist with catering  
Phone 47 290012 or **Email: [academyaccom@bigpond.com](mailto:academyaccom@bigpond.com)**





# Safe Church Awareness Workshops

Equipping our church communities to be safe places through growing awareness and understanding of safety and protection

**Refresher Workshop - Sunday 5th June 2016 1pm-4pm**  
(3-year update for those who have already attended a full workshop)

**Venue: Parramatta Mission Uniting Church**  
**119 Macquarie St, Parramatta**

\*Parking onsite and in Parramatta is limited on weekends. Parramatta Mission is a 5 min. walk from Parramatta rail & bus interchange.

**Who should attend?**

Children and Youth program leaders and helpers, including SRE/Scripture in schools, Pastoral leaders, Elders/Church Council, Ministers

**Workshop Topics:**

Safe Church Foundations, Duty of Care, Child Protection, Protecting Vulnerable People, Understanding and Responding to Abuse, Safe Leadership, Recruitment & Supervision, Safety in Programs and Environments, Uniting Church Policy and procedures.

**Cost:** \$25 pp (\$20 refresher). Light refreshments provided. Please arrange own lunch/dinner.

**Register:** Online: [www.ume.nsw.uca.org.au](http://www.ume.nsw.uca.org.au)

Email: [safechurch@nsw.uca.org.au](mailto:safechurch@nsw.uca.org.au)

Phone: 02 8838 8912

**MORE Workshop Opportunities**  
[www.ume.nsw.uca.org.au](http://www.ume.nsw.uca.org.au)



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This Safe Church Awareness Workshop run by the Uniting Church is endorsed by the Safe Church Training Agreement of the National Council of Churches, Australia.



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**Safe Church  
Training Agreement**  
TOWARDS SAFER CHURCHES

## 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 [robert.key@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:robert.key@parramattamission.org.au)

## Pastoral message for this week....

In all of life nothing stops  
God from loving you



All youth. You are invited to attend the Leigh Fijian Multicultural Worship on 12 June 11:15-1 pm and meet the NCYC Yurora Team. This is an opportunity to hear about Yurora.

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](mailto: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:*

- ♥ *Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Luddenham Uniting Church Pray for the congregation's future ministry and mission.*
- ♥ *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, Manas & Nita.*
- ♥ *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, Lorraine, Maureen B and her family and Poppy and her family.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *Prayers for staff member Sharlene's Mum, Maureen, very unwell with aggressive brain tumours*

## **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

<b>Mon to Fri</b>	<b>9.00am - 2.00pm</b>	<b>Open Church @ 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 Congregation @ Leigh</b>
	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Westmead Congregation @ Westmead</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh</b>
	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Korean Faith Community @ Leigh</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Praise, Prayer, Cake &amp; Coffee @ Leigh</b>

## Contacts

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**Leigh Fijian Congregation:** 9891 2277

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