



Parramatta
Mission



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Uniting Church in Australia

YOU DON'T
ALWAYS NEED A
PLAN. SOMETIMES
YOU JUST NEED TO
BREATHE, TRUST,
LET GO, AND SEE
WHAT HAPPENS.

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29th 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*

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

29 May falls within Australia's **National Reconciliation Week** (27 May - 3 June) - an event which celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all other Australians. For more information about NRW and/or the current activities & objectives of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, please contact <http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/what-is-nrw> - or - <https://uaicc.org.au/about/who-we-are/>. This morning's worship service will be led by **Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson** and include a special children's story. We'll also have a scripture reading by Shaalane, Osheen, Shiana & Opal from our Junior & Senior Sunday School classes. Next Saturday night, 4 June, Sunday School families will be gathering for their annual Progressive Dinner. Enquiries: Liz & Samantha.

**Reconciliation
Week**



NEXT WEEK: '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 something green, bring a plant, fresh flowers or something else that they've grown from home to decorate the church - and to try and consciously "reduce, recycle and re-use".

LEIGH
CONGREGATION

JUNE EVENTS @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

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

- * Leaders' commissioning, 9.30am service, Sunday 5 June
- * Safe Church 'Refresher' Workshop - 1.00 - 4.00pm, Sunday 5 June, Coffee Shop (register ASAP: ph- 8838 8912)
- * Fijian 'Multicultural Worship' @ 11.15am, 12 June inc. NCYC 2017 Info Talk.
Contact : Fil Kamotu
- * Heritage Sunday Service, inc. Gloster Udy plaque dedication - 10.00am, Sunday 19 June. Contact: Keith & Liz
- * AVP Workshops (Alternatives to Violence Project) - Saturdays 18 and 25 June, Fellowship Centre. Contact: Norma

Songs from Nigeria, a solo rendition of a hymn sung in Tamil, singing in Fijian, greetings in many languages and a Minister in a Sari- what a wonderful celebration for Sunday worship. We are so looking forward to the lunch to follow church today. If you have not brought any food and would like to join us for lunch then please do. We have people from so many cultural and language backgrounds it is great to be able to celebrate some of them today.

We have a short bus trip planned for next Fellowship meeting on Tuesday. We will leave the church at 1.30pm and be back for afternoon tea around 3.00pm. We are sure this will be an enjoyable outing for the members of the fellowship as we get to see some more of the activities of Parramatta Mission.

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.

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.

Rev Christine has been working hard on building connections with the hospitals, the Mayflower Villages and the local community. We are waiting to hear from the council about the installation of a lift in Wesley Lodge, and approval for various upgrades around the area. These upgrades will make it easier for us to engage with some new activities such as the play group. Stay tuned for more news when it comes to hand.

It was also wonderful to have Belinda from Wesley Apartments come to TOC on Tuesday. We are planning to provide some more meals for the families soon, as well as arrange a day when some of us can come and share a morning tea with some of the families. Please keep Belinda and the families in your prayers- as some are going through some tough times right now.

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


*Vinaka vakalevu na
 veitokoni ena Island
 Night!!*


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...

- **Next Sunday 5/6 - Safe Church Refresher**, 1pm-4pm @ Coffee Shop. Please give your names to Ini
- **Heritage Sunday 19/6, 10am** - Eda na Lotu cokovata kei ira na vavalagi ka na cereki na vatu ni vakananumi nei Rev. Gloster Udy
- Vulisere - ena kena gauna ga
- Leaders meeting - June date to be confirmed

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
5-Jun	Rev. K. Hamilton		J. Foiakau	M.1	
12-Jun	I. Foiakau		S. Toa	Youth	
19-Jun	Heritage Sunday, 10am (Lotu Cokovata)				

세 번째 성령강림 주일 3rd 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)

새 29장 통 29장 성도여 다 함께

새 268장 통 193장 예수 십자가에 흘린 피로

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

주기도문송 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마태복음 13:24-30

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구담임목사 추수때까지 함께 자라게 두라

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 487장 통 535장 어두운 후에 빛이 오며

나눔과 알림 (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 세번째 주일입니다. 결실의 가을에 주님의 풍성한 은혜가 넘치시길

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn) 새 502장 통 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
사무엘상 18:17-30

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
사무엘상 17:41-20:23

Luke 7:1-17

1 After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2 Now a centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. 3 When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. 4 When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, 'He is worthy of having you do this for him, 5 for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.' 6 And Jesus went with them. When Jesus was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, 'Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; 7 therefore I do not presume to come to you. But speak the word, and let my servant be healed. 8 For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, "Go", and he goes, and to another, "Come", and he comes, and to my slave, "Do this", and the slave does it.' 9 When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, 'I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.' 10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health. 11 And it came to pass on the next day he went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. 12 As he approached the gate of the city, note this, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the city. 13 When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." 14 Then he came approached and touched the bier, and the funeral-bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" 17 And this word went out about him in all Judea and all the surrounding neighbourhood. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflection

The gospel for this Sunday is Luke 7:1-10, and for next Sunday Luke 7:11-17. However, as is widely recognised, these two readings form a narrative pair. The first is the narrative of the centurion who has a sick slave. The second is the narrative of the widow whose son died. It is helpful to hold both together as both speak to each other. Both are about the faith and compassion of Jesus. The centurion, who is a foreigner and from an invading force has faith, and asks Jesus, who he does not met, to heal his child. Jesus obliges. The widow does not ask for the healing of her son, even though his death means she has no physical means of financial support, and will be destitute. The widow does not ask, but Jesus sees someone in pain, has compassion and responds. The unsettling aspect of the story of the centurion is that he is part of an invading force, yet Jesus had faith in people, and the One who created us all.

I was at a lunch this week where the minister for transport spoke about the city metro. He spoke about the department of transport engaging the community to work out the best route with local communities. He also spoke of visiting families in their homes in the southwest to work out with them the route of the heavy rail in Campbelltown. This followed comments I heard the other week from the secretary for transport who spoke of meeting one on one with the stakeholders whose businesses would be affected by the light rail going up George St. It's about relationships, a refrain I heard a lot last year when I was visiting city churches in the UK and USA. At the heart of relationships is faith in humanity.

Managers and team leaders of PM were shown 'maps' this week that display suicide hotspots across the state, and other maps that show where mental health resources are located in comparison to where large numbers of people live with a mental illness. Organisations can thus look to move resources to where best needed. It is real client centred care, using technology for people.

The minister for transport said transport is more about technology than engineering, meaning the focus is on making transport serve the people rather than the grandeur of engineering achievements. Whether for transport or health, it is about relationships.

I was in Meals Plus again this week with another corporate sponsored lunch, and present as people were leaving. Our dinner guests were very appreciative of the assistance of corporate sponsors, case workers and volunteers, a good meal, and the other assistance provided such as this week, financial counselling, legal advice and centrelink assistance. I wish you could all be there when our clients – dinner guests – leave with smiles and thank-yous. One seemed to say it for many when she said, "Without your help we'd be stuffed." Of course there are also those occasions when a client who is unwell acts out their trauma on staff and volunteers. It is not easy to live with trauma, and not easy to engage and walk alongside someone as our case workers do.

Some students from Arthur Philip High visited us this week, to learn about what we do. They asked great questions, such as to the caseworker: how did you get into this; to me: what keeps you going; and do people we work with experience transformation?

Jesus heard the request of the sinner and saw the pain of the widow, and had compassion. He engaged in a relationship with both, and they and their families, and people around them were transformed. Our engagement with people is less dramatic but no less transformational. It always entails taking the risk of getting involved, but walking alongside a person in their journey is to experience the full palate of the colour of life.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Last Sundays Couples & Friends service when a donation of over 30 colourful blankets was donated to the work of Parramatta Mission and accepted on behalf of the Mission by Yulia from Women's Services

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CASTLEREAGH UNITING CHURCH
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**



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

Email: safechurch@nsw.uca.org.au

Phone: 02 8838 8912

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TOWARDS SAFER CHURCHES

GOSPEL GEMS HYMNSING

(mainly from the Methodist Hymn Book)

St Stephen's Uniting Church
197 Macquarie Street, Sydney

2.30pm, Sunday 26 June 2016

Conducted by

The Rev. Keith Garner AM

Superintendent, Wesley Mission, Pitt St, Sydney

with the

**St Stephen's Choir and
the Fiji Parish Choir**

Organist & Director of Music: **Mark Quarmby**

Choral Director: **Dr David Hood**

Retiring collection. Sponsored by 'St Stephen's Sydney Music and Cultural Foundation'.

Foster your faith this week as you read:

1Kgs 18:20-21 Ps 96

Gal 1:1-12 Lk 7:1-10

**Pastoral message for this week....
To hope is to move ahead
even in uncertain times.**

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: Mt Hope UC – Pray for Cherie Strudwick as she conducts the Intentional Interim Ministry placement for the Nepean Valley Zone, based in Penrith.*
- ♥ *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, 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, and J and B and there 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 preparing the budget.*

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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