

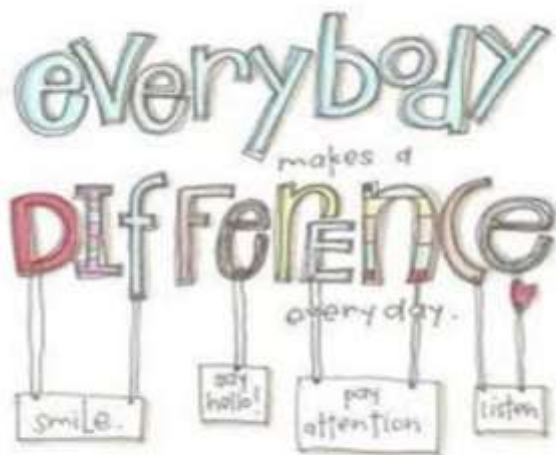


Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 3rd July 2016



*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*

MID-WINTER NEWS

- * Last Sunday's PM Congregations meeting at Westmead was a useful and enjoyable gathering, with some wonderful ideas being shared. Thanks to all involved.
- * Many thanks to Norma for her leadership and inspiration in forwarding the AVP (Alternatives to Violence) workshops which took place over the past couple of Saturdays.
- * Today, there will be a meeting of the Leigh Memorial Leaders' team after the morning service.
- * The new PM Website has just been launched! Congregation webpages are still undergoing some improvement, but we're getting there! Feedback welcome.
- * Gloster Udy biographies are for sale: \$10 per copy from Neil at the library table. Thanks for everyone's generous support.
- * Please remember to report any property related problems/ repair requests etc to Liz/ congregation property team for referral to the PM property managers.
- * There will be a farewell morning tea for Parriss on Sunday 21 August after the morning service, ie. Parriss will soon be retiring to a new home in the Hunter region.
- * Leigh Memorial are again hosting the Abraham Faith Conference on the afternoon of Wednesday 24 August. Helpers needed & participants encouraged. Contact: Manas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH - UPDATE

Our Sunday School kids and teachers are now on a break for 3 Sundays: 3 July, 10 July and 17 July. We'll be back for Term 3 on Sunday 24 July. Our theme next term will be 'God's Creation' focusing on Aboriginal and Islander stories and motifs. Thanks for everyone's continued support - and many thanks to Samantha and Nadine for their efforts in establishing our new high school youth group!

INVITATION: WESTMEAD 25th ANNIVERSARY

On **Sunday 24 July**, the Westmead congregation will be celebrating 25 years at their Queens Road location. An invitation has been extended to attend the Anniversary service, which will commence at 9.45am and be followed by a light luncheon. If intending to be at the luncheon, please RSVP by signing your name on the list which is being circulated. Thank you!

SONGLINES: NAIDOC WEEK 2016

Today marks the start of NAIDOC week, which stands for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day of Observance Committee' and has come to include a 7 day-long program of events celebrating Aboriginal and Islander cultures and highlighting both the achievements plus serious health, environmental and education issues effecting indigenous people. This year's theme is ***Songlines - The living narrative of our nation***. NAIDOC has a useful website: www.naidoc.org.au/about, as does the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress of the Uniting Church: <https://uaicc.org.au>.

We had a lovely cake and fun last Sunday as we celebrated the birthday of the Uniting Church. We are also looking forward to the 25th anniversary of the congregation being at Queen Street on July 24th. There is a rsvp sheet available in the foyer over the next few weeks. We will have soup and bread rolls on the day with some nice dessert so it will be a good day of celebration. For further details please speak to Lorna or Rev Christine.

Congratulations to Bruce and Debbie Champion on the birth of their grandchild James. He was very premature and is rather small so please keep Bruce and Debbie and especially James and his mum and dad in your prayers.

The combined Congregations meeting from 2.00-4.30 at Westmead last Sunday enabled 22 people to do some thinking around 5 proposals. Do nothing was not an option for those at the gathering. There was strong support for employing a University Chaplain for the 11,000 or so students at the new Macquarie Street Campus at Parramatta and the ap 6,000 students who will come onto the revamped campus at Westmead. There was some support and also some opposition to exploring whether the ministry team need to have specialities such as first generational or multicultural/multifaith. There was some support for getting the current ministers to give some of their time to WSU chaplaincy. Perhaps the most exciting elements were the creative new ideas for both Parramatta and Westmead sites.

At the church council a decision was made to move towards having a working group explore each of these options and for them to be brought to the congregational Leaders' meeting in the future. We will also be included in the futures direction group which has been meeting. So stay tuned!

Sunday 17th July is the next Sunday when we bring in food for Meals Plus. We usually have a large boot load that goes across to Parramatta so please feel free to start bringing them in. Tinned and packaged goods are well received and each time we do this we provide meals for people who are homeless and who have breakfast and lunch provided for a small cost. Thank you for your generosity.

We are waiting to receive some of the new name badges which are being paid for by the congregation. For people who may have lost their name badge or want a replacement badge then they will cost \$6 per badge. These will need to be paid for at the time of order. Please see Rev Christine or Lorna for replacement badge.

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 *Please note there will be no Open Door on Wednesday the 6th. The Following week on the 13th we will have carpet bowls*

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

WESTMEAD
CONGREGATION

Fijian Congregation

Fijian Nation Conference Essentials

- Doona/Warm Blanket
- Pillow&Case/Sheet
- Warm clothes for Mt. Tamborine Weather
- Toiletries
- Uniform for singing!!

Bus Leaves **PROMPTLY** on
Wednesday night 6th July at 11pm. Please be at the Coffee Shop at 10.00pm!!! Dress Warmly!!

We'll leave Mt. Tamborine on Sunday at 1pm to get to Parramatta at around 2am.

Veimasulaki

- Sa kerei me nanumi nai lakolako ki na Koniferedi
- Ira na matua kei na tauvimate

Prayer for End of Term & School Holidays

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen



Where's Wendy

Wendy will be visiting Canterbury Fijian Parish today.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
10-Jul	A. Allison				
17-Jul	Rooty Hill	A. Vocea	S. Qata	M.2	M1
24-Jul	Rev. Phil Swain			Youth	

여덟 번째 성령강림 주일 8th Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

ㄴ 개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)

예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling)

인도자

송영 (Gloria)

새 5장

동 3장

이 천지간 만물들아

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 26장

동 53장

하늘에 가득찬

새 268장

동 193장

예수 십자가에 흘린 피로

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

누가 복음 18: 9-14

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사

저 사람과 이 사람

성찬과 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 314장

동 511장

내 구주 예수를

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 전도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
- 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
- 성령 강림주일 여덟번째 주일입니다. 추운 겨울철 강건하기를 기도합니다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새 502장

동 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
사무엘하 1:12-27

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
야보고 5:13-사무엘하 3:16

2 Kings 5:1-14

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my Lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 4 So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel has said. 5 And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. 6 He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." 7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." 8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a message to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he surely would come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached him and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'? 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean. (NRSV translation)

⇒ Keith Hamilton will be on leave for the next two weeks from 4 July to 18 July. Karen Burns will be the Acting Group CEO during this time. All usual reporting lines continue.

⇒ A University Chaplain for both Westmead and Parramatta WSU campuses will be appointed to commence 1 January 2017. A half time chaplain at the Children's hospital Westmead will be appointed in coming months.

Reflections

The election is over. More than 1,000 people from 150 electorates across Australia put themselves forward for public office. Eighty thousand have been involved in running the election. It cost a lot of money, both government and non-government. Fifteen million people had the opportunity to engage in the democratic processes through voting. It is not perfect, but the alternatives are nightmarish. Even voters in so called “safe” seats make an influence in that elected representatives note swings to and away from themselves. Every vote counts. But the election is not the end. All of us have an obligation to continue to engage in the political processes, irrespective of our preferred outcome.

As a city mission we will continue to engage both local councils across Western Sydney and the Central Coast, state and federal governments both through elected representatives and their staff, and government departments. We advocate on issues that concern us such as poverty, transport, housing, domestic violence, homelessness, mental health, wellbeing, education, addictions, refugees, cross-cultural relationships, family life balance, equity.

When Jesus quoted Isaiah as the focus of his ministry he was encouraging people of faith and good will to do likewise. He said (Luke 4:18-21): “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, he has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to send the oppressed away released, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.” He closed the book, returned it to the attendant, and sat down. And all the eyes in the synagogue were upon him. And he began to say them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled.” If it was good enough for Jesus, it is good enough for you and me.

Here is a list of some of the associations that PM is a member. The Western Sydney Business Connection; Western Sydney Community Forum; Community Migrant Rescue Centre; Parramatta Chamber of Commerce; NSW Business Chamber; Sydney Alliance; Churches Housing; the Parramatta Homeless Coalition; and there are more. We are involved in business and community organisations, some are very large corporates, others small businesses, some unions, small not-for-profits, churches and faith groups. Additionally we are involved in local, state and federal political and bureaucratic processes. A City Mission, in my opinion should engage with the widest cross section of society.

Elisha, a prophet, engaged with King Aram, the political leader of the day. Elisha remained true to his calling as a prophet of God, and engaged in the life of his day. People of faith are called not to escape from the realities of life but be fully immersed in the realities of life, because it is here that we will first and foremost encounter the God who came in Jesus of Nazareth.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Pastoral message for this week....

**Your vote matters
Your voice deserves to be heard
Together we can make a difference**

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.

Foster your faith this week as you read:

Am 7:7-17 Ps 82

Col 1:1-14 Lk 10:25-37

Why Interfaith and How?

On Saturday mornings 9th and 16th July, 9.30-11.00am, Rev. Manas Ghosh will be holding information sessions/ mini workshops on the topic: ***Why Interfaith and How?*** The venue for these will be the **Choir Vestry at Leigh Memorial Church**. All welcome! Enquiries: Manas via 9891-2277.

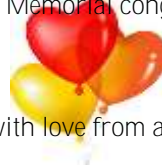


Ian Gray: 50 years young! Congratulations!

Happy Birthday

Ian!

Hoping that you enjoyed your
special birthday
and a big
"thank you" for your decades of
gifted support for
Parramatta Mission and the
Leigh Memorial congregation



- with love from all of us.

Invitation

On the 24th July, 2016
Westmead Congregation of Parramatta Mission will be

**Celebrating
25 years
at Queens Road**

We invite you to join us for this celebration

Westmead Worship Service
begins at 9.45am

Morning tea will be followed with a light luncheon
to be served approximately 12.30pm

(For catering purposes prior booking appreciated
Please add your name to the guest list available in
Church foyer)



COUPLES & FRIENDS 4th JULY MEETING
6.30p.m.



You are invited to a Couples & Friends Meeting with a difference.
It will be our first **Winter Warmer Meal** with Soup and Damper Rolls
followed by delicious Apple Pie & Custard commencing at **6.30p.m.**
All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Centre for this event as
after our warming meal we will be having a fun Quiz night.

**Generous Grace: A Retreat at Leura Uniting Church,
cnr Megalong St and Grose St,
Saturday 16 July 2016,
10am – 3.30pm**

Retreat Leader: John Bleyerveen

Theme: Generous Grace

Start 10am and finish at 3.30pm at Leura Uniting Church. Tea/coffee, cake and fruit will be provided, but please bring lunch or buy it locally. There is a suggested donation of \$20 (for earners).

Remember to enjoy the wonderful

natural environment and make your traveling to Leura part of your whole prayer journey for the day. **NB.** Numbers may be limited so please ring and register your intention to come. For reservations for please contact Michael Slinn 47592668 or mslinn22@gmail.com. For other information contact John Bleyerveen 0416307133



SENIORS Week

13-16 July 2016



An Expo for +55s and their families with a focus on: Leisure & Travel, Health, Fitness & Care, Retirement Accommodation, Spirituality, The Law & Government, Finance, Funeral Planning and more.



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Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Penrith Uniting Church. Pray for: Us being able to identify activities of our congregation that can be 'let go' in order to provide space for discernment of future mission, being able to identify the leadership, passion & gifts of our congregation, and us being able to discern and identify the needs of our local community on which to focus.*
- ♥ *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: "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 in Cabrini and Nell, Willamena, Col Gray*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Robyne, Deidre and husband, Robyn and Greg, Jean, 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, Jane and Brad and baby Coco, D and his family, R and family, Vicky, Col, and Flora, May, Graham and his family, Bruce, Debbie and their family including little James.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *In the midst of the worlds violence peace makers make by be a beacon of light*
- ♥ *Our thanks to all the staff, congregants, and volunteers who over recent months put together our budget. The budget is break even, with a \$50 million dollar turnover. A \$430,000 subsidy has been made available to the congregations to assist their work.*
- ♥ *Thank you to all members of the congregations who participated in the all congregations meeting last Sunday. The work discussed is included elsewhere in this newsletter. Further work on activating the coffee shop in Parramatta, space at Westmead, ministry initiatives, and the new that were ideas raised will continue over coming months.*

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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