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OUR NEWS for 17th 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*

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH - 2016 PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Sunday School will return on Sunday, 24 July. Our Term 3 program will have the theme of '**God's Creation**', including a special emphasis on Aboriginal expressions of hope and faith.

On the Coffee Shop wall we are also currently building a new '**God's Creation Photographic Exhibition**', including contributions from past & present kids and teachers. Thanks to all!



'The Light' - photograph by Alan O.

LEIGH MEMORIAL WORSHIP SERVICES - 24 JULY

Please note that next Sunday, the 9.30am & evening services at Leigh Memorial will take place as normal. At Westmead, there will be a special service & luncheon to celebrate the congregation's 25 years at their Queens Road location. To RSVP for the luncheon, commencing at 12.30pm . Please see Liz asap.

ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2016

Please note that the Abraham Conference this year will take place on **Sunday 21 August, 2.30 - 6.00pm in the Fellowship Centre**. Guest speaker is Rabbi Dr. Benjamin Elton on the topic:

'Hate Speech and Violence'. For registration details, please speak with Manas or email abrahamconf2016@gmail.com.

GLOSTER UDY BOOKS - THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who has recently purchased our newest Parramatta Mission book: *Kindled by a spark of grace - The Gloster Udy Story*. The book has been very well received & copies are for sale after church on Sunday mornings or from the PM office on weekdays for \$10.00.

Enquiries: Liz/ Heritage Committee.

LEIGH CONGREGATION



We had a wonderful time at carpet bowls and Open Door on Wednesday. 18 people gathered and there was fun to be had bowling, playing scrabble or playing dominos. There will be another bowls day in August - so 5 weeks wait.

One more week to go to our birthday of being at Queens Rd! We are looking forward to the 25th anniversary of the congregation July 24th. There is a rsvp sheet available in the foyer today. 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.

Following on from the combined congregations meeting on Sunday 26th June, at the congregational leaders' meeting on Tuesday we discussed the choice of 2 people to be on the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) for the Western Sydney University chaplain for the new Parramatta site and the revamped Westmead sites. The role of being on the JNC means being part of a team of people who will develop a position description, interviewing prospective people and acting on behalf of the Westmead Congregation. We are looking for people who might be interested in taking on one of these roles so if you have an interest in seeing ministry being offered to the students and staff of the university then please have a conversation with Rev Christine.

Rev Christine and Karen will be our 2 reps go on a working group to explore the other options discussed on that Sunday and we need to have 1 other person along with Rev Christine attending the futures working group. If there is anyone apart from the leaders who feels they would like to be involved then please let Rev Christine or Karen know and your name will be considered by the leaders for any of these roles.

Thank you to all who have brought food or given monetary gifts for Meals Plus. This is always an important opportunity to provide some practical help for those in need of warm meals.

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.

Refer page 9 for Weekly Westmead activities.

**WESTMEAD
CONGREGATION**

Fijian Congregation



Vakavinavinaka levu ena kena sa mai qaravi vinaka na Koniferendi. Totoka na vei qaravi kei na veitokani vinaka Parramatta. Koniferedi tarava— Serene 2018.



It has been a blessing to attend the *National Young Adults Leadership Conference* with young leaders around Australia. I hope to share my experience with those in our community. Vinaka vakalevu for the opportunity and funding. - *Ofa*

Where's Wendy

Wendy's Commissioning is next week followed by lunch at the hall.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
24-Jul	Rev. Phil Swain			Youth	
31-Jul	Fiji Parish	J. Foiakau	V. Kamotu	M3	M2

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

14-29

열 번째 성령강림 주일 10th Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

3개회 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)

새36장 **통36장** 주 예수 이름 높이어

새 268장 **통 193장**

예수 십자가에 흘린 피로

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

주기도문송 **새 635장** 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **마태복음 6:25-34**

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 신앙의 전시판

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새440장 **통497장** 어디든지 예수 나를 이끌면

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 10번째 주일입니다. 추운 겨울철 강건하기를 기도합니다

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

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
사무엘하 5:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
사무엘하 3:17-6:23

Luke 10:25-37

25 Now notice this, a certain lawyer stood up, tempting Jesus saying, "Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" 26 Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered saying, "You shall love the Lord your God out of all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." 28 Jesus said to him, "Rightly you answer; do this and you shall live." 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" 30 Taking him up, Jesus said, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among robbers. And they stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half-dead. 31 Now by coincidence a certain priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise also a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 33 And a certain Samaritan, travelling, came to him, and when he saw him he had compassion on him. 34 He went to him, and bound his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put him on his own riding animal and led him to the inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out and gave two silver coins (two day's wages) to the manager and said, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend I, on my return, will repay you." 36 "Which of these three do you think became a neighbour to the man who fell among robbers?" 37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and you, you do likewise." (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections on the Lections

The lawyer stands up as an act of courtesy, yet with the intent of deception. He wants some points in order to debate Jesus. Jesus rises to the occasion. He tells a parable.

The parable is well known, yet perhaps not so. Behind the parable stands a culture that ties people in knots. The road down to Jericho from Jerusalem was deserted and robbers frequent. The man is bashed to the point of death.

A priest comes by, probably after finishing his weekly term at the temple on his way home, and possibly riding an animal. He is as well equipped to stop and render aid as the Samaritan. To stop and go near a dead person, or to touch someone so injured would put the priest in breach of temple cleanliness rules, requiring him to return to Jerusalem in disgrace and undertake the purification rites that could take a week, and certainly were expensive. Jesus is tying the lawyer in knots.

The Levite follows. The priest may be visible in the distance. If the priest did not stop, it would be difficult for the Levite. His touching the near dead man would not have the same repercussions as for the priest. But the Levite is probably on foot, being of lower social class than the priest. While the priest does not come close, the Levite does. However he would not have the medical facilities to render aid. At the risk of becoming a victim himself, he leaves.

The Samaritan is hated by the Jews. Samaritans were considered to have profaned the Jewish line through intermarriage following the fall of the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC. Christians continued this hatred, by killing Samaritans during the fifth century, in order to build a church.

The Samaritan comes; he approaches the near dead man. The meaning of the word 'compassion' is an overwhelming gut reaction to the sight of the injured man. He risks his life by stopping. He uses oil to soften the wounds and wine to disinfect, and then he binds the man's wounds. Note: the parable mentions binding wounds first, perhaps an allusion to the way God binds the wounds of the hurting such as in Jeremiah 30:17 and Hosea 6. Oil and wine were also used in the temple in sacrificial worship. The Priest and the Levite fail in their sacrificial worship, while the despised Samaritan does what God requires. He places the man on his animal and leads him to an inn. It is likely, from the way the parable is told that the Samaritan had more than one horse, probably carrying his merchandise. The magnitude of his generous act is becoming apparent. He has done more than what is required, yet he stays the night at the inn. Then, the next day he gives equal to 2 day's wages for the innkeeper to look after the man, with the promise that if it costs more, he will pay more. In this he risks his life. By identifying himself, the Samaritan runs the risk of having the family of the near dead man seek him out for vengeance. It often happens that the families of the victim blame the helper. Here is sacrificial giving, irrational and over the top.

The questioner wanted a list to debate. He got a parable. It is not who is our neighbour, but to whom must we become a neighbour? "In order to love God, we must express costly compassion to all people, even to enemies."

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

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

HAPPY 21st CALLUM

Congratulations to Callum who just turned 21! Callum has been a member of the Leigh Congregation since he was born and contributes every Sunday morning as part of our technical team, plus sings with our Music Praise Team. Thanks Callum for everything you do and for your warmth & generosity. Love & blessings always - from your church family.



Happy 21st Callum...
We hope you had
a wonderful day..
Best wishes
Coral & Tracey



Pastoral message for this week....

In the busyness of life;
press pause and refresh.....

Foster your faith this week as you read:

Hos 11:1-11 Ps 107:1-9,43

Col 3:1-11 Lk 12:13-21

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)



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WESTMEAD WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

DEEPENING FAITH: Bible study Mondays at 2.00pm

ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER:

Fellowship- first Tuesday of each month 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.

Alive to God!

Worship Workshop

Fellowship Centre, Leigh Memorial Uniting Church
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta,
9:30 am -12 noon, 6 August.

One of the core Christian beliefs is that we are called to “worship” (give worth) to God. For some people Sunday worship is very familiar; for others it is not.

This workshop seeks:

to explore why we worship in the way in which we do.

to explore the shape of worship and how we can improvise.

to explore how we might make the coming into the presence of Christ relevant for our time and place.

This workshop will be one of theory and practice. It is open to all. No previous knowledge is required. All are welcome.

This workshop is the first in an annual series of workshops to be hosted by the worship committee of Leigh Memorial Uniting Church.

Annual Regional *PRESBYTERY GATHERING*

Where: Quaker’s Hill Uniting Church 32 Highfield Street, Quakers Hill.

Date: Saturday, 23rd July

Time: Morning tea from 10am.

Service 10.45 am

Speaker: Rev GRANT ATKINS

Lunch: Bring your own.

Tea, coffee, cold drinks provided.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1.00 – 2.15 pm.

This will be arranged by Mrs ALI ATKINS
which means it will be entertaining!

With Grant as the Speaker and Ali arranging the afternoon
program, it promises to be an excellent day.

Why not come?? Would be great if Leigh was well represented.

More info? Check with Beverly.

Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Quakers Hill Uniting Church Pray for Rev Grant Aitkens at Quakers Hill Uniting Church as he shares his passion about his call to share the Good News of Jesus and his creative, alive, down to earth manner.*
- ♥ *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, Rajes (Sandra), Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, Olivia, Ruth, baby James and family, Michelle and family, Caroline A, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Spencer and family, Paul and Eileen, Mr and Mrs B and family, E and his family, 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.*

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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