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OUR NEWS for 24th 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*

LEIGH CONGREGATION

WARMEST BLESSINGS WESTMEAD!

Happy 25th Anniversary to the Westmead congregation as they celebrate a quarter of a century at their Queens Road location! Many, wonderful projects and events have occurred over the 25 years and involving some truly dedicated and gifted people. Thanks on behalf of the PM Heritage Committee to Lorna, Christine and others for their writings, words and displays today in honour of the congregation's historical contribution. The luncheon following today's service at Westmead will commence at 12.30pm. NB: Leigh Memorial services will continue as normal today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH: TERM 3

Sunday School starts back today after the winter school holiday break, with continued thanks to our teaching team: Anne, Samantha, Alan & Ken for their commitment and creativity. Our 'God's Creation' Photographic Exhibition in the Coffee Shop also continues to grow - with thanks to our clever "shutter-bugs"! Please remember all of our children in your prayers this term, including Lisa & Charlotte, our two HSC students, who will soon be doing their 'Trials' - plus - the leaders and members of our new High School Group.

Enquiries: Liz & Samantha.

INVITATION - REAR BUILDING SITE VIEW

Anne, Sam & our Junior Sunday School class **invite you to join them upstairs after the service next Sunday, 31 July**, to view the progress of the building work and changes at the rear of our church. Our Sunday School room on level one offers a unique perspective which can't be seen from the car park, plus our kids are keen to share their observations with you!

ALIVE TO GOD! WORSHIP WORKSHOP

This special workshop on **worship** will take place between 9.30am - 12 noon on Saturday 6 August at Leigh Memorial. All welcome. Enquiries: Clive.

ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2016 - COMING SOON

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 registrations, please email abrahamconf2016@gmail.com.

Foster your faith this week as you read:

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

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

WESTMEAD CONGREGATION

On July 27th, 1991 at 2.00pm the Westmead Church at Queens Road along with the Wesley Lodge extension was opened by the Moderator Mr Bruce Irvine. Here we are 25 years later and Lorna and Rev Christine have been going through photos, memorabilia and a lot of information.



Although we had hoped to have a small booklet ready for handing out on the 25th Anniversary there is much more information than we realized so we are planning on having a publication for the UCA's 40th anniversary next June.

For today, thank you to all who have come to celebrate with us. A special thank you to Ken Plant for the solo and for Robyn for playing the piano for us! We are also very grateful for the countless people helping with setup for a luncheon with people coming from Leigh Memorial, and others who have made the special effort to be with us.

Thank you for the food contributions for Meals Plus. The food we bring is always welcome and able to be used by the staff and volunteers of Meals Plus to feed so many people who need some warm food and a place to be with others- especially in the cold and wet weather.

(More Westmead News over page)

WESTMEAD CONGREGATION CONT.....

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.

Great news for Carpet bowls fans. We have booked in the following dates: WED 17TH AUGUST, WED 21ST SEPTEMBER, WED 26TH OCTOBER and WED 30TH NOVEMBER.

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.



Fijian Congregation

Where's Wendy

Wendy will be leaving us for Fiji on July 28th as she commences her six months voluntary work with the Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma. Please keep Wendy in your prayers. Kalougata tiko Wendy!!



Prayer for returning to school

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of children. Please watch over them as they go back to school this term. Keep them safe everyday. Help them remember that you are there with them in the halls and classrooms. Help them soak up good knowledge and to dismiss any negativity that may come their way. Help them treat others with kindness and respect, and to guard their hearts with the armour of Your Word. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you.

We pray in your Holy Name,
Amen.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
31-Jul	Fiji Parish	J. Foiakau	V. Kamotu	M3	M2
7-Aug	Rev Keith Hamilton Vulavou		S. Toa	M1	
14-Aug	F. Kamotu Multicultural		A. Vocea	Youth	

Luke 11:1-13

1 And when he was in a certain place praying, as he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples".
2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say:
 Father, let your name be sacred
 Let your kingdom come
3 Give us our bread for the coming day.
4 And forgive us our sins for indeed we ourselves forgive all who are obligated to us
 And lead us not into temptation".
5 And he said to them, "Can any of you imagine having a friend and going to him at midnight and saying, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread 6 since a friend of mine has arrived from a journey and I do not have what I may set before him' 7 And the one inside answering, says 'Do not cause me trouble, the door is now shut and my children are with me in bed. I cannot arise and give you anything'? 8 I tell you, even if he will not arise and give to him because he is a friend, yet because of his avoidance of shame he will get up and give to him as much as he needs. 9 And I say to you, Ask, and it shall be given to you; Seek, and you shall find; Knock, and the door shall be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks will find and to the one who knocks it shall be opened. 11 What Father among you, if his son asks for bread will give him a stone; or a fish, will instead of a fish hand him a snake; 12 or if he asks for an egg will hand him a scorpion? 13 Now if you being evil know good gifts to give your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those asking him. *(Translation by Keith Hamilton)*

Reflections

The Hebrew and Christian scriptures are set in societies in which honour and shame were prominent cultural mores and taboos that set expectations of interpersonal relationships and personal behaviour. Honour and shame was not always used for the good of all. By contrast, God was seen as honourable and could be trusted. The teaching about prayer from Luke, that includes a version of the Lord's Prayer is more about God's honour been kept, than a mechanism for humans to get what they wanted. God is honourable and will keep promises. The tale of the village neighbour arriving at midnight wanting some bread for a visitor is about honour and shame. In the society of Jesus it is ridiculous to consider that the householder would not jump up and provide the bread immediately. Not to do so would be to bring shame on the house and, by extension, the whole village for not providing the appropriate hospitality. It is a joke that makes an important point. Just as it is unimaginable not to provide the hospitality, so to it is unimaginable for God not to be honourable, and to be ready to answer prayer.

This is not a call to persistence in praying for a matter until we get the answer we want, but consistently praying in the knowledge that God always hears and always acts. Here is another reminder that God is not remote and aloof, but near and attentive.

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Violence and tragedy again fill our news. We are quick to point the finger at certain religions. The uncomfortable truth is that while the founder of Christianity preached peace, he was violently killed, and many of his followers have been the most violent. The Emperor Constantine became a Christian because he believed that God had delivered him victory in battle. Here is part of a confronting article by Rev Graham Long Senior Pastor / CEO of Wayside:

Christian Emperors such as Charlemagne sent out his soldiers into the world to offer people a choice of baptism or death. Long after Rome had collapsed and the Christian centre of the world was in the East, in modern Turkey, it wasn't the marauding Muslims who destroyed the Christian centre but the marauding Christians. Those same blood-thirsty Christians were the aggressors in the series of persecutions against Muslims that we call 'the Crusades'.

In our recent past, we, the Christian West, invaded Iraq. Two hundred and fifty thousand people protested by marching through Sydney. Millions protested around the world but it made no difference. The Christian West demonized Saddam Hussein as if he was worse than Robert Mugabe or any other tyrant. We demonized him as if he had anything to do with 9/11. Nearly two hundred thousand Iraqi civilians died. Double that number were injured. Millions were made homeless and for what? How are the people of Iraq enjoying the "freedom" of the Christian West? This pointless exercise cost nearly five thousand American lives and who knows how many suicides of veterans in the USA. It was a war that made a few Christian leaders fabulously rich and the majority of Christian tax payers burdened with debt for generations to come.

I want to say what should have been said in 2001, if we'd have had any politicians who were real leaders. "My God, we should talk to these people". Can you blame Muslim people and countries for feeling threatened, not heard and desperate? We should talk to these people. Our feelings are raw. Who can bear the image of a large truck driving through a defenceless crowd of families? Our default response is to hit back rather than understand. We feel unsafe and it's hard to get perspective.

Living the prayer of Jesus is a relevant today as when it was first said.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Sunday Evening Feast

Meals together are something the Leigh Evening Congregation enjoys. Last Sunday was the finest we have had yet! We gathered for worship at Victoria, Richard and Michael's to bless their home and then to enjoy a meal together. Victoria treated us to her beautiful, authentic Persian cooking. It was a superb banquet and we were all extremely happy to be guests enjoying generous hospitality . We finished the meal with the best cup of chai tea made by the family's friend, Johnson. What a great night. Manas suggested that this meal together was a taste of heaven on earth and we all agreed with him. Victoria's smile lit up the room!



**A huge Thank You to Pam Buckley
for entering Lifeline WS into the
small business competition and
winning Lifeline \$1000.00**



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시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

14-30

열 한 번째 성령강림 주일 11th 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 만물들이

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 75장

통 47장

주여 우리 무리를

새 268장

통 193장

예수 십자가에 흘린 피로

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

마가복음 13:1-8

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사

세상을 겨꾸로 사는 교회

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 456장

통 509장

거친 세상에서 실패 했거든

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 11번째 주일입니다. 추운 겨울철 강건하기를 기도합니다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새 502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부

오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시

사무엘하9:1-13

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시

사무엘하7:18-11:27

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.

Pastoral message for this week....

**We're often quick to help people we know
Let's be as generous to those we don't know**



Recently Retired
Do You Have Some Spare Time?
Parramatta Family & Local Court Support Group Inc

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

27 years ago a Volunteer service began at the *Family and Local Courts in Parramatta*, in reaction to a lack of support and positivity in places that both sought to resolve family disputes and misdemeanours of the law. An Interdenominational Group was formed from local Churches in the area, **to lend an ear, a smiling face, and a hand of kindness by way of a cup of tea and a biscuit** to those attending the Family Court and the local Court. The support group are seeking the help of All Churches to see if there are people who might like to be a Rostered Volunteer about **three hours a month** for serving tea and coffee **at either or both of the courts**. Choice of day, or week of the month, is available ie. 3rd Tuesday. Time is usually between 9am and 12.30pm. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you need any further information. **Call Margaret Wigmore on Ph: (02) 9871 8492, mobile 0407 436 642 or email : wiggys46@optusnet.com.au**

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 Filipino – Congregation Give thanks for this congregation's intentionality in bearing witness to the Filipino community and for 'ATAP', their thriving youth ministry.*
- ♥ *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, Holly and her family.*
- ♥ *PM UnitingHospitality; UnitingHope; UnitingRecovery; support services of Finance – IT and Payroll, People and Culture, Property, Housing and Maintenance, Fundraising and Marketing, Reception; For all who walk with people on difficult journeys of life. For radical hospitality, extravagant generosity, enduring compassion.*
- ♥ *We lament the ready turn to violence – domestic, national and international; the wanton destruction of Syria, the Kurds of Northern Iraq.*

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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