



Parramatta
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OUR NEWS for 14TH AUGUST 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 NEWS

TODAY @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Yes, it's **'Photo Day'**! We'll be taking a congregation photo after worship, plus other photos to add to our records, our website & for use in future congregation and Mission publications. Thanks to Mario for his time and skills as our Photographer. Today after 'Take 10', our **leaders' team** will also be having a brief logistical meeting and the Sunday School will be enjoying a **children's story** with Manas during the service. Tonight there will be a **farewell dinner** for Parriss, given by the Evening Congregation, commencing tonight at 6.30pm. Enquiries: Manas & Robyn.

NEXT SUNDAY: ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2016

Please note that the Abraham Conference this year will take place next **Sunday 21 August, 2.30 - 6.00pm** - during which Rabbi Dr. Benjamin Elton will speak on the timely topic of 'Hate Speech and Violence'. For registrations, please email abrahamconf2016@gmail.com.

SOME AUGUST-SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

- * **Inter-faith Group visit** and morning tea, Sunday 28 August. Please bring a plate of vegetarian food to share for morning tea (savoury preferred).
- * **Fijian 25th Anniversary:** Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian Service: Sunday 4 September
- * **LM Leaders' meeting**, 11am-1pm, Sunday 11 September.
- * **International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Service**
Wednesday 21 September.

Pastoral message for this week....

In striving for gold

We can also strive for compassion

Come alongside the vulnerable

#Homeless Persons Week



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Morning tea

Next **Sunday morning, 21 August** after the morning service, there will be a **farewell morning tea** for Parriss. Congregation members are invited to bring a plate of food to share, and to wear some or all, of the PM/ UCA colours for the occasion: red, black, white!

WESTMEAD CONGREGATION NEWS

We are also delighted to welcome new people to the congregation. Some come for a few months whilst undergoing treatment and others are new to the area. We welcome you and are glad you can join with us and look forward to getting to know you more as well. Please make the time to give your contact details to Rev Christine or Lorna, or to write them in the welcome book on the table in the foyer. This information helps us contact you and get to know you better as well.

We will soon be celebrating a transfer of membership for Lopeti. It has been wonderful to have him come to us from Holroyd Congregation. On the day of reception of his membership we will also celebrate the sense of belonging for people who are new to the community and who now feel they are members of the congregation. Stay tuned for more details.

We had a birthday cake on Monday for Ruth and Sheila at Bible Study and a small party on Wednesday for Sheila's 90th birthday. It was great to be able to celebrate together and the checkers and cards did come out for some games at Open Door- it wasn't just about eating the beautiful cake. Thanks to Sue and Georgie.

The Blanket, book and soup sale will happen on Tuesday 23rd August. We will run the stall from 8.30am until the close of TOC at 1.30pm. On the day there will be the sale of blankets, books and other knitted goods and Scones with tea or coffee. TOC will still have its usual fare which includes soup.

We will also be selling soup. An order form will be on the front table after worship. There is a choice of 4 soups- vegetable and lentils, pumpkin, chicken and vegetables and beef and vegetables. Cost will be \$5 per container which has a serve for 2 people. All soup can be frozen. Pickup will be either Wednesday 24th between 9.00-3.30 or Sunday 28th August between 8.30-12.00md. Please indicate your preferred pickup time. Payment is preferred when ordering.

We have a number of people sick at the moment so please get well soon and we look forward to seeing you soon. We have a prayer chain which anyone can be on who feels they have a gift of prayer. Please contact Robyne to be added to the list.

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.

LEADERS' MEETING:

1ST Tuesday of month from 5.00pm.



**Disaster Recovery
Chaplains Training at
Westmead in the
revamped AJs Café.**



**Sheila's
90th
Birthday**

Fijian Congregation



- ◆ Eda na marautaka tiko na 25th anniversary ni sema ni Lotu ki na Parramatta Mission
- ◆ Eda na Lotu vata kei ratou na valagi ena 4 ni Sepiteba me marautaki kina
- ◆ Ka na cereki tiko na vatu ni vakananumi ni veiqaravi ni sevu ni Talatala vakaViti e Parramatta—Rev Veitinia Waqabaca
- ◆ Sa kerei me da masulaka na i tuvatuva oqo, kei na noda lakolako ena siga ni mataka

Invitation to attend

Dee Why Uniting
Combined Youth Service

Where:
Dee Why Uniting Church
60 Howard Avenue, Dee Why

When:
28th August

Time:
11am Service

Tongan Lunch will be provided after the
Service

» Please contact Ofa if interested «

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
21-Aug	Rooty Hill	V. Kamotu	J. Foiakau	M2	M3
28-Aug	Fiji Parish	S. Qata	F. Kamotu	M3	M1
4-Sep	25th Anniversary Lotu Vakaviti - Siga Tabu ni Tama				

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

14-33

열 네 번째 성령강림 주일 14th Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)

예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling)

인도자

송영 (Gloria)

새 5장

통 2장

이 천지간 만물들아

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새19장

통44장

찬송하는 소리 있어



새 149장

통 147장

주 달려 죽은 십자가

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

누가복음 3:4-14

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사

죄 사함을 얻게 하는 회개의 삶

성찬 & 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & 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 건도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
- 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
- 성령 강림주일 14번째 주일입니다. 추운 겨울철 강건하기를 기도합니다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시
사투엘하19:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
사투엘하18:9-20:13

Luke 12:49-59

49 Jesus said, "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it was already kindled. 50 I have been baptised with a baptism, and how I am distressed until it is completed. 51 Do you think that I came to give peace on the earth? No! No way. On the contrary, I tell you I came to bring division. 52 For there will be from now on five in one household with three having been divided against two and two against three. 53 Father will be divided against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." 54 And he also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising over the west, immediately you say that a storm is coming, and so it comes; 55 and when a south wind blows, you say that it will be scorching hot, and it happens. 56 Hypercritics, You know how to interpret the face of the earth and of the heaven, but you do not know how to interpret this present time?"

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflection

This is a remarkable text. Jesus did not come to bring peace? Actually he did not come to bring a false peace. He did not come to bring a peace in which we pretend that everything is OK, when people are clearly being shut out through a mental illness, homelessness, an immigrant with a different skin colour. Jesus took a stand for social justice, for people who were without clothes, hungry, homeless, people without physical means of support. In his day, before social security, Medicare, aged pension, it was widows, the poor, people in prison, refugees. While it is not pleasant to be in a modern day prison, in earlier times, the prisoner received no food or other provisions, and families outside prison lost their breadwinner. Today we have those safety nets in place, but there are still issues on which we must take a stand, and that will always be uncomfortable to those who are comfortable. A sign of humility and empathy is when someone who has power uses that to assist people in dire straits. People in power today not only include politicians, and business leaders, it also includes anyone who has more than enough food to eat, more than enough financial and material resources to live, to access treatments etc. Spare a thought for those who cannot afford private medical insurance and need dental work. Dentistry is not covered by Medicare, yet dentistry is the biggest single factor in increased life expectancy in the past 100 years. Rotting teeth lead to all kinds of diseases. There are some things in which we need to upset people's peace to bring about change.

It is always inspiring to meet young leaders. This week I met 20 through the Max Potential Showcase. One is Molly Dallas, a 17 year old student of Northmead High. These past 20 weeks Molly has participated in the Max Potential leadership program. As part of their leadership development, each student must devise a project, recruit people to assist, and provide some outcome.

The projects involve community service that contributes to making life better for people. Molly chose homelessness, and chose to work with PM. She raised awareness of the issue at her school, and worked with PM to raise funds for blankets. In a week when three young people were in the news for the wrong reasons, it is good to be reminded of the great potential of youth to lead and make a difference. The media were also generous in publishing the student stories in local newspapers and local radio stations.

We have just finished Homeless Person's Week, if only all homelessness could be resolved in a week. Naturally enough, staff from PM led the organising working with other organisations. Let me share a few highlights. Homeless connect: The Town Hall and Centenary Square were full of people and stalls as people and organisations, and government departments came together in one place to both showcase what is being done, and provide a one stop shop for people at risk of homelessness or indeed homeless to access these services. Later I served lunch in Meals Plus with Dr Geoff Lee, where we spoke to a man who said he had been homeless for 36 years. Twice this past week I have met a husband and wife who are sleeping rough. They have used our showers and laundry, and had a breakfast and lunch. On Thursday I met a man lining up for lunch who said he had not eaten for two days.

What a remarkable group of people the people of our congregations and faith community are. Not a week goes by without someone making a donation of clothes, sheets, beanie's, underwear, food, toothpaste, shampoo, money to the work of our services, volunteering on a committee, board or some other activity of PM. It is true that the congregations are the praying heart of Parramatta Mission, and that prayer said every Sunday and in daily devotions, is also expressed in practical involvement. We live out not a church and mission, but one church mission of congregations and staff and volunteers. What a remarkable group of people the people who are our staff. Not a week goes by, indeed not a day goes by, without some intervention, activity, encouraging word, generous action, and critical meeting that makes a transforming difference in someone's life.

The human spirit is also remarkable. Many people see human need and take action; others are assisted to see. Sometimes it might be their realisation that 20% of their family could have a mental illness in their live time, or 10% experience homelessness, 70% of their female family members experience some physical abuse. Not a week goes by without people in business or other not for profits or churches or other faiths, of local, state or federal governments being involved in some way with PM across Sydney or Central Coast and Lower Hunter. Sometimes this is disruptive of false peace to bring real peace.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

ONE BILLION RISING PARRAMATTA TOGETHER WITH
PARRAMATTA LEAGUES CLUB PRESENTS

Annual Charity Gala Dinner

SUPPORTING THELMA BROWN COTTAGE
PARRAMATTA MISSION'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFUGE FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Friday 2nd September 2016

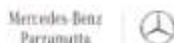
7.00PM - 11.00PM
PARRAMATTA LEAGUES CLUB
13 - 15 O'CONNELL STREET PARRAMATTA

INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL
ENTERTAINMENT AND BEVERAGES
GIFTS BAGS, LUCKY DOOR PRIZES AND AUCTION



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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 : wigg46@optusnet.com.au**

	Foster your faith this week as you read: Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6 Heb 12:18-29 Lk 13:10-17

Leigh Fijian Anniversary 4 September:
Combined Leigh Fijian Leigh Memorial service 10 am.



Molly Dallas, Northmead high student and Max Potential leader, with her project display raising funds for blankets for people who are homeless



LOCAL KIDS INSPIRE COMPASSION IN THE COMMUNITY

When Jacob and Amariah Tamaro saw a homeless man sleeping on a bench in Parramatta they decided that they needed to do something to help. They came up with the idea to bake biscuits to raise money and use it to buy blankets for the homeless, and so "Biscuits to Blankets" was born.

400 biscuits later, the children have raised an amazing \$1,100. They have purchased some sleeping bags and blankets and are sponsoring a lunch at Meals Plus this week.

Their story has been featured in the Parramatta Advertiser and 2UE interviewed Rev. Keith last Sunday afternoon about this wonderful act of kindness.



These two young children are inspiration to us all and demonstrate that even the smallest of us can help out in big ways!

They plan to make their bake an annual event and get more people involved.



Left: Our cook Silvia with Parramatta State MP Dr Geoff Lee serving lunch during Homeless Person's week at Parramatta Mission's Meals Plus



Above: Jeff & Keith enjoying company with consumers of Meals Plus and their dog who is in the orange bag



Left: Keith & Geoff serving lunch for Homeless Persons Week

More prayers for the people of

St Andrews Uniting Church Riverstone and people who live in the Riverstone area

- Our monthly Community Morning Tea, next on Tuesday 23rd August, and its promotion through newspapers, radio and other Churches.
- Our Play Group held each Wednesday Morning.
- Our involvement in the Hawkesbury Zone and Zone Ministers, Rev. Geoff Stevenson and Rodel Palma.

Useful Numbers

Linked2Home (Emergency Accommodation)	1800 152 152
Domestic Violence Helpline	1800 656 463
Lifeline	13 11 14
Kids Helpline	1800 551 800

**A generous donation of shoes from Lush,
(Men, Ladies and Children's) in time for
Homeless Person's
Week.**



Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *The Pacific islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanaky) and French Polynesia (Tahiti)*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Riverstone UC. Pray for guidance as Riverstone seeks God's way forward.*
- ♥ *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: Kula Diqoliwasa in Westmead hospital, Niko Balavu, Sai Vute. Nanumi tiko o ira na noda vulagi vou : Vuvale na Sorova, Satala kei Junior Qata. Vuvale nei Jo & Nat Delana. Wendy Morris as she begins Voluntary work with the Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma. 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 and David 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, Lopeti and Mere.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *Prayers for the USA presidential election.*

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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