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OUR NEWS for 21st 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

FAREWELL PARISS!

Today we thank and farewell our friend **Parriss MacDougall**, who is retiring to the Hunter region. Parriss' exemplary work ethic, giving nature and conscientious service to our congregation and Parramatta Mission have been greatly appreciated. Parriss' Red, Black & White' morning tea will follow morning worship. Blessings Parriss!

****Parriss MacDougall's New Address 50/150 Tall Timbers Road
Doyalson North NSW 2262. Phone 0451 150 861*****

LEIGH MEMORIAL CONGREGATION PHOTO

Last Sunday in beautiful weather, our congregation gathered outside the church and had a special photo together. We also celebrated 5 birthdays, including Parriss, Betty E, Anne, Robyn & Prem - who turned 75 and was given a surprise morning tea by his lovely family. A number of our regular members are currently travelling or un-well, so we'll take another photo when everyone is 'back on deck'! A big thanks to photographer Mario.



UP & COMING INTER-FAITH EVENTS @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

- 1) **Abraham Conference today**, 2.30 - 6.00pm in the Fellowship Centre
- 2) **Inter-faith Group 'SIA' visit**, 28 August inc. morning tea
- 3) **International Day of Peace Prayer Service**, Wed. 21 September.

- Over a hundred people from an interfaith group called *Sai* will visit Leigh Memorial Congregation Sunday morning service on 28 August. A great opportunity to offer them Christ's love, welcome, friendship and hospitality. Morning tea will be held in the hall. If you could bring a plate of vegetarian food that would be greatly appreciated. Thanks Manas

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.

There are several ways people can become members of the congregation. One is through confirmation, another is through transfer of membership and for most- it is joining in worship and becoming involved in the different activities of the church. If you would like to know more about membership or what does it mean to belong then please speak to Rev Christine.

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 have some people who will be there early for setup but please feel free to come early or to come and help a little later in the day. All are welcome.

We will also be selling soup. An order form will be on the front table after worship. There is a choice of 4 soups- 1) vegetable and lentils, 2) pumpkin, 3) chicken and vegetables and 4) 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 8.30-12.00 midday. 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.

Congratulations to Scott who has started at Mussellbrook Correctional Centre as Gaol Chaplain. He will live up there during the week and come home on most weekends. We wish him well.

Great news for Carpet bowls fans. We have booked in the following dates: 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.

Fijian Congregation

Combined Youth Service

WHERE:

Dee Why Uniting Church,
60 Howard Avenue, Dee Why

WHEN:

28th August, 11am Service

Tongan Lunch will be provided after the Service

Celebration of

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
Peace

The 55th session of the General Assembly
of the United Nations
designated 21 September as
International Day of Peace.

To celebrate this day you are invited to join an
Interfaith Prayer Service
on Wednesday 21 September 2016 at 2 pm
at the Fellowship Centre, Parramatta Mission.

- ◆ Vinaka na vei-Matamasumasu sa qaravi tiko. Kerei me nanumi tiko na veika me masulaki ena daku ni newsletter
- ◆ Toki o Kula Diqoliwasa e Mayflower. Kerei me rau nanumi kei Tukai Metui ena masu kei na veisiko
- ◆ Qaravi vaka vuniwai o Sosi Toa, ka sa tu vakarau na qase ena veiqaravi ni Lotu eso. Kerei me nanumi o Chairman kei na vuvale ena masu

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
28-Aug	Fiji Parish	S. Qata	F. Kamotu	M3	M1
4-Sep	25th Anniversary Lotu Vakaviti - Siga Tabu ni Tama				
11-Sep	Rev Keith Hamilton		A. Vocea	Youth	

열 다섯 번째 성령강림 주일 15th Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 5장** **통 2장** 성부 성자 성령계

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 8장 **통 9장** 기록 기록 기록

새 149장 **통 147장** 주 달려 죽은 십자가

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

주기도문송 **새 635장** 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **요한복음 1:43-51**

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 **와 보라 !!**

성찬 & 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 501장 **통 255장** 너 시온아 이 소식 전파하라

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 15번째 주일입니다. 추운 겨울철 강건하기를 기도합니다

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

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
사무엘하22:1-20

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
사무엘하21:1-23:7

Luke 13:10-17

10 Now Jesus was teaching in one of the Synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; and she was bent over and could not entirely stand erect. 12 And when Jesus saw her he called to her and said to her, "Woman, you have been freed from your affliction", 13 and he placed his hands on her and immediately she was straightened, and she glorified God. 14 But the president of the synagogue, angry that Jesus healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, "There are six days on which it is necessary to work, come on those days to be healed and not on the Sabbath". But the Lord answered him and said, "Hypocrites, is it not so that on the Sabbath each one of you unties your ox or ass from the manger and leads it away to give it a drink? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, have been released from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said all these things, those who were opposing him were shamed, and all the crowd rejoiced over all the glorious things that were happening because of him. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The woman was bent over, unable to stand straight. Jesus healed her. Now she could stand straight. Some people complained because this was done "out of hours." My question is who was really bent over? Attitudes can keep us bent up as much as a physical illness. But, the leader of the synagogue is trying to do the right thing. He is trying to keep the commandments, trying to honour God by giving his priority to focus on God, particularly on the Sabbath. However, the point Jesus makes is not so much about obeying God and therefore leaving people bent over, as obeying God by loving and caring about the welfare of creation, the welfare of people.

Anti-poverty week is some months away however, many organisations are getting ready. The Uniting Church of NSW.ACT Social Justice Forum will be visiting Parramatta Mission during Anti-poverty week to learn more about the issue and the processes of walking with people moving out of poverty. One program PM is involved with is assisting Bidwill UC in a pilot project called Getting Ahead, a 16 week process in which people who are wanting to get ahead investigate for themselves, journeying with mentors, the causes of poverty and the resources to move out of poverty. There are many reasons for poverty, and as many resources needed to move out of poverty. One is knowledge of hidden rules. Hidden rules are norms for a culture. For example, it is the knowledge to change behaviour (formal, informal language) to suit a particular context. Hidden rules can apply to family, work place, class. People need to understand the hidden rules of middle class to move from poverty into the middle class; they need to know what is expected. This can affect the interview process, job prospects, even how to be treated by people in different situations.

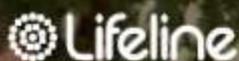
While walking along Macquarie St one day this past week I was stopped by the voice of a person who said, "Thank you Keith for lunch today." I looked and recognised the person as someone who comes to Meals Plus. Of course, I didn't make lunch, but he wanted to thank someone from PM. As it transpired, it was the day that Jacob and Amariah, two children who had seen a man sleeping on the footpath who was homeless and who looked cold and needed a blanket, were with their families and extended families serving lunch in Meals Plus having sponsoring lunch. The children raised through sales of biscuits for blankets and through donations over \$1100. They saw, they had compassion and they acted. This contrasted with someone else I met this week whose comments about people had me challenge him to come and meet people from Meals Plus and hear their story, and to give him credit, he is taking me up on the challenge.

A recent decision by the Greater Sydney Commission regarding development in Parramatta means that buildings to the north of Parramatta Square will not be able to cast any shadow onto the square at mid-day on 22 June each year. This will limit the height of buildings between Macquarie St and George St, including the proposed redevelopment of the PM buildings in Macquarie St, Parramatta. With this in mind, the working party have reviewed our plans. We are on course to lodge our plans with Council later this year. To assist that process, Dianne Hart, CEO of Hospitality Services, is seeking to engage with the two Parramatta congregations and also managers of PM programs based in Parramatta as part of finalising the brief.

I heard some interesting statistics this week. It said that 3 million people live within 30 minutes of Parramatta. Apparently 42% of people in Sydney live west of the Sydney CBD, compared to 16% to the east, and the average age of people in the west is younger than the east. It is anticipated that 15,000 people will work in the Parramatta Square, when completed, in addition to many new residents and people visiting the many shops and restaurants. This is in addition to the estimated 10,000 students at the Uni. I wonder what this means for our Parramatta Mission people who work or worship in the Parramatta CBD?

How can we be people who assist others bent over by the burdens of life, whether physical or otherwise? We are ideally placed to be part of the heart of Parramatta. The same goes, of course, for Westmead and everywhere PM has a service, including our proposed new office in Tuggerah.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



OUT OF THE SHADOWS
and Into the light

**5:30AM: PAVILION 23
PARRAMATTA PARK**

Take part in Lifeline's Out of the Shadows — national suicide prevention walks held to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day.

Raise awareness, remember those lost to suicide, and unite in a commitment to prevent further deaths by suicide.

www.outoftheshadows.org.au



World Suicide Prevention Day
Saturday 10 September 2016

..... Helping Australians bounce back

cnr Macquarie & O'Connell St.

The Big Issue's Community Street Soccer Program uses the power of sport to promote social inclusion and personal change for homeless, marginalised and disadvantaged people.



FREE COMMUNITY SOCCER

EVERY THURS 3.30 to 5.30pm @ ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE
OPEN TO ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 16.
FREE LUNCH PROVIDED!



ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE
10 minute walk from Parramatta Train Station



FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CALL 8332 7250
OR EMAIL nswsoccer@bigissue.org.au



Last Sunday 14th August evening service celebrated the work and service that Parriss McDougall has contributed during the past 20years. Following the service we all shared a great evening meal together

Pastoral message for this week....

The load may seem heavy and too much to bare
 Give support to each other
 And show that we care

	<p>Foster your faith this week</p> <p>Jer 2:4-13 Ps 81:1,10-16</p> <p>Heb 13:1-8, 15-16 Lk 14:25-33</p>

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

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: Smithfield-Maranatha-Arabic Congregation; Pray for the mission and ministries to the Smithfield community of this congregation.*
- ♥ *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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