



Parramatta
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 28th 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

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome is extended today to the **Sathya Sai International Organisation of Australia and PNG, NSW Region West**. We hope that you enjoy your time with our Leigh Memorial congregation & we look forward to sharing morning tea with you!



ABRAHAM CONFERENCE REPORT

This wonderful event, held at the Fellowship Centre last Sunday, had over **160 participants** and was a positive experience for all involved.

Key note speaker was Chief Rabbi Dr Ben Elton from the Great Synagogue of Sydney (topic: 'Hate Speech and Violence') and Mr David Knoll AM, was the conference moderator. **Panellists** included those representing the three Abrahamic Faiths of Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Julie Nathan, Ari Lander, Father Claude Mostowik, Rev. Tara Curlewis, Dr. Ghena Krayem and Sheikh Haisam Farache. **Special guests** included the Hon. Ms Julie Owens, Federal member for Parramatta, the Hon. Dr Geoff Lee, State member for Parramatta, Hon. Ms Julia Finn, State member for Granville, Bishop Kevin Manning, Dr Natalie Mobini from the Bahai Community, Fr. Shenouda Monsour, General secretary of the Ecumenical Council of NSW, Dr. Ibrahim Abu Mohamed, Grand Mufti of Australia and Mr David Cowell from the Parramatta Police Command. **Rev. Manas expresses his heartfelt thanks to all of the volunteers from Leigh Memorial who worked so hard to make this event a big success. Thank you!**

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Due to the **Leigh Fijian 25th Anniversary celebration (1991-2016)** on 4 September, there will be a Combined Leigh Fijian & Leigh Memorial Service, starting at **10.00am**.



WESTMEAD CONGREGATION NEWS

It was amazing that in a week of rain we managed to have beautiful blue sky for the Blanket, book and soup sale. It was a very simple affair but the knitted goods sold well and there was a large collection of books with a wide variety. The scones with jam and cream were enjoyed by many and the soup sold well as well. Thank you so much to all who helped on the day- whether it be for set up, for selling items, for relieving others, for cooking scones (thanks Georgie) or serving tea or coffee or doing the dishes. For those who helped pack up and especially those who took the boxes of unsold books back upstairs thank you. Thank you to Alan who helped Rev Christine bring the boxes of books and blankets downstairs on the Monday. Thank you to Robyne and Karen for helping count money and for all the people who helped clean and serve and enjoy the day we had together. And as we packed up at 1.30pm the big black clouds gathered and the rain began. (Photos on page 10)

So far \$645.55 has been banked and we know there is more to come from some remaining sales, more soup to be sold and some other donations. Congratulations and well done everyone.

Karen has discovered a meditation group at the Westmead Children's Hospital in the Quiet Room of the Chaplaincy Dep't on Wednesdays at 12pm. For further information please contact Josephine Pretorius 0402 318 692.

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.

Please note Rev Christine will be at the Parramatta Nepean Retreat from Monday 5th September until Wednesday 7th September. She will be driving the bus for the Fellowship day trip on the Tuesday but will return to the retreat following that. Rev Christine will also be with the Parramatta Mission Pastoral Team Retreat Wednesday 14th so please pray for her and for the other ministers in the Presbytery and in Parramatta Mission that all of our Ministers might be refreshed and renewed from these retreats.

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 – 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

Church Foyer/Vestibule

A sa samaki ka boro na foyer ni vale ni Lotu. Sa kerei vei keda na lewe ni vavakoso me kua ni biu cake e dua na ka ena lalaga.

Me kua talega ni vakayagataki kina na blue tac se sticky tape.

E nuitaki ni na biu kina e so nai taba kei na vakananumi eso. Vinaka.

25th Anniversary:

Kerei ni suka na Lotu me veivosaki na marama ena vuku ni veivakani ena Lotu Cokovata ena macawa mai oqo.

**25th Anniversary
Leigh Fijian**

**September 4th
10am, Combine Service**

**Lunch to follow at the
Hall.**

All are welcome!

Vatu ni Vakananumi

E rua tiko nai naki ni vatu ni vakananumi,

1. Nai sevu ni veiqaravi ni Talatala vakaviti e na Parramatta, o Rev Veitinia Waqabaca. Kai sevu ni marama iTaukei, i sevu ni iTaukei me tabaki me i Talatala e na Uniting Church of Australia

2. Na vakananumi ni tauyavu ni Lotu ena Tabacakacaka vakaViti e Paramatta, ka yavutaki mai nai sema ni veiwekani ena tauyavu taumada ni Lotu e Viti kei na Pasifika.

E *sponsor* taka na vatu oqo na soli ni vakananumi nei Lo Qata.

Ena nanumi vata talega kei na veiqaravi nei Rev Taniela Lotu kei Radini Talatala. Ena tokitaki mai na nodrau vakananumi, ka na mai biu vata kei na vatu ni vakananumi.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
4-Sep	25th Anniversary ni Lotu Vakaviti - Siga Tabu ni Tama				
11-Sep	F. Kamotu		A. Vocea	Youth	
18-Sep	Rooty Hill	F. Kamotu	A. Allison	M.1	M.2

열 여섯 번째 성령강림 주일 16th 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 성령께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 29장 통 29장 성도여 다 함께

새 149장 통 147장

주 달려 죽은 십자가

기도 (Prayer) 다함께
주기도문송 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마가복음 3:31-35

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 예수의 가족공동체

성찬 & 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 559장 통 305장 사철에 봄바람 불러 잇고

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 송만하시길 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 16번째 주일입니다. 추운 겨울철 건강하기를 기도합니다

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

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
사무엘하 24:18-25

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
사무엘하 23:18-고후 2:17

Luke 14:1, 7-23

1 It happened on a Sabbath that Jesus went to dinner at the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, and they were watching him closely. 7 And Jesus told a parable to those who have been invited, noting how the places for dinner had been chosen, saying to them, 8 “When you are invited by anyone to wedding festivities, do not sit in the most honoured place, in case a person more honourable than you has been invited by the host, 9 and the one who invited you, coming up to you, will say, ‘Give up your place for this person’; and then with shame, you will begin to occupy the last place. 10 But when you are invited, go and sit in the last place, so that when the host comes, he will say, ‘Friend, move up higher’. Then there will be honour for you before all those sitting with you. 11 Because everyone exalting themselves will be humbled and everyone who humbles themselves will be exalted.” 12 And he said also to the one who had invited him, “When you make a lunch or tea do not call your friends or companions or relatives or rich neighbours lest they also might invite you to return and it becomes repayment. 13 But when you make a feast invite the poor, maimed, lame and blind 14 and you shall be blessed because they have nothing to repay you for you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just.” 16 And Jesus said, “A certain man made a great banquet and invited many; 17 and sent his servant, at the hour of the banquet to those who had been invited, “come, because it is now prepared.” 18 But they all began as one to be excused. The first said to him, “I have bought a farm, and I must go and see it; I ask you consider me excused”. 19 And another said, “I have bought five pair of oxen, and I am going to examine them; I ask you, consider me excused.’ 20 And another said, “I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 And the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, “Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring the poor and maimed and blind and lame in here”. 22 And the servant said, “Master, what you command has been done, and still there is room.” 23 And the master said to the servant, “go out into the ways and hedges and compel them to come in that my house may be filled. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

This week Headspace Penrith hosted the August Managers and Team Leaders Forum. In this meeting managers and team leaders hear about what is happening across PM, focus on one aspect of management, and have a Q&A. This week we heard about headspace Penrith which has seen 2000 young people since opening, about 400 per week. Also, Rachelle from Uniting Resources spoke about WHS which includes right processes as well as ensuring they are followed when a risk is identified, as well as a reminder that every individual is responsible for WHS.

This song by Fay White, *Come to the banquet*, seems an apt reflection on the verses from Luke.

1. *Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Though you maybe have no money,
though you maybe feel unworthy,
in your strength or in your weakness you are welcome, come

2. *Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

See, you are an honoured guest,
from constant serving you may rest;
so sit you down, be fed and blessed,
for you are welcome, come.

3. *Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Woman, wise one, mother, maiden,
see your plate with food is laden
and your place is set and waiting.
You are welcome, come.

4. *Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Worker, father, little boy,
old man or youth without employ,
come and rest your worry, here is joy,
you are welcome, come.

5. *Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Whether you've been lost or faithful,
whether you've been wise or wasteful,
here's a place of rest and grace,
and you are welcome, come.

6. *Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Here is one who runs to meet you,
loving arms stretched out to greet you.
Do not let your fear defeat you.
You are welcome, come.

7. *Come to the banquet, there's a place for you.*

Willing hands have made this bread
with yeast and salt and labour shared,
Let all the hungry ones be fed.
It's time for feasting, come.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

SCAM ALERT

Watch out for online scams

Update on the current “phishing” scam circulating the Church

It has come to our attention that some Church members have been caught out by a current ‘phishing’ scam requesting urgent monetary payments. The Uniting Church is not the only organisation being caught out by these emails and perpetrators are targeting benevolent and not for profit organisations.



We are working with fraud investigators to identify, freeze and close down accounts that are being used to facilitate funds being transferred offshore. We are appealing to members to be vigilant and reject any suspicious emails.

Please understand that scams like this come from the actions of criminals who target many innocent people in our society. They do not originate within the Church, nor are they the result of any fault or problem with UFS systems. Nevertheless, UFS is working with the rest of the Synod to assist our partners across the Church to avoid being caught by this scam and to prevent it from continuing to happen.

How to recognise a ‘phishing’ email

- The language in the email will appear different or in broken English, or may ask for money in AUD rather than having the dollar sign (\$) in front. (This is so the scam can be repeated in other countries that use different currencies.)
- If the name on the email is a name you recognise, like your Minister, please call them to verify the request is genuine.
- These emails generally seem to arrive without an invoice and require ‘urgent’ attention. Do not, in any instance action a request without an authorised invoice.
- If the email comes from a trusted associate (this is how “phishing” emails work), further investigation of the email will reveal that the ‘reply to’ email isn’t theirs.
- Do not engage the sender of the email in a conversation or give any personal or bank account details to them.
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What to do next

If you have received emails of this type, please report the matter immediately to the **Police Assistance Hotline** on 131444 then report the crime on the ACORN website.

If you have any questions about the email or would like some advice, email contactus@nswact.uca.org.au and we will be able to assist you. Alternatively, if you have any questions about the protocols around online transactions, contact the Uniting Financial Services Partnership Team on 1300 133 673.

Places to visit for more information about email scams:

- **ScamWatch:** a useful website that outlines some of the elaborate ways people can be caught in these scams
- **Acorn:** A Government initiative that has the ability to report cyber crime.

For more information contact:

Uniting Financial Services: 1300 133 673 | Secretariat: (02) 8267 4325



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Pastoral message for this week....

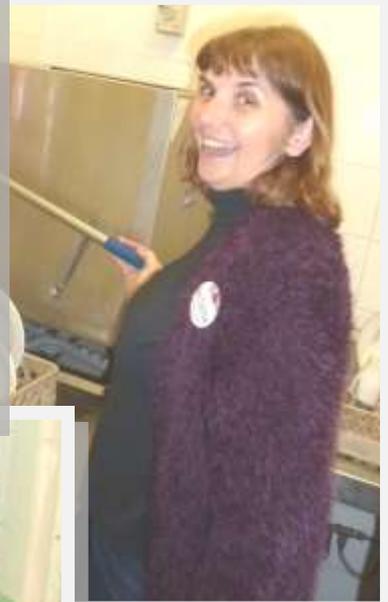
Hospitality is . . .
more than sharing food, showing kindness,
welcoming the stranger, sharing experiences
because everyone has a place at the table

We welcome people of other faiths visiting the 9:30 service this Sunday.

Foster your faith this week

Jer 18:1-11 Ps 139:1-6,13-18

Phlm 1-21 Lk 14:25-33



Blanket,
Book and
Soup

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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:

- ♥ *Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Springwood Uniting Church Praise God for this significant congregation at the heart of the chain of Blue Mountains townships, and their ministers **Revs Graeme and Leigh Gardiner** as both congregation and ministers exercise missional leadership.*
- ♥ *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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