



Parramatta
Mission



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In Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 31st July 2016

**CLOTHE
YOURSELVES
WITH**



*Compassion
Kindness
Humility
Gentleness
&
Patience*

*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

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.



KIDS' INVITATION - BUILDING SITE VIEW!

Our Junior Sunday School class **invite you to join them upstairs after the morning service TODAY** to view the amazing changes at the rear of our church! While there, you can also see where some of our Sunday School lessons take place and view some of the children's craft. Thanks for everyone's ongoing prayers and support for our kids and youth.

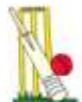
ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2016

Please note that the Abraham Conference this year will take place on **Sunday 21 August, 2.30 - 6.00pm** & Rabbi Dr. Benjamin Elton will speak on the timely topic of 'Hate Speech and Violence'.

For registrations, please email abrahamconf2016@gmail.com.



COUPLES & FRIENDS AUGUST MEETING



Our very special guest speaker at the next meeting, on **Monday 1st August, 7.30pm** in the Fellowship Centre is cricket umpire extraordinaire, Arthur Watson. Arthur will share his stories and photos of his recent umpiring trip to India. All are welcome to join us for this very interesting talk followed by a delicious supper.

HERITAGE CONTRIBUTIONS

Many thanks to **Phyllis Nicholls from the Westmead congregation** for her donation of a magnificent, old family bible (dating from 1913 and first belonging to her English migrant mother, Gladys) for our Parramatta Mission Archives. Phyllis has been a very warmly regarded member at Westmead for many years, and along with her late sister, **Eva Banks**, a generous and dedicated Christian woman with a strong family heritage. Thank you Phyllis! The bible, along with the Mission's broad collection of other family and church bibles plus antiquarian books, are available for viewing on request at Leigh Memorial's Walter Lawry Vestry Museum. The Heritage Committee would further like to acknowledge with gratitude the generous recent contribution of **Couples and Friends** materials by members including the **Drivers** and the **Haddons**. The PM Heritage Committee was also happy to supply various unique items and photographs to **Westmead** for use at their 25th anniversary celebration last Sunday - and what a lovely service and luncheon was enjoyed by all. Thanks Westmead! Enquiries: Liz.



Foster your faith this week as you read:

Is 1:1,10-20 Ps 50:1-8,22-23

Heb 11:1-3,8-16 Lk 12:32-40



Keith Hamilton is taking the PM story to Blackheath UC today.

WESTMEAD CONGREGATION NEWS



We had a wonderful day last Sunday with near 60 people at worship, with a number of our people away. It was a wonderful service with the singing and the impromptu choir singing Amazing Grace. The display reminded us of the history and the meal afterwards was fantastic.

So much thanks to those who did the cooking and preparations as well as those who bogged in on the day to move furniture etc.



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.

Rev Christine, Rev Keith and Rev Manas all attended a civic reception for the new bishop of Parramatta. It was wonderful to meet him and we look forward to working with him.

We have a number of people sick at the moment so please get well soon and we look forward to seeing you soon.

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.

Vinaka Vakalevu na veitokoni vei Wendy Morris ena nona a mai tiko maliwai keda ena 6 na vula ena vakavakarau ni lai vei qaravi vaka 'Volunteer' I Viti. Sa matau sara o Wendy na vosa-vakaviti.

Sa totoka na veitokoni ena Lotu, na vakarautaki ni vakasigalevu, kei na dodo liga ki na nona waqanivola. Kaya na Turaga, o koya sa dodo liga me solia wale ga e dua na bilo wa liliwa vei ira na nona tisaipeli, ena sega sara ni yali na kena i sau. Emeni!

Below : Wendy with Ministers and friends after the Commissioning Service last Sunday!!



***Veisureti ni Lotu Masumasu ni
Marama ni Veimatalotu
Vakarauwai 6 ni Okosita*** ka ratou vei qaravi na vale ni Lotu mai Lansvale.
Kerei mo dou talanoa kina na Marama.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
7-Aug	Rev Keith Hamilton Vulavou		S. Toa	M1	
14-Aug	F. Kamotu Multicultural		A. Vocea	Youth	
21-Aug	Rooty Hill				

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

14-31

열 두 번째 성령강림 주일 12th 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 만물들아

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새44장

통56장

지난 이레 동안에

새 268장

통 193장

예수 십자가에 흘린 피로

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

누가복음 11:14-23

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사

나는 누구를 따르는가?

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새384장

통434장

나의 갈 길 다 가도록

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 12번째 주일입니다. 추운 겨울철 강전하기를 기도합니다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시
사무엘하13:15-22

새벽기도회 :오전6시
사무엘하12:15-14:33

Luke 12:13-34

13 And a certain person out of the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But Jesus said to him, "Man! Who appointed me to be a judge or to be an arbitrator over you? 15 And he said to them, "Beware and guard against every kind of insatiable desire because a person's life does not consist in the surpluses of their possessions." 16 Then Jesus told them a parable, saying, "The land of a certain rich man yielded well, 17 and he reasoned to himself saying, 'What might I do, because I have nowhere to gather my fruit?' 18 And he said, 'This is what I will do, I will take down my barns and I will build larger ones and I will store all my wheat and all my goods. 19 And I will say to myself, "Self, you have many good things laid up for many years; rest, eat, drink and be glad." 20 But God said to him, "Fool, this very night your very life is demanded of you, and the things which you prepare, whose will they be?" 21 So too to the one who stores up things for themselves and is not being rich toward God." 22 "Therefore" he said to his disciples, "I tell you: Do not be anxious about life, what you should eat, nor about your body, what you should put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

There is truth in the saying that we should not be anxious, however, it takes more than a saying or teaching to live it. We have to discover it for ourselves. In a real sense we investigate what are the causes of our anxiousness, and also how to manage it. It is often dealing with the urgent that causes anxiousness and loss of peace. 'The tyranny of the moment' is an apt saying that expresses the difficulty of many people with insufficient resources to deal with the dilemma of the important and the urgent. Last week I attended a training course for staff from Bidwill UC, preparing to run a Getting Ahead process with 8 residents of Bidwill who will investigate ways to move out of poverty, with assistance from mentors. The participants, called investigators discover for themselves not only the tyranny of the moment, also how to live for the future, how to attend to the important, and put the urgent in its rightful place. Stephen Covey, "seven habits of highly effective people," and, "the speed of trust," wrote about this and spoke of the whirlwind of the urgent that acts upon us, whereas when we give attention to what he calls the "wildly important," we act on the matter. In other words, the urgent is like a whirlwind that acts on us and

leaves us reactive. By contrast, when we are proactive we are able to act on the important. People living in poverty are problem solvers, but this can be very reactive, whereas to proactively plan requires abstract thinking, and to do abstract thinking requires giving ourselves space to think. It is a choice to be sure, but people have to discover this for themselves, perhaps with some mentoring or co-investigators. To move from urgent to important, from reactive to proactive takes an act of the will, the development of discipline to take a moment, to take a breath when confronted with the urgent and move to the important. It is something we all have to learn over and over again.

I was inspired to be among a great group of leaders this week, to hear their insights, sense their passion, be updated on what is happening, and share lunch together. It was a gathering of managers and team leaders of PM. There were more than 50 people from all areas of PM. An exercise we did was to talk with another for 5 minutes on a leadership highlight, during which time the listener could only say either, "I don't understand," or "Tell me more." I noticed that there was a lot of nodding and smiling and other non-verbal cues as the listeners sought to show the speakers they were listening. An interesting exercise to try sometime. One of Stephen Covey's habits of highly effective people was "seek first to understand, then be understood." Behind this is the idea that we can have a greater influence on others when we first try to understand them first.

Today I will be taking the PM story to Blackheath UC. Blackheath is the farthest western congregation of the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery, which extends from Lidcombe in the east, Galston in the north and Picton in the south. It is good to visit other Uniting Church congregations. In coming months I will be preaching at Hazelbrook, Rooty Hill and Normanhurst.

Sunday 5 September is another anniversary and celebration. We celebrate the anniversary of the Leigh Fijian congregation, and unveil a plaque in Leigh Memorial Church to Rev Veitinia Waqabaca. Veitinia was the first Australian educated Fijian minister in the Uniting Church, and minister of our Leigh Fijian congregation for over 12 year. So, it seems good to have a combined Leigh Memorial Leigh Fijian service at the special time of 10 am. Mark this in your diaries.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton





Parramatta Homeless Persons Week

Parramatta's Homeless Persons Week 7 - 12 Aug 2016

Homeless Persons Week activities bring together a number of church, welfare, government, motorcycle and other community groups who organise activities that encourage a positive appreciation of the issues and needs of those who are homeless in the Parramatta Region.



The week launches on the first Sunday in August each year with the arrival of the Bikers Australia Blanket Run to Centenary Square for an event organised by the Parramatta Street Youth Project and the Homeless Persons Week Committee. Donated blankets are then distributed to homeless people and other services by Parramatta Mission's Outreach Team.

During the week there are events in the Mall including live music events, a morning tea and promotions by the Homeless Persons Week Committee. A highlight each year is the Memorial Service for Homeless People who have died, put on by Parramatta Mission, followed by supper.

The week ends with a lunch with homeless people held at Parramatta Mission Meals Plus.



www.hpwparramatta.com.au

2016 Homeless Person's Week Parramatta Programme

Sunday August 7 - 12 noon

Official Launch, Live Music & Lunch in Centenary Square
(Parramatta Mall)

Monday August 8

Western Sydney Homeless Connect in Centenary Square

Tuesday August 9 - 12 noon

Live Music in Centenary Square

Wednesday August 10 - 10am

Housing NSW & Dept. Human Services, Morning Tea in
Centenary Square

Thursday August 11 - 12 noon

Live Music in Centenary Square

Thursday August 11 - 6pm

Homeless Memorial Service in Leigh Memorial Church
followed by supper 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

Friday August 12 - 11.30am

Lunch for homeless people at Meals Plus
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.



**Parramatta
Homeless
Persons Week**

For further information contact Laurie 8188 7488
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Keith Hamilton and Michael Mendieta speaking at the Wanderers RBB meeting about PM and their fundraising for PM. The RBB aim to raise a minimum of \$5,000 for sponsored lunches at Meals Plus, and then supporters will come and serve a meal.



PM people with new Catholic Bishop Vincent Long and Very Rev Peter Williams at a Civic welcome last week.



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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL IMAMS COUNCIL

27 July 2016

MEDIA STATEMENT

ANIC AND THE GRAND MUFTI OF AUSTRALIA DENOUNCE ISIS KILLING OF FRENCH PRIEST

The Australian National Imams Council and The Grand Mufti of Australia were extremely shocked to hear of the brutal slaying yesterday of French Catholic Priest, Father Jacques Hamel in a church in Normandy.

We would like to convey our deepest condolences to Father Hamel's family and friends.

It is alleged that the two men responsible for the killing claimed to represent ISIS. We denounce in the strongest possible terms the violent murder of Father Hamel. The Grand Mufti of Australia, Dr Ibrahim Abu Mohamed said: "ISIS is an evil organisation that has hijacked the religion of Islam for its own brutal and nihilistic goals. The betrayal of the Islamic faith and violation of its core principles are enough to refute ISIS's false and absurd claims."

The sanctity of all human life, and especially that of people of religion, religious leaders of all faiths and their places of worship, are of paramount importance in Islam.

Sheikh Shady Alsuleiman, President of ANIC added: "We should not allow the brutality of ISIS to cause us to turn against each other nor create disunity. This is exactly what they aim to achieve, but we must stand firm in support of our united opposition to their violence. Our shared humanity, civility and cohesiveness must be safeguarded."

We call for calm and restraint in the face of this tragic incident.

End...

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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....

**Keep your heart warm by clothing yourself with compassion
#be kind; #be humble; #be patient**



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**

Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *Canada, USA*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: : Richmond Uniting Church
Give thanks for the growth in the congregation and for the increasing interest in working across the missional zone.*
- ♥ *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, Niko Balavu, Sai Vute. Ena vuku ni o-loaloa : vuvale na Vocea. Kidavaki tiko ni vulagi vou :Vuvale na Sorova, Satala kei Junior Qata. Wendy Morris as she leaves to start Volunteering 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 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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