



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
In Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

*OUR NEWS for 4th September 2016*

*The love of a*  
**FAMILY**

*Is a Blessing*

*Happy Father's Day*

*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

### **HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!**

Blessings to all of our Dads, grandfathers & great-grandfathers on their very special day. As someone once said: "A father is someone you look up to, no matter how tall you grow..."

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY LEIGH FIJIAN!**

The Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee and the Leigh Memorial congregation extend congratulations to the Leigh Fijian congregation on the occasion of their 25th Anniversary at Parramatta Mission! Following the efforts of pioneers in the 1980s, who met as a small group and participated as volunteers in many Mission outreach projects, the Fijian congregation officially came into being in 1991. Its commencement was greatly aided by the efforts of then Mission Superintendent Rev. Alan Jackson and furthered by the 2002 appointment of Rev. Veitinia Waqabaca, the first female, Fijian-born, Australian-trained Minister of the Uniting Church in Australia. Today, we share in the congregation's achievements, acknowledge the hard work, love and support provided by members past and present, and look forward with anticipation to what lies ahead. Today's service will include the dedication of a commemorative plaque to the congregation's pioneers and Rev. Waqabaca - and the re-dedication of a plaque in memory of Rev. Taniela Lotu & Mrs. Lotu. The new plaque has been sponsored in loving memory of Adi Losalini Qata. During the morning, the Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian Sunday Schools will combine & following worship, a luncheon will take place in the Fellowship Centre.

### **GET WELL SOON**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Manas, who is currently in hospital. He is in good spirits and resting comfortably. Manas has requested that messages for him are left with the PM office or the congregation leaders until further notice. Many thanks.

### **HERITAGE NEWS WATSFORD DESCENDANTS**

Last week, two descendants of James and John Watsford (distinguished 19th century Parramatta Methodists) visited Leigh Memorial and had a photo with our John Watsford statue. Bronwyn and Beryl had a lovely experience during their time at Leigh Memorial and were presented with one of our PM heritage books while touring the church and sharing their 'family tree'.



## WESTMEAD CONGREGATION NEWS

**SOUP Glorious SOUP.** We have still some more money to come in but our current total from the sale of blankets, books, soup and other knitted items is now \$990.55. I am sure by the time we get this last bit of money in we will have raised over \$1000 which is a fantastic effort. Congratulations to all who have contributed in some way to this success. We have now sold all our soup and the freezer is bare. We have enough books to be able to put out a second hand book stall on a regular basis if we have people willing to help setup and sell during a TOC day. Something to think about!

### **NEXT WEEK**

Next Sunday we will have a shorter service to enable us to engage with our congregations' input into plans for the three congregations of Parramatta Mission. Rev Keith will lead the planning session.

### **MEDITATION OPPORTUNITY**

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.

### **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER?**

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. Many people have been baptised as infants and once they are older, through a series of conversations or classes they choose to affirm their baptismal vows in what is called Confirmation. If you would like to know more about membership or what does it mean to belong then please speak to Rev Christine.

### **RETREAT**

Please note Rev Christine will be at the Parramatta Nepean Retreat from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. Thanks to Jean for leading Bible Study on Monday.

Great news for Carpet bowls fans. We have booked in the following dates: Wed 21<sup>ST</sup> September, Wed 26<sup>TH</sup> October and Wed 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 **NB NO TOC Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>** Open Door- Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm  
Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am cost \$10 each week.

**LEADERS' MEETING:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Tuesday of month from 5.00pm.

# Fijian Congregation



	<b>Vunau</b>	<b>Vunau Lesi</b>	<b>Vunau Vakarau</b>	<b>Tuvakarau Veiliutaki</b>	<b>Tali Vunau</b>
11-Sep	F. Kamotu		A. Vocea	Youth	
18-Sep	Rooty Hill	F.Kamotu	A. Allison	M.1	M.3
25-Sep	Fiji Parish	S. Toa		M.3	M.2

열 일곱 번째 성령감람 주일 17th 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)

새64장 통13장 기뻐하며 경배하세

새 149장 통 147장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 창세기 22:1-14

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 함께 걷는 인생

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 전도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
- 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
- 성령 감람주일 17번째 주일입니다. 새봄맞이 준비와 신앙을 위해 기도합니다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn) 새502장 통 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시  
고린도 후서5:11-21

새벽기도회 : 오전6시  
고후4:1-8:15

## Luke 14:25-34

25 A great crowd journeyed with Jesus; and turning, he said to them.  
26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate their own father and mother and spouse and children and brothers and sisters, and in addition, even their own life, he or she cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear their own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you desiring to build a tower does not first sit down and count the cost, whether you have sufficient to complete it? 29 Lest when you have laid the foundation and are not able to bring it to completion, all who see it may begin to make fun of you 30 saying, 'This person began to build and is not able to complete it.'  
31 Or, which king going to another king to engage in war does not first sit down and deliberate if he is able with 10 thousand meet one with 20 thousand coming upon him? 32 And if not, while the other is still far off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33. In like manner, every person who does not renounce all of their possessions cannot be my disciple." 34 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? 35 It is fit neither for the land nor for the manure heap. It is cast out. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear!'  
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

### Reflections

This Gospel by its nature raises the difficult issue of how we read the Bible. Taken literally, this text would have us hate our spouse, parents and children. Is the literal meaning the intended meaning? A literal reading might lead one to neglect family, after all "the Bible says so." If we are not meant to read the text literally, how are we to read the text? Do we take what we like and reject what we don't like? Do we read some texts literally and others metaphorically. Perhaps reading the Bible is more complex and more nuanced than a simple 'take it or leave it' approach. People who claim to take the Bible literally take certain texts literally and discount others, but is this taking the Bible seriously. Perhaps we need to dig deeper. Perhaps reading the Bible at face value or literally is to miss-read the text. Perhaps we need to ponder what is being said to get at the real point and meaning. What is the context? How does this text fit into the greater text? This text like so many others in Luke challenges the idolatry of worshiping family. Jesus is not against family, he is about putting things in their rightful place. For Jesus, and Luke, who wrote this text, it is about right relationships and this includes relationship with God and relationship with people whom society often rejects. Collaboration.

I heard a person from KPMG speak about collaboration with Western Sydney University on experimental work place design. They have a work place with no offices but three zones: one for focus – a quiet area where people can concentrate and write, a zone called collaboration – where people from different teams or areas gather to collaborate on a task, and a spark zone - full

of noise and activity. An inspiration for their workplace is the bright, open learning of kindergartens, complete with decorations and movement. These work places feature lots of glass, few or no offices, and large kitchen areas in the middle in what is called a “caffeinated” workplace. A culture of collaboration is important; one person wrote, “You can’t build a lasting innovative organisation when everyone acts as free agents.” Some organisations are taking collaboration to sharing ‘Hub’ facilities in which people from multiple organisations collaborate on their respective projects. I heard of a reversal of the trend to move back of house staff out of CBD’s to industrial areas. Many are moving back into the CBD because of transport accessibility, and staff amenity to collaborate with people from other similar organisations and to enable staff access retail and other commercial activates close to work, important as the boundary between home life and work life becomes more blurred. Recently I heard of the development of mixed buildings that include residential, commercial and retail, to ensure that there are no ‘dead’ times; for example sole residential areas are dead during work hours, and sole commercial areas are dead after 5 pm. This is humanising the CBD.

I took the opportunity to bring a business owner to Meals Plus to serve breakfast and meet some clients and volunteers. A standout for the visitor was the amount and quality of food, which means people won’t go hungry. One person attending breakfast shared how he had his own business, family, house and dog, and lost the lot, ending up sleeping in his car for some months, until engaging with Meals Plus and Hope Hostel, which he feels saved his life, and helped get him back on his feet, to where he now advocates to Government about the human face of homelessness.

The introduction of our systems integration continues. Staff will soon access their employment records, request annual or sick leave online. Staff rostering will also be online. Invoices will be issued and approved electronically. Finance and auditing will reduce paper, paper archiving, and administrative work. Data that currently has to be entered by multiple users will only need to be entered once and will be accessible to permitted users.

The Board received a presentation this week by Jim Mein on incorporation. Jim was involved in the incorporation of Wesley Mission. Incorporation would potentially increase sustainability. The Board resolved to explore this further.

I was delighted to speak at a Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School assembly on domestic violence. The students had prepared a film on the subject, and staff and students pledged against domestic violence. Some of the boys had attended courses on what it means to be a man, and spoke of what they learnt. It was an inspiring visit.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



## THANK YOU MICK!

Many thanks Mr. Mick Cooper, PM's maintenance specialist, for recently placing our three new commemorative plaques (Gloster Udy, Rev. Waqabaca/ Fijian Pioneers and Rev. and Mrs. Lotu) onto Leigh Memorial's walls. It was a considerable task and the result is truly excellent. Thanks Mick for your careful work and kind assistance as always - Liz, on behalf of the PM Heritage Committee and the Leigh Memorial and Leigh Fijian Congregations.

# LEIGH GOES BOLLYWOOD

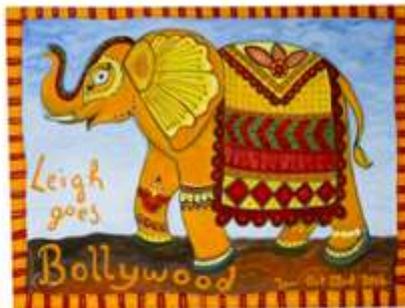
A Music Variety Concert for the whole family

DATE: SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> of OCTOBER 2016

TIME: 7-00pm

VENUE: Leigh Memorial Uniting Church

119 Macquarie St Parramatta



COST: Donation for the work of Parramatta Mission

Supper Provided

For further information phone 0425391152

**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.

Morning Tea for Laurie Besant for his move to Hope Hostel.



**Pastoral message for this week....**

**You don't have to be a father to take care of others  
So thank God for the 'fathers' we have.**

**Happy Father's Day**

**Foster your faith this week**

**Jer 4:11-12,22-28 Ps 14**

**1 Tim 1:12-17 Lk 16:1-163**

**State Day Conference 2016**

**Monday  
19<sup>th</sup> September**

9.30 am to 3.00 pm



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**COUPLES & FRIENDS SEPTEMBER MEETING**



Charmaine Rowe, a valuable member and a Millinery Designer will be the guest speaker at our September Meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. She will share her knowledge of the history of hats, how men's & ladies hats are made and bring a variety of hats so we can feel the different basic materials they are made from. All are welcome to join us at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre.

# Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: St Marys / Rooty Hill – Linked Centre: Give thanks for these culturally diverse congregations, and expanded ministry which include police and disaster chaplaincy.*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary – calling a new minister, 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,*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *Manas and Nita.*
- ♥ *wisdom for the selection committee recruiting a chaplain for the children's hospital at Westmead.*
- ♥ *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*



# Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

<b>Mon to Fri</b>	<b>9.00am - 2.00pm</b>	<b>Open Church @ Leigh Memorial</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1.10pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion @ Leigh</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh</b>
	<b>9.45am</b>	<b>Westmead Congregation @ Westmead</b>
	<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh</b>
	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Korean Faith Community @ Leigh</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Praise, Prayer, Cake &amp; Coffee @ Leigh</b>

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