



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
In Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

*OUR NEWS for 11th September 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

### **THANKS LEIGH FIJIAN!**

Many thanks to our friends in the Leigh Fijian congregation for the opportunity to share in your special 25th anniversary service last Sunday - and be treated to such a delicious lunch. We appreciated your hospitality and sharing some quality time together. *Vinaka*.

### **PEACE SERVICE: WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER**

Our International Day of Peace service (2pm) is getting closer! We'll be needing plenty of helpers on the day, so if you can lend a hand, please see the LM leaders' team.

### **GET WELL SOON**

Thoughts and prayers continue to be with Rev. Manas, who is currently recovering from surgery. Manas is in good spirits & obeying doctors' orders. He's requested that messages for him are left with the PM office or the LM leaders' team until further notice. Many thanks.

### **UPDATE: SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH**

Next Sunday will be our final morning of classes for Term 3. We'll then break for 3 Sundays and resume again on 16 October. Thanks to our teachers for their devotion throughout this term & prayers for all of our fabulous kids, inc. HSC students Lisa & Charlotte.

### **LEIGH MEMORIAL VESTIBULE - UPGRADE**

Our church vestibule/foyer has recently received some wonderful, fresh paintwork. New noticeboards, wall art, signage etc is currently in the planning but may take some time to complete. Thanks for everyone's patience and remember: no blu-tac/sticky tape permitted.

### **COMING SOON TO LEIGH MEMORIAL...!!!**

**Parramatta Lanes, 11-14 October - and - 'Leigh Goes Bollywood', 22 October.**

### **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to our friends Stuart Hunt and his lovely fiancée Suzanne, who are to be married at Leigh Memorial Church this Saturday, 10 September, followed by a 'Colonial' themed Reception/ Ball. Blessings for a very happy future together, with love and prayers from the Leigh Memorial congregation and everyone at the Mission.



# Fijian Congregation

## MANY PEOPLE? ONE BODY

An Inclusive worship that is led by our young people... in the hope of achieving the goal of our wider Uniting Church in recognising that we are truly a Multicultural Church made up of Many

People but One Body. Come and join us, Every Second Sunday of the month at 11:15am.

Parramatta Mission Leigh Fijian Congregation 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta

## Multicultural Worship

Rokovi na Kalou kei na vakavinavinaka levu vei kemuni kece ena qaravi ni marautaki ni yabaki 25 ni Tabacakacaka vaka-Viti e Parramatta, kei na kena cereki na vatu ni vaka-nanumi ni veiqaravi vakai Talatala ena nodatou Tabacakacaka. Totoka na veiqaravi Parramatta!



	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
18-Sep	Rooty Hill	F.Kamotu	A. Allison	M.1	M.3
25-Sep	Fiji Parish	S. Toa		M.3	M.2
2-Oct	Rev Clive Pearson Vulavou kei na Vakayakavi ni Turaga				

## HAPPY SAD NEWS

When a person has a strong faith that is lived out well within the church and wider community we cannot help but be happy, and when that person dies there is a sense of celebration that they are with God after a life well lived. However we who are left do feel the pain and the sadness and so we offer our sympathy and love to our sister Mere on the death of her husband Lopeti Vulaono. We have welcomed having him in our congregation this year and will miss him greatly. His funeral is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11.00am at All Souls Chapel at Rookwood Cemetery. Those wishing to attend and needing a lift can gather at Westmead and we will take the bus and some cars. Please be at the church at 10.00am.

## WESTMEAD CONGREGATION NEWS

### BUS TRIP

It was a beautiful day as 14 of us travelled to Ebenezer Church- Australia's oldest church, bought some homemade goodies from the shop then travelled into Windsor for a wonderful lunch. We had a quick drive through the town looking at some of the beautiful old buildings then back along the riverfront before coming back to Westmead.



We did stop the bus to say Hello to Jan who is back from a week down the South Coast. It was a surprise visit which we hope she enjoyed. We certainly enjoyed our trip. The new bus is lovely and Rev Christine can keep her job of driving us for the next trip. A day well spent and thanks to Lorna and especially Sue for the organisation.

## RETREAT

Rev Christine was at the Retreat at Mulgoa for most of Monday to Wednesday last week and feels refreshed and renewed (albeit a little tired). Rev Christine will also be with the Parramatta Mission Pastoral Team Retreat at Kurrajong Heights where there will be some planning and time together for the Pastoral Team on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

We thank God for the doctors and nurses who have cared for Rev Manas as he underwent surgery last week. Naomi is recovering from her surgery and is now in rehab. Kevin prepared his surgery soon and we pray for him. We also recognise there are others receiving different treatment across this next month and for all of these people we pray for God's Healing Spirit to be with them.

## TODAY

Following the service today we will engage with our congregations' input into plans for the three congregations of Parramatta Mission. Rev Keith will lead the planning session

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

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. (This Tuesday



## Luke 15:1-10

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near him to hear him.  
2 And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured saying "This person receives sinners and eats with them." 3 And he told them this parable, saying,  
4 "What person among you having a hundred sheep and loosing one of them does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and journeys after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it places it upon his shoulders rejoicing. 6 And going to the house calls all his friends and neighbours saying to them, 'rejoice with me because I have found my sheep which was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one then over ninety-nine righteous who have no need of repentance. 8 Or, which woman having ten silver coins, if she looses one silver coin does not light a candle and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, because I found the silver coin which I lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents"

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

### Reflections

Here are two of three parables from Luke 15 about lost and found. The images of lost and found connect with us as everyday experiences. We lose an item then search until we find it. Some of us spend more time searching for things than others. Sometimes we decide that which is lost is not worth seeking, and we purchase a replacement. Some seem to lose more things than others and some seem less diligent in searching. What is lost and found is as important as the nature of the one who searches and finds. A shepherd risks losing ninety-nine in order to find one. A woman searches throughout her house looking for one lost coin. (Houses had black basalt floors with deep cracks into which coins could fall and be lost.) In each the person who finds celebrates with a party.

We may not use the language of lost and found today in respect of people. Certainly there is the matter of actually seeing people who are different and human and treating them likewise. Do we actually see the person who is at risk of homelessness or indeed homeless? Do we actually see the person who is living with a mental illness? Do we actually see the person of a different gender, or racial background? And in seeing do we have compassion or are we judgemental? And lastly, do we act to engage with the other, and walk beside them in their journey of recovery?

Much of my role, and I think an important part of the role of everyone at Parramatta Mission, is telling the story. Our actions give credibility to our words, and we have actions to speak about. This week I had the privilege of meeting with students of a community college studying community services.

They listened intently, not so much as to me as to our stories. At a Parramatta Chamber meeting on Tuesday night, two of us had the opportunity to network with people in business in the Parramatta area, and tell our story, as well as hearing the story of others; constantly people are inspired by our PM story. In interviewing people for the role of chaplain at the Children's Hospital, at Westmead, again we told our story of who we are and what we do; and people left saying even if they were unsuccessful, they had been inspired in the meeting. Again when six of us were at the State of the Region Address with Premier Mike Baird, we had the opportunity in the networking to tell our story, and again people were visibly inspired by what we have to say. It is not all talking, we must act, and in acting we have a story to influence others to really see others, feel from the depths of their being, and act.

Four years ago five women started One Billion Rising in Parramatta. One Billion Rising is the estimated number of women around the world who have experienced domestic violence. One in 3 women in Australia experience assault by their partner. It is true that some women are perpetrators in about 7% of all cases, but 93% of all perpetrators are male. From the perspective of those not involved, do we see the issue of domestic violence? Do we feel, and do we act? These five women gathered people together to hold an event to both increase awareness of the issue and raise funds, which go towards alleviating domestic violence and the trauma of domestic through the work of Thelma Brown Cottage (TBC). They joined in a world-wide event in 2013, when one billion people in 207 countries, including people in Parramatta's Centenary Square, shook the earth through dance to demand an end to violence against women and girls. Julie and I attended their event in 2014, when they raised \$5000 towards TBC. Last year the event took a big step up, building on the previous experience and they raised \$18,000. The One Billion Rising Parramatta is now a group of four women, Ebru, Nihan, Nes, and Nilay. The event held last Friday was a sell-out crowd of over 200 and raised \$26,000. They have now formed an association "United Against Domestic Violence" (UADV) to consolidate the work. It is partnerships like this that enable us to make a difference in people's lives. One Billion Rising became aware of our actions through the telling of our stories.

The parables of Jesus of seeking the lost sheep and coin, provide powerful images to all of us to see those who stigmatised, excluded, perhaps even feeling lost, to see and feel something of the pain of those in pain and show compassion through practical actions and walk beside people on their journey of recovery.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

열 여덟 번째 성령강림 주일 18th Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5장 동 2장 성부 성자 성령께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) .....다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 29장 동 29장 성도여 다 함께

새 149장 동 147장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 창세기 22:1-19

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 시련속의 하나님

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn) 새 330장 동 370장 어둔 밤 쉬 되리니

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 18번째 주일입니다. 새봄맞이 준비와 신앙을 위해 기도합니다

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

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
고린도 후서 11:1-15

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시  
고후 9:1-12:21

**Parramatta Mission projects supported in the Uniting Church**

**Please pray for:**

Hospital chaplaincy with patients, staff & families.

Living as a multicultural church.

Ministry with people in prison.

Ministry with hospital patients living with a mental illness.

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

**A welcome gesture can give hope  
to someone who is feeling lost.  
Even you can make a difference.**

**Foster your faith this week**

Jer 8:18-9:1 Ps 79:1-9

1 Tim 2:1-7 Lk 16:1-13



# LEIGH GOES BOLLYWOOD

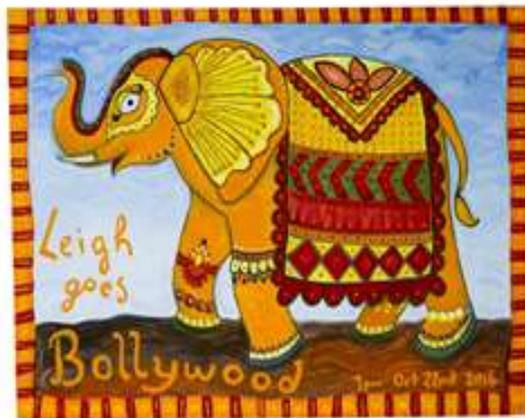
A Music Variety Concert for the whole family

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

# Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *For radical hospitality, extravagant generosity, enduring compassion*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: St Marys / Rooty Hill – Linked Centre: Give thanks for these culturally diverse congregations, who are part of the Nepean Valley Zone of our Presbytery*
- ♥ *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: Kevin, Naomi, Robyne, Robyn and Greg, Rajes (Sandra), Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, baby James and family, Caroline and David A, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, 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, Mere and her family.*
- ♥ *Manas and Nita.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania*



# 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>

## Contacts

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