



Parramatta
Mission



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In Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 18th September 2016

to be
inspired is great,
to
inspire
is
incredible

*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*

ARRANGEMENTS - WORSHIP SERVICES & PASTORAL CARE (SEPT/ OCT)

During Manas' absence due to illness, arrangements for leading and preaching at Leigh Memorial's 9.30am worship services will be as follows:

18 September:

Music Team will co-ordinate worship/ Bruce Bennetts - reflection.

25 September:

Robert Key will lead the service/ Rev. Veitinia Waqabaca will preach.

2, 9 and 16 October:

Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson will both lead and preach at all three services.

NB: Further arrangements will be advised.

Enquiries: Keith/ LM leaders.

Pastoral Care - Please contact any member of the LM Leaders' team if assistance or support is required: Bruce, Liz, Robyn, Mal, Samantha, Fiona, Norma, Moses (ie. contact directly, or leave a message via 9891-2277) - or - contact the PM Ministers/ Pastoral Team. Updated Leigh Memorial 'Prayer Chain' information is available on the 'Prayer Points' page of this newsletter.

PEACE SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER (2 - 4 pm)

Our **International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Service** will be taking place in just a few day's time. Many special guests will be present, including keynote speaker **Rabbi Benjamin Elton** of Sydney's Great Synagogue, plus there will be a vibrant program of multicultural singing and dancing and a spectacular release of peace doves into the skies above Macquarie Street! Helpers for the event are needed, so if you can lend a hand, even for an hour, please see the leaders' team asap. Beyond helping, Leigh Memorial congregation members are also encouraged to attend and lend support to this important and inclusive community enterprise. NB: A **brief Peace Service logistics meeting** will take place in the Coffee Shop after Take 10 on 18/9.

PROPERTY REMINDER

All congregations using the church, coffee shop and hall etc. - please remember to turn off all appliances, including heaters, air con and lights etc when leaving the premises. Thank you.

LEIGH NEWS

Leigh Memorial Prayer Chain

Pastoral Care can be expressed in many different ways. One way we express it is that we have a Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain can be accessed by anyone who wishes to have this type of Pastoral Care. All concerns shared with the Prayer Chain are kept confidential by the Prayer Chain members. Current members of the Prayer Chain are: Norma, Greta, Beverly, Joan, Fiona, Helen, Robert, Samantha, Prem.

Thank you to those who travelled to be with Mere and her family as we said goodbye to Lopeti on Friday. The importance of church family can never be taken for granted. We will continue to pray for Mere and her family and offer our love and support.

We will soon be collecting for another donation to Meals Plus. We would like to bring food in for Sunday 23rd October so we have around a month to start bringing things in. As we continue to move faster towards the last part of the year we start getting ready to share what we have with others. So Meals Plus looks forward to canned and dried goods such as uncooked pasta, rice, cereal. This food helps in feeding around 60 people for breakfast or lunch each day of the week.

We are also able to help out in smaller ways each week. So three easy ways to help others!

- Used stamps- enables the Uniting Church Synod Stamp Committee to fund a range of projects across the year. It is amazing how our used stamps can be used to assist others.
- Tea bag tags- the tags are able to be collected and help in tea companies donating money towards providing wheelchairs for kids with disabilities.
- Small 5c pieces are collected and donated towards assisting other countries. The movement of the 'least coin' uses these to help other people who are disadvantaged.

Final result for the blanket book and soup sale is \$1027. This was a great effort and we would like to have a regular stall on TOC days so if you might be prepared to come and help on these stalls every now and then please speak to one of the elders. It is also important for us to know that each week our offering enables us to reach out to others. There are those who tithe (offer God a tenth of their income), whilst others give what they can. There are those who use the offering envelopes which enable us to have a regular pattern of giving and know when we miss a week and others have a direct debit arrangement. Whatever the way if you would like to think about being more regular in your giving or find a different way of giving then please speak to Rev Christine. The more we give the more we are able to make a difference in the lives of others.

We thank God for the doctors and nurses who have cared for Rev Manas as he recovers from surgery. Naomi is recovering from her surgery and has returned to South Africa for a month. Kevin is recovering 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.

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)-

Tues & Thurs 11.00-1.30pm Open Door- Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am cost \$10 each week.

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Fijian Congregation

End of Term Prayer

We thank you Lord, as this school term comes to an end, for the challenges, the success, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. We ask you to be with us as we spend our school holidays with family and friends. Help us appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family. Keep us safe in our activities. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. We thank you for our classmates, teachers, family, and community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives,

Amen.



Rev. Fie Marino, Multicultural Consultant of the NSW/ACT Synod sharing a symbolic value of a traditional Samoan mat. Vinakavakalevu Rev. Fie for this humbling experience.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
25-Sep	Fiji Parish	S. Toa		M.2	M.3
2-Oct	Rev Keith Hamilton		S. Toa	M.3	
9-Oct	A. Allison		A. Vocea	Youth	

열 아홉번째 성령강림 주일 19th 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)

새10장 통34장 전능왕 오셔서

새 149장 통 147장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마가복음 11:12-18

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 사람의 시간과 하나님의 시간

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn) 새559장 통305장 사철에 봄바람 불어 있고

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 19번째 주일입니다. 추석명절입니다 부모님께 관심가지고 효도합시다

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

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시
시편69:22-36

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
시편69:1-71:24

Luke 16:1-13

1 Then Jesus also said to his disciples, "There was a certain rich person who had a steward, and charges were brought to the rich person against the steward that he was squandering his master's possessions. 2 So the master called the steward in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me an account of your management; for you can no longer be my manager.' 3 Now the manager said to himself, "What am I going to do? My master is taking the management away from me. I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I know what I will do, so that, when I am dismissed from the management, people will receive me into their houses.' 5 And calling his master's debtors one by one he said to the first. 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 And he said, 'One hundred jugs of olive oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down, quickly, write fifty.' 7 Then to another he said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' And he said, 'A hundred bushels of wheat.' And he said, 'Take your bill and write down eighty.'" 8 And the master praised the dishonest manager because he acted shrewdly, because the children of this world are wiser to their own generation than the children of light." 9 And Jesus said, I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon so that when it comes to an end they may receive you into the eternal dwelling. 10 The one who is faithful in little things is also faithful with much; and the one who is dishonest in little things is also dishonest in much. 11 If, then you are not faithful with the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the truth? 12 And if you are not faithful with others goods who will give you goods of your own? 13 No servant can serve two masters for they will either hate one and love the other, or hold fast to one and treat the other with contempt. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflection

It would take considerable space to unpack this parable. Simply put, it is about the disruptive grace of God. Jesus is like a rogue steward who dispenses grace and forgiveness. The master praised the rogue servant, and Jesus says so will God praise his ministry of radical generosity.

The pastoral team had a retreat this week at Kurrajong Heights Uniting Church. Activities included designing a PM liturgical scarf to wear when leading a church service. The design captures our context and understanding of the Christian faith. A model scarf will be made for review, then the final versions.

Last week some of us attended the Corrective Services NSW Chaplaincy Service Annual Dinner, at St Joseph's, Baulkham Hills. The speaker spoke about using art therapy in psychotherapy, and chaplains are considering how to use art in their ministry in correctional centres.

It was interesting to hear the stories of corrective services chaplains, speak of inmates living with a mental illness, illiteracy and who often had experienced childhood trauma. A significant ministry is in listening and giving inmates space to talk. Rev Paul Drury, a Uniting Church chaplain, was recognised for his ministry over many years and his retirement.

Rev David King, also of the UCA, received a 15 year corrective services chaplaincy award. The Minister David Elliot, State Member for Baulkham Hills, and the Commissioner Peter Severin, spoke well of the chaplaincy contribution to both warders and inmates.

Last week I spoke at a forum held by 4 ALP branches on homelessness, and was asked my policy suggestions. Housing a person who is homeless not only assists the person; it saves the community \$44,000 per year in reduced health and justice expenses. Poverty, which is a lack of resources to flourish, is a significant cause, as well as trauma, mental illness, and lack of resilience when things go wrong. Resources include: Financial, emotional, mental/cognitive, language, social capital, physical, spiritual, integrity and trust, motivation and persistence, relationships/role models, knowledge of hidden rules, and hope. What happens in the first 5 years of life teaches trust verses mistrust despair verses hope, resilience, and self-regulation; many in the homeless cohort report experiences of physical and sexual abuse and neglect as children, so programs with expectant mums and new mums at risk, can make a big difference. Also, reducing domestic violence through education, anger management, teaching self-regulation, making it easier for women to leave, and where possible causing perpetrators to leave. Policy suggestions: develop more social housing, affordable housing, funds to employ outreach workers who visit known haunts of people sleeping rough, and working with them to secure housing; programs like the pilot 'Getting Ahead' at Bidwill Uniting, and programs such as NEWPIN and Brighter Futures.

Last week I visited Manas, recovering from double by-pass heart surgery. He is in good spirits, and undergoing the rehabilitation. I passed on the greetings, thoughts and prayers of staff, congregations and people in the community. He asked to be remembered to all. On 21 September, we will hold the annual peace service in the Fellowship Centre, which again has been planned by Manas, who also recruited people of different faiths, to lead prayers.

Last Saturday a number of us delighted in attending Stuart and Suzanne's wedding. Stuart looks after the data projector screens and PA for the Leigh Memorial congregation, as well as assisting our other two congregations. Stuart also co-leads in singing. Stuart and Suzanne had both previously been married, which ended. They individually took up dancing not looking for a partner, but discovered they danced well together and then discovered that another dance had begun. Following their wedding, they and guests danced the night away in the Parramatta Town Hall, which all seemed rather fitting.



Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Celebration of
Peace INTERNATIONAL DAY OF

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,
(next to the historic Leigh Memorial Uniting Church)
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

Representatives from Aboriginal, Bahai,
Brahmakumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic,
Jain, Jewish, Mandaean, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian
Communities will offer prayers for peace,
and there will be time for silent reflection. The
Occasional Address would be given by Rabbi Dr Ben
Elton, Chief Minister, The Great Synagogue, Sydney.
Music and Cultural items would be presented by
individuals and community groups.
Refreshments will follow the service.

For information and RSVP, please contact Coral Harris on
9891 2277 or coral.harris@parramattamission.org.au

Foster your faith this week

Jer 32:1-3a,6-15 Ps 91:1-6,14-16

1 Tim 6:6-19 Lk 16:19-31

Pastoral message for this week....

Be an inspiration to others in the things you say & do.
Even you can make a difference

Children and Family Ministries – Project Development

Northmead Uniting Church would like to further develop their children and families ministry. To do this we are looking for someone to:-

- Conduct conversations with people from within the community (local schools, current NUC services, congregation, etc)
- Analyse and develop themes from the conversation in consultation with the Northmead Uniting Care Committee
- Determine best way forward (programmes and staffing requirements) linking to funding capabilities
- Provide general support and ideas to those currently linked to children and family services

This is a great opportunity for someone looking for a little supplementary work. We are offering 10 hours per week for 10 weeks @ \$24.70 per hour commencing the beginning of Term 4.

The successful applicants needs to have:

- Sound project management and planning skills
- Strong engagement and communication skills.
- Children's and family ministry experience or understanding.

Those interested please forward their resume and letter of interest to:

Sandra Pengilly

Chair of Uniting Care Committee

Northmead Uniting Church

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LEIGH GOES BOLLYWOOD

A Music Variety Concert for the whole family

DATE: SATURDAY 22nd 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: Tahmoor UC. Give thanks for Tahmoor Uniting Church; the most southerly of the Presbytery's congregations.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine*

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.

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

Contacts

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