



Parramatta
Mission



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In Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 25th 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 NEWS

PEACE SERVICE: "THANK YOU"

Our Peace Service at the Fellowship Centre on Wednesday was a meaningful multi-faith and community event, with many wonderful speakers, performers and guests, including President of the UCA Assembly, Stuart MacMillan, keynote speaker, Rabbi Benjamin Elton, the Circular Keys Chorus and the Amity College Prestons Primary Choir. Thanks to Keith, Donna, and all of the PM staff & volunteers plus the dedicated Leigh Memorial Congregation team - who combined to make the event possible via their energy and depth of care. Special thanks also to Rev. Manas for his preliminary legwork and guidance, with continued thoughts and prayers from all of us for his steady recovery. *A collection of photos from the Service is included in this newsletter.*

ARRANGEMENTS - 9.30am WORSHIP SERVICES @ LM

25 September: *Robert Key will lead the service/ Rev. Veitina Waqabaca will preach.*

2, 9 and 16 October: *Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson will both lead and preach at all 3 services.*

23 and 30 October: *To be advised.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL/ YOUTH NEWS

Congratulations to Lisa and Charlotte who have just graduated from their respective high schools with wonderful achievements and memories. We remember when you started kindergarten! Our love & prayers as you approach your HSC exams and future pathways.

ADVANCE NOTICE: PARRAMATTA LANES...'SWEETS & BEATS'!

Taking place on evenings from **Tues 11 to Fri 14 October**, 'Parramatta Lanes' is returning to our site with a program of cool art, music, dancing and fabulous food. Details to follow!



Special dates for Leigh Memorial and Leigh Fijian Congregations: As preparation to finalise our Parramatta redevelopment, we need to finalise the brief for the Leigh Memorial Church. To this end, a one hour information session will be held on a weeknight in October, date to be determined, followed by a workshop on a Sunday afternoon on 30 October, 2-4:30. This meeting will finalise the future use of the Leigh Memorial Church and future additional worship spaces in the redevelopment.

Fijian Congregation



E sega ni gauna rawarawa eda cunuma ena yuku ni noda lolosi vata kei iratou na yuvale eratou lako cunuma na gauna dredre ni veitawasei.

Sa golei I Vitu o Adj Akisi Alison kei iratou na matavuvale me laki talaci na marama tinana.

Eda lolosi vata kei na yuvale na Ranamalo. Nama-ta kei na mataveiviekani ena nona sa mai leqa o Tamaj Waisake, Avenaj Ranamalo, ka sa bulu ena siga Vakarauwai.

Sa yakavinavinakataki na nomuni solia na nomuni gauna kei nai yau, ena yuku ni lakolako ni Lotu. Kerei me ratou nanumi tiko ena masu kei na veisiko.



Sa mai kacivi ena siga Vukelulu na bula nei Kula Digoliwasa. Sa yakavinavinakataki na Kalou ena nona bula na marama vada ogo, ena nona dau tu taka na qaravi ni Lotu, lewe ni sere ena dua na gauna balavu, duru ni mata masumasu i Westmead, ka mai sema ki na matamasumasu ni Peniseni. E dau dua vei ratou na veiqaravi ena Open Church. E marama yalo savasava ka dau cakacaka, ka qarava galugalu na nonai tavi ena Lotu kei na vanua.



	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
2-Oct	Rev Clive Pearson		S. Toa	M.3	
9-Oct	A. Allison		A. Vocea	Youth	
16-Oct	Rooty Hill	J. Foiakau	V. Kamotu	M.2	M.1

WESTMEAD NEWS

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.

Our thanks to Jean who has been involved in all of these projects for many years! She took a 2kg bag of tea bag tags in recently so imagine what we can do to help her in the effort.

Rev Christine will be away for a few days and will not be here next Sunday (well, in person). The use of technology enables us to still hear from her and we are grateful for Karen who will lead worship next Sunday.

Next Fellowship day will be Tuesday 4th October and Dan McAloon from Frontier services will be coming to speak. We have donated money towards helping provide bottled water to the Outback Volunteers which Dan will be speaking about. It will also be an opportunity to ask Dan about the major changes in Frontier Services. If you would like to attend and hear Dan please speak to Jean.

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 (No Open Door Wed 5th October)

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



Jean's 95th Birthday and Rev Veitinia's Birthday



A few from the congregation at the local Chinese restaurant which has been operating for over 30 years. The restaurant recently closed and we wish them well.



스무 번째 성령강림 주일 20th 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 75장 통 47장 주여 우리 무리를

새 149장 통 147장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마가복음 1:14-15

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 회개와 복음

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn) 새 278장 통 336장 여러 해 동안 주 떠나

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 20번째 주일입니다. 봄이 돌아왔습니다 신앙의 봄도 맞이 합시다

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

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
요나 1:17-2:10

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
시편 72:12-레 17:16

The Uniting Church in Australia
Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery



*Invites you to come and share in the
Ordination of*

Tammy Hollands

As Minister of the Word

2pm Saturday 22nd October

Windsor Uniting Church

Cnr. Macquarie & Fitzgerald Streets

Windsor NSW

Followed by Afternoon Tea

Please RSVP by 15th October
via email tammy.hollands@gmail.com
or call or-text Tammy on 0409 001 115

Luke 16:19-31

19 Now there was a certain man who was rich, and who used to put on a purple robe and fine linen and who feasted every day splendidly. 20 And there was a certain poor man named Lazarus covered in ulcers who had been placed at the rich man's gate, and he sought to be satisfied with the things that fell from the table of the rich man; and even the dogs came and licked his ulcers. 22 So it happened that the poor man died and was carried away by the angels into the bosom of Abraham; and the rich man also died and was buried. 23 Now in Hades, and being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham from afar, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And calling he said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and may cool my tongue, because I am suffering in this flame." 25 But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you received your good things in life, and Lazarus likewise the bad things; but now here he is comforted and you are suffering. 26 And as if this is not enough, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those who wish to pass from here to you cannot, neither no one can cross from there to us." 27 And he said, "Then I ask you, father, send him to my father's house; 28 for I have five brothers; so he may witness to them without which they might also come to this place of torment." 29 "But" said Abraham, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them." 30 But he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead should go to them, they will repent." 31 But he said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise again from the dead."

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

Luke's gospel challenges underlying assumptions. Luke has a parable about the great banquet in which everyone is invited, even the poor, people who walk with a limp, people without food, all people often overlooked by society. The great banquet makes clear that everyone is welcome. That parable compares with the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus is about reversal. It challenges the prevailing notion that material prosperity is a sign of God's blessings, and poverty is a sign of divine judgement. The parable challenges those assumptions in a dramatic fashion.

In stark contrast to the rich man dressed in purple and fine linen who feasted lavishly every day is the poor man in tattered rags at the gate covered in sores and dog spittle. The rich man is oblivious to the real situation of Lazarus. Lazarus is just an object. Even in death, the rich man views Lazarus as a servant at his beck and call. It is sobering that the rich man does not see the real plight of Lazarus, and in this the parable speaks to people today. The issue is not that the rich man is rich, it is that he did not see and did not care.

Do people really see the person who is homeless, living in poverty, living with a mental illness, or a refugee? A lot of people do see and want to engage and do so through Parramatta Mission. I am also constantly shocked to meet people who don't see and who believe that people end up where they are through their own efforts, and if in poverty or unemployment or with a mental illness or the victim of abuse should just get on with it. It is never so simple. It requires other than a handout. It requires engagement, and walking along side of another, and both are changed.

Alan Jackson, a predecessor of mine, says the services of a city mission give it the credibility to advocate and speak to the public about matters of poverty and mental illness. We speak out of our doing. Our doing and speaking is building a community of transforming the lives of people often excluded or overlooked. And we are working to open the eyes and ears and hearts of people who do not see, hear nor feel the plight of people and the inherent human dignity of all, and the moral responsibility of those with much to work with people who have little so all may have some and potentially live life to the full.

Twenty first day of September is the International Day of Peace. Events around the world are held to bring people together, to commit to and pray for peace. At Parramatta Mission, Manas Ghosh has initiated this practice with an interfaith service. This year was the third we have hosted. Unfortunately, Manas required surgery for a double heart by-pass, and this meant he is recuperating in hospital, and could not attend. However, Manas made the invitations and the early preparations. Then congregants, staff and volunteers made it happen. I appreciated the assistance of many, particularly Nita, Donna, Liz and Paul who assisted me in getting ready and stepping in to lead the event. It was a great occasion as people from different faiths filled the Fellowship Hall to overflowing. There were schools, and community groups, and cultural groups, police and politicians present. We even had a visit from Stuart McMillian, President of the Assembly of the Uniting Church.

The Occasional Address was made by Rabbi Benjamin Elton, Chief Rabbi of the Great Synagogue in Sydney. Quoting from the Midrash, he spoke of praying for the blessing of peace, yet it is not magical thinking. God blesses us with the potential for peace, we as international communities, individual countries, local communities, religious groups, households, and individuals, must take that blessing, that potential and make it happen. Working for inner peace, then peace with other people is a lifelong activity. The service ended with the more than 140 people lighting candles for peace as an act of commitment. One event won't change the world. One event can be a reminder and an inspiration for all assembled as well as those "looking on" to work for peace and unveil God's desire and blessing for all.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Castlereagh Uniting Church Congregation

and

Castlereagh Christian Conference Centre

Warmly invite you to a

Thanksgiving Service and Afternoon Tea

To express our appreciation and to celebrate the achievements,
leadership and meritorious service of

Rev Richard Udy

As Chairperson of the Conference Centre Board

and Chaplain to the Congregation for 13 years

on

Sunday 25th September 2016 commencing at 2.30 pm

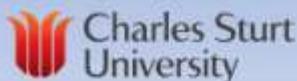
at Castlereagh Uniting Church

RSVP to Marcia Evans or Barbara Meredith by 21st September for catering
purposes

Phone 4729-0012 or academyaccomm@bigpond.com

PS.... Please feel free to invite other people who may wish to attend and
especially people who have worked with Dick or have been a part of

Dick's Ministry at Castlereagh.... Everyone Welcome



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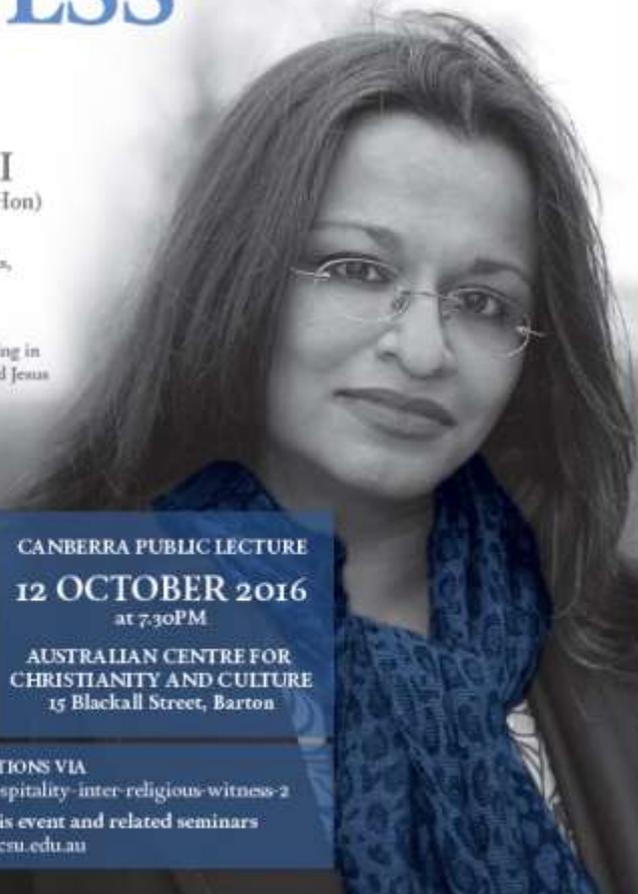
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Presenter of the 2016 Gifford Lectures

Author of *Hospitality in Islam: Welcoming in
God's Name and Christians, Muslims and Jesus*



SYDNEY PUBLIC LECTURE

10 OCTOBER 2016
at 7.30PM

NOVOTEL PARRAMATTA
350 Church Street, Parramatta

CANBERRA PUBLIC LECTURE

12 OCTOBER 2016
at 7.30PM

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURE
15 Blackall Street, Barton

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Foster your faith this week

Lam 1:1-6 Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137

2 Tim 1:1-14 Lk 17:5-10

FOR YOUR INTEREST - COMPASS
Program 25th September
6.30pm Compass ABC

Dear all

Please watch this program in which some 35 people are interviewed from various cultures, religions, age groups and walks of life and screened for two weeks in Western Sydney to promote harmony in September 2015.

This was a successful project by Urban Theatre group led by Rosie Dennis now being screened by ABC on 25th September Sunday at 6.30PM on Compass

Please pass this on to your circles

Best wishes

Father John Jegasothy

Rev. Dr. John Jegasothy

Rose Bay - Vacluse & Sydney Tamil Uniting Church

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.

LEIGH GOES BOLLYWOOD

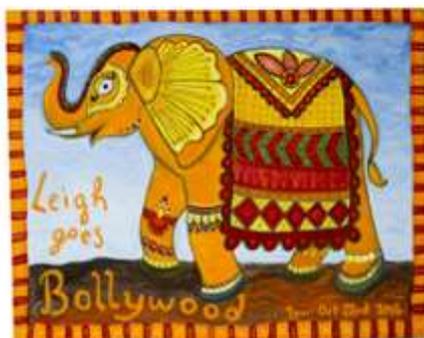
A Music Variety Concert for the whole family

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

Pastoral message for this week....

**To Look is not to “see”
To listen is not to “hear”
Change 2 lives today by doing both**

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: Wentworthville UC Give thanks for the significant growth at Wentworthville in the previous year, and for the congregation's new website. Pray that the congregation and minister will grow in grace and in mission together. Give thanks their action in supporting refugees released into the community.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *Prayers for our staff: we are looking to recruit for a number of vacancies in our management, and while this is happening our other managers are under increasing pressure. Please pray for the recruitment and also our staff. Also, our Director of Fundraising and Marketing, Michael Mendieta resigned to take up a position in his church, and therefore we are looking to recruit a new director of fundraising and marketing.*
- ♥ *Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia*



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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Leigh Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277

Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588

Westmead Congregation Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly 0409 925 607

Westmead Church 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 98919354

Senior Minister/Group CEO Rev Keith Hamilton 0417 487 446



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