



Parramatta  
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

*OUR NEWS for 9th October 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

## **YOU ARE INVITED: PARRAMATTA LANES... 'SWEETS & BEATS'...!!!**

Taking place on evenings between **Tuesday 11 and Friday**

**14 October, Parramatta Lanes** is returning to our site with a new program involving art displays and a lively musical program. There will also be community dancing with 'No lights, No Lycra' on Thursday night and fabulous food from both the 'Koi' dessert bar and 'N2 Gelato'. Leigh Memorial will be open each evening during the event (5.30 to 8.30pm) as a contemplative space. Thanks for everyone's support.

## **MINI WORKING BEE**

Between **4 - 6pm this Sunday (9 October)**, there will be a mini-working bee in Leigh Memorial to prepare the church/ set-up for 'Parramatta Lanes' next week. Cleaning equipment will be supplied - just bring your muscles! Please see Liz.

## **WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS: 9.30am @ LEIGH MEMORIAL**

**9 October:** Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson

**16 October:** Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson

**23 October:** Rev. Veitinia Waqabaca

**30 October:** Rev. Veitinia Waqabaca

**6 November:** Rev. Keith Hamilton

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH - 'CUPCAKES PARTY' NEXT SUNDAY!**

Our kids & teachers will be back next **Sunday, 16 October**, and we'll be welcoming in the new term with a cupcakes party for the whole congregation after morning worship - YUM!!!

## **GET READY TO *BOLLY* THE NIGHT AWAY!**

**Sat. 22 October, 7pm** - 'Leigh Goes Bollywood' Concert @ Leigh Memorial. Donations to Parramatta Mission. Enquiries: Mal.



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

**Let us seek the good and wellbeing  
of everyone in our city so all may thrive.**

## WESTMEAD NEWS

We will soon be collecting for another donation to Meals Plus. We would like to bring food in for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Thanks so much to Karen for leading worship last week and for Soo ling managing the multimedia.

Rev Christine has managed to have some great days off and spent time in her garden and catching up with her parents in Goulburn. Thanks to Robyne for stepping up with TOC and for Jan for her continued involvement with TOC while Rev Christine was away.

It was delightful to hear from Dan from Frontier Services at fellowship on Tuesday. We heard a couple of stories of those involved with the Outback Links volunteer program.

We are delighted to know that soon there will be a new chaplain at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. There are a few other procedures which need to happen before she starts and Rev Christine is looking forward to being able to introduce her to the congregation. Stay tuned.

Please bring in any 5c coins by the end of October as they will need to be submitted for the Least Coin. There will be a special service for World Community Day at 10.00am (for Morning Tea) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Parramatta Centenary Church (Sorrell Street North Parramatta).

We also pray for Scott for his Induction Service on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Musselbrook Correctional Centre. We hope it is a good celebration of his ministry behind bars where so few of us ever get to see. As Matthew 25: 36 says *'I was naked, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you took care of me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'* We are thankful there are people like Rev Scott to be with prisoners on our behalf and behalf of the church.

Great news for Carpet bowls fans. We have booked in the following dates: 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 (No Open Door Wed 5<sup>th</sup> October)

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

**LEADERSHIP:** The Westmead leaders' meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

스물 두 번째 성령강림 주일 22th Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)

예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling)

인도자

송영 (Gloria)

새 4장

통 4장

성부 성자와 성령

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

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새9장

통53장

하늘에 가득찬 영광의 하나님

새 151장

통 138장

만왕의 왕 내 주께서

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

누가복음 16:1-13

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사

두 주인을 섬길 수 없다

성찬과 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새325장

통359장

예수가 함께 계시니

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 22번째 주일입니다. 봄이 돌아왔습니다 신앙의 봄도 맞이 합시다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부

오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시

레위기 23:15-25

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시

레 22:10-25:22

# Fijian Congregation



*Qaravi vinaka na sakaramede ni papitaiso vei ratou na luvei Daiana kei Male Satala. Vinaka vakalevu RevClive Pearson kei Fil Kamotu, na veitokoni, ena veiqaravi bibi ogo.*

**Vei ka e so...**

## **Parramatta Lanes**

Matasere ena bogi ni Lotulevu mai n a 6—7pm

Youth Band ena bogi ni Vakaraubuka

Naba ni Vunau ena 23/10 sa vakadodonutaki e ra. Na veisau vunau kei Fiji Parish ena 30/10 ka sega ni 23/10 me vaka a tabaki ena macawa sa oti

Kerei me nanumi tiko ena masu na nona bula na noda qase lomani, o Adiu Rogoimuri.

	<b>Vunau</b>	<b>Vunau Lesi</b>	<b>Vunau Vakarau</b>	<b>Tuvakarau Veiliutaki</b>	<b>Tali Vunau</b>
16-Oct	Rooty Hill	J. Foiakau	V. Kamotu	M.2	M.1
23-Oct	V. Kamotu		S. Qata	M.3	
30-Oct	Fiji Parish	A. Vocea	F. Kamotu	M.1	M.2

## PARRAMATTA MISSION CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A small number of copies of the last Church Council minutes are available from the Stewards.

A copy of the minutes can also be obtained by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or [robert.key@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:robert.key@parramattamission.org.au)

# 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 Christmas Cards

Consider a special purchase this season, as we fast approach Christmas. It won't be long until we see decorations emerge, and saying "it's Christmas already"



Therefore, to help with preparations, Parramatta Mission is selling Christmas Cards (10 packs) to the public. All proceeds from sold items will go towards our annual Christmas Hamper Drive. Please consider purchasing a pack today - contact Jenny on 9891 2277 or email [fundraising@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:fundraising@parramattamission.org.au) for more information or to register your interest

## **‘WELCOME PACKS’**

### **TOILETRIES DONATIONS DRIVE**

FOR CLIENTS/TENANTS OF  
PARRAMATTA MISSION ACCOMODATION FACILITIES

Donations of one or more of the following, basic toiletries/personal care items for both male & female tenants in our emergency or longer term housing programs will be greatly appreciated:

#### **Toiletries Donation Suggestions:**

**Soap, Tissues (mini packs), Deodorant, Facial Wipes  
Face washers, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothpaste/Toothbrush  
Comb/Brush, Disposable Shavers**

Enquiries: Liz/Samantha or  
Sharon, Property Manager, Parramatta Mission, 9891-2277.

***Thank You!!!***

## Jeremiah 29:1-7

1 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. 2 This was after King Jeconiah, and the queen mother, the court officials, the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the artisans, and the smiths had departed from Jerusalem. 3 The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom King Zedekiah of Judah sent to Babylon to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. It said: 4 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 5 Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. 6 Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. 7 But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for its welfare you will find your welfare. (NRSV Translation)

### Reflection by Clive Pearson

What we have here in this reading from the Hebrew Bible is something remarkable. Nebuchadnezzar is the Chaldean king of Babylon. He had waged war on Syria and Judah; in 597 BC he had captured Jerusalem and deposed the king Jehoiakim. Then, 10 years later Jerusalem was destroyed and its most prominent citizens were carried into exile. Jerusalem was desolate. One can imagine the questions which they and those who were left behind in the desolate city and countryside might ask: has God forgotten us? what have we done wrong that God should be so angry with us? Is our God not as strong as their gods? The desolation is spiritual as well as physical and political. One of the nagging questions will be: can God be present with the exiles in another land?

In our age of regular global travel that question of whether God can be present in another land hardly arises. We know that we can go to church in another city in the world. The worship of God does not depend upon our living in one territory. Those exiles do not know that – until this surprising turn of events emerges. They are called to work for the welfare of the city in which they find themselves deported. That call to work for the common good does not come from Nebuchadnezzar. It comes from the “Lord of hosts”. Not only will their God draw near to them in this foreign land: they will also discover that their own wellbeing comes about through working for the good of that city.

This kind of reading is well worth reflecting upon. So many people today have had to flee their lands unwillingly: think of Syria. What Christian scholars on asylum seeking and refugees know is this: faith plays a critical role in helping people move from one place to another and then becoming settled.



## Reflection

These remarkable words from Jeremiah are in the context of the destruction of the homeland and the exile of the people to a foreign land. Here are refugees settling in a new place. The encouragement is to seek the welfare of the city. Actually not encouragement, it is a command. It involves both domestic and civic engagement. Build houses. Raise families. Engage in the economy. Do what you can to make life liveable for all people. This internal and external, domestic and civic engagement in partnership with God is the way to live life to the full. This idea gave rise to our pastoral team slogan for this week: Let us seek the good and wellbeing of everyone in our city so all may thrive. I have met many people whose whole focus was on their family, to the exclusion of all else. I have met others who neglected their families to give all for others, even civic involvement. Much harder and yet much more satisfying is meeting the responsibilities of both domestic and civic, a point that Jeremiah makes.

I had a chat the other night with our Meals Plus Coordinator Paul and Caseworker Phil. They are building on the great work of previous staff in Meals Plus in walking with people on their journey of recovery. Meals Plus has been doing that for over twenty years, and has become well known in the locally and farther afield. Last year someone from Cambridge UK, visited Meals Plus. During Anti-poverty Week, the Uniting Church Synod of NSW.ACT Social Justice Forum will meet at PM, and have a tour and lunch in Meals Plus. Recently a bus load from UnitingCare Australia visited. Paul and Phil were providing support to Coco's the Coptic Orthodox Church who provides a Meals Plus type service to people every Tuesday night in our Macquarie St car park. People can have a meal, obtain clothes, talk to someone, receive some medical assistance and referrals to other services. Coco's have been doing this for 20 years in Parramatta, and about 3 years in our car park. It is a great work that they do, and another typical PM partnership building a community transforming lives.

Paul and Phil have introduced another new partner, Staples, a group who provide fresh food that people with little money can purchase a food hamper for \$20 and get about \$70 worth of food. They set up in the hall during lunch time once a week on a Thursday. It is a great way to assist people without removing their dignity with a hand out. Paul and Phil, with help from Tracey and IT, have set up electronic means to record the data of people coming for breakfast and lunch, which better enables us to analyse the data and make more informed decisions about Meals Plus. There are some more exciting developments about to happen in Meals Plus with some new partnerships that will significantly enhance our work and capability of assisting people who are in poverty. All part of our work of seeking the wellbeing of the city.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



## *Leigh Memorial Church Public Lectures*

### *For Our Common Good*

**Wednesday 9 November, 2016.**

**7pm to 9pm.**

**Leigh Memorial Church,  
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta**

Let's discuss.....

# *Dementia*

With

***The Hon John Watkins AM***

CEO, Alzheimer's Australia NSW

***Clare Brockett***

Uniting Church Chaplain

**All most welcome: Addresses & Q & A.**





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**10 OCTOBER 2016**  
at 7.30PM

NOVOTEL PARRAMATTA  
350 Church Street, Parramatta

CANBERRA PUBLIC LECTURE

**12 OCTOBER 2016**  
at 7.30PM

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# 2016 CHRISTMAS Food and Gift Appeal



## We need your help to make Christmas special...

We are preparing for the 2016 Christmas Food and Gift Appeal. Last year, thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we provided around 1100 hampers to individuals and families who may have been homeless, at risk of homelessness, facing crisis or in need of our assistance. This was more than ever before.

Help us to make 2016 an even bigger and better Christmas for more people in our community by donating or volunteering this year.

### About Parramatta Mission

Parramatta Mission is a not for profit organisation and a part of the Uniting Church in Australia, working to grow stronger communities by supporting individuals in need. Parramatta Mission provides meals, accommodation and mental health services across Greater Western Sydney, with almost 500 staff and many volunteers delivering over 70 services.

We provide assistance to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities to assist them in transforming their lives. These include people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, facing crisis and people living with mental illness.







The annual review is now being assembled ready for the AGM in late November.

All organisations of PM are requested to provide a draft written report for editing and collating. A professional writer will receive all drafts and rewrite for the review. A draft report from all ministers, congregation leaders meetings, and group activities would be appreciated. A long report will be put on the PM website that will include all reports. The Annual Review will have a summary.



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.

### **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.



## **Fellowship of the least coin**



Only one week to go to save your Least Coins!!

Please bring your coins and hand them to Margie Gray by Sunday 16th October ready for the World Community Day Service on Friday 21st October at Centenary Uniting Church. Funds raised are 'gifts of love' to be given to projects all over the world.

# 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: Windsor Uniting Church – Pray for Rev Geoff Stevenson who is providing ministry and leadership for this congregation.*
- ♥ *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: PM Leigh Fijian: Families who have recently lost dear ones: Ranamalo, Namata, Kula Diqoliwasa's family, Akisi Alison and family; Wendy Morris as she continues 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, Al, Jan 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.*
- ♥ *Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal*

Foster your faith this week

Jer 31:27-34

Ps 119:97-104

2 Tim 3:14-4:5

Lk 18:1-8

# 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

**Leigh Memorial Congregation** - Congregation Leaders through Church office

**Church Office:** 9891 2277 **Email :** [wecare@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:wecare@parramattamission.org.au)

**Leigh Memorial Church** 119 Macquarie St Parramatta

**Leigh Fijian Congregation:** 9891 2277

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

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**Westmead Church** 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 98919354

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