




Parramatta
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OUR NEWS for 6th November 2016



We could learn a lot from crayons:
some are sharp, some are pretty,
some are dull, some have weird
names, and all are different colors
but they all have to learn to live
in the same box.

*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*

WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS: 9.30am @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

6 November: Rev. Keith Hamilton

DEMENTIA LECTURE - ALL CONGREGATIONS & FRIENDS INVITED

This **Wednesday 9 November, 7 - 9pm**, our congregation will be hosting an important public lecture and Q & A at Leigh Memorial on the topic of dementia. **If you would like to attend but don't have transport, please give your name to our leaders' team asap** and it can be arranged. Supper is included on the night. Everyone is welcome. Enquiries: Bruce/ Leaders' team.

TOILETRIES DRIVE - CONCLUDES NEXT SUNDAY

Our drive will end next Sunday, 13/11. Toiletries still needed: toothbrushes, toothpaste, bath soap, shampoo, facial wipes, pocket tissues, deodorant (roll on), combs/ brushes, antiseptic wipes, sunscreen and disposable shavers. *Thanks to all of our generous contributors so far. Enquiries - Liz or Samantha.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH: NEWS FOR NOVEMBER!

On **Sundays 13, 20 & 27 November**, our high school class will be having a special bible study and discussion series with Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson.

"Well done" to Year 12 graduates Lisa & Charlotte on completing their HSC exams last week. NB: During November, our Junior class will continue to enjoy their active and creative lessons with Anne & Samantha. On **Sunday 20 November**, our kids will be hosting a **Christmas Stall** during Morning Tea to raise funds for the Mission's Christmas Appeal. This will include home-made treats and some inexpensive gift ideas. Then - **over 2 Sundays, 27 November and 3 December**, we'll be collecting Christmas gifts for Parramatta Mission clients via the Leigh Memorial '**Giving Tree**' in the church - a longstanding tradition. Details to follow.

SAVE THE DATE! COMMUNITY PEACE DINNER

This year's Peace Dinner @ Leigh Memorial will take place on **Saturday evening, 3 December** in the Fellowship Hall. Further information will be available soon/ **RSVP date: 18 November**. Enquiries: Leaders' Team.

Pastoral message for this week....

It takes courage to stand with people who are different,
but when we do we are stronger...

Angel Tree boxes are in the foyer of the church. This is an opportunity for us as a congregation to purchase gifts for children who have a parent of significant adult in prison. Sadly the stigma of gaol impacts upon the families- not just the inmates. Last year there was joy in the giving, joy in the purchasing of the gifts and joy in the distributing to the families. This year we will also arrange for a hamper for each of the families. Thanks for your generosity.

Last Sunday we had some beautiful Saris, Kaftans and other items of dress from different cultures including the corkscrew hat brought by John. The food was absolutely fantastic again- and was so wonderful to try food from Indian, Sri Lankan, Mexican, Greek and so many other nations. Thank you to all who worked hard in the cooking, the heating and serving, the set-up and a very special thanks to Ruth and others in the wash-up room. This is a sign of how we can all work together.

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. It is getting closer but we are waiting to hear from a particular committee for the Civil Chaplains who oversee all denominations supporting the chaplains. Please pray this decision will happen very soon.

Mere and Rev Christine travelled to Muswellbrook for Scott's induction as chaplain at the St Hellier's Correctional Centre. The chapel is beautiful especially as it looks out over the valley and across to the hills in the distance. The service was lovely with Mere and Rev Christine each doing a reading and inmates and other staff from the gaol, Uniting or the Hunter Presbytery leading other parts of the service. It was also good to see Parriss McDougall there. He has managed to make contact with the Hunter Presbytery and is worshipping at Morisset Uniting Church. Parriss sends his greetings. It was also special to hear how well Scott has been received into the gaol- especially by the inmates.

For those who would like to attend the Dementia lecture at Parramatta on Wednesday 9th, we are able to arrange transport. Please speak to Rev Christine or Liz de Reland asap.

Lorna and Roy were able to attend Parkesbourne Uniting on their 150th Anniversary. It is one of the congregations serviced from Goulburn and Clyde Lee sends his greetings to all here at Westmead.

Great news for Carpet bowls fans. We have booked in the following date: 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

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

DECISION MAKING: The Congregational Leaders Meeting Tuesday 8th at 5.00pm

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Fijian Congregation

TABETABE E SO...

It's the first Sunday of November and we welcome Rev Keith Hamilton, and Lisa Osborne from Wesley Lodge. Bula vinaka!! Ena mai vosa vei keda o Lisa Osborne ena veiveisau e so e vakayacori tiko e Wesley Lodge.



Veivakatorocaketaki. Na veika e veivosaki ena macawa sa oti ena biu ena lavelave ni droini vou ni vale ni Lotu kei na vale vovou ena tara e ta e sau. E namaki me na biu kina Council ka waraki na kena veivakadonui. E sa vakacagau sara tiko na kena cakacakataki na veiveisau sa tu e matada.



Siga ni Sucu. Sa da vavaca go na vula o Noveba ka sa roro tiko na Siga ni Sucu. Ni da vakavakarau ena kena vei soqo e so, me da vakanamata talega ena vei lesoni e so ni Advent me vakayalo tikoga na noda raica na kena marautaki na Siga ni Sucu ni Noda I Vakabula. Advent readings starts on the last week of November!

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
13-Nov	A. Allison		V. Kamotu	Youth	
20-Nov	Rooty Hill	S. Toa	A. Vocea	M.3	M.1
27-Nov	Fiji Parish	F. Kamotu	A. Allison	M.1	

스물 여섯째 성령강림 주일 26th 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)

새26장 통14장 구세주를 아는 이들

새 151장 통 138장

만왕의 왕 내 주께서

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 고린도 전서 13장

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 참사랑이란 무엇인가? (2)

성찬 및 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새299장 통418장 하나님 사랑은

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 26번째 주일입니다. 환절기에 주님안에서 강건하세요

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

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시
시편 75:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
디도서7:1~시편78:11

Luke 6:20-36

17 Jesus came down from the mountain with his disciples and he stood on a level place, and a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coast country of Tyre and Sidon; 18 who came to hear him and to be cured from their diseases, and those who were being tormented from unclean spirits were healed. 19 And the entire crowd sought to touch him, because power went out from him and cured all. 20 Jesus lifted up his eyes on his disciples and said: "Blessed are the poor, because yours is the realm of God. 21 Blessed are those who hunger now, because you will be satisfied. Blessed are those who weep now, because you will laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you and rebuke you and cast out your name as evil for the sake of the Son of Humanity. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy; for realise this, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same way their fathers did to the prophets. 24 But woe to you that are rich, because you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to you who have been satisfied now, because you will hunger. Woe to those who laugh now, because you will mourn and lament. 26 Woe when all people speak well of you; in the same way their ancestors did to the false prophets. 27 Jesus said, "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who insult you. 29 To the one who strikes you on the cheek, offer also the other cheek, and from the one who takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt. 30 Give to everyone who asks you, and from the one who takes your things do not ask them back. 31 And just as you wish that people might do to you, you too do likewise to them. 32 If you love those who love you, what sort of gracious gift-like favour is there for you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks is there? Even sinners do that. 34 And if you lend from whom you hope to receive, what thanks is there? Even sinners lend to sinners that they may receive back equal things. 35 But love your enemies and go on doing morally good things and lending without giving up in despair and your reward will be great and you will be children of the most high, because he is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 Be merciful, as your Father is merciful.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflection

Most of us have heard of the sermon on the mount, by Jesus. It has entered popular folk law. But Luke sets the sermon on the plain. It is true that we can experience God in wonderful ways on mountaintops – the mountaintop experience. But Luke suggests that God is also on the plains, on the level ground. God is involved in all the business of life, and people of faith make no separation between their time of prayer in sacred places and their work, rest and play in other places.

Indeed all places can become sacred, if we have the 'eyes' to see God at work. A notion that is one of our theological principles in the redevelopment of our buildings in Parramatta, which incidentally we are calling inSpire. A key role of people of faith is to be like 'priests' and assist people see the sacredness of the ordinary. The whole of creation has a sacramentality that points to the one who created who continues to engage in creation, and in many ways that is the essence of religion.

This religion of Jesus also turns convention on its head. The poor, hungry, weeping, and hated are blessed even as they remain as they are, while those who are rich, laughing, and exalted are blessing deprived. This leads into further outrage of giving not what people deserve or might return in favour but grace upon grace, and the big reversal, not hate enemies but love enemies.

Part of our role at Parramatta Mission is to be advocates for the people who are in poverty, hungry, thirsty, homeless, and living with a mental illness. All of us have that opportunity to do that, because as soon as we say we are a congregant, staff or volunteer of PM, people will want to know what it is we do. There are at least three aspects to this. Inspired by the prayers of our congregations we engage with people who have experienced trauma, are in poverty, and people living with a mental illness. We walk beside many of the 1 in 3 women abused by their partners, the 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men sexually abused before the age of 16, the people who experienced childhood trauma which taught them not to trust adults and not to hope, we walk with many of the 1 in 5 people who live with a mental illness, we walk along side many of the 56,000 men and 46,000 women who are homeless, and the thousands of people at risk of homelessness, we walk alongside many refugees and migrants who can't get health care, and usually we begin this journey with people when they are in crisis, at the worst time of their life.

A second important aspect of the role for all of us associated with PM in any way is not only the doing and the walking alongside, it is also advocating on behalf of others. This will include telling the story to people we meet who may not know, and may even be hostile to the cohort of people we journey with.

I find, many corporates who volunteer with us have their lives transformed as they see real people in poverty, hear what is happening, and feel compassion and want to act, and want to become partners with us in the walking along side of people. Rarely a week goes by without a corporate volunteer saying to me that their life has been transformed through the experience.

That brings us to the third aspect which is changing the whole of society so all may live life to the full. This aligns with our vision, a community transforming lives. We are building a community transforming lives from despair to hope, from mistrust to trust, from apathy to empathy, from mediocrity to thriving.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



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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.



What can you do?

1. Donate to sponsor an individual or family

Donate using the form below or online by visiting our website www.parramattamission.org.au to provide a hamper and gifts to individual or families.

2. Donate food items for our hampers

Donate individual items or collect as a group, the items on our list are ideal to fill a hamper for Christmas.

3. Donate gifts

Gifts are needed for all ages and interests. Toys and games for younger children (no battery operated toys), linen, toiletry packs, backpacks and bags, sunglasses, watches, wallets, books. No second hand gifts please.

ITEMS OF FOOD OR GIFTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF OR A PICKUP ARRANGED FOR LARGER DONATIONS. PLEASE PHONE 9891 2277 FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. Volunteer your time

Help us to sort, pack and distribute hampers during November. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Rena by phone 02 9891 2277 or email volunteer@parramattamission.org.au

HAMPER LIST

Tinned Ham/Tuna
 Custard
 Pudding
 Lollies
 Chips
 Nuts
 Coffee
 Tea
 Long Life Milk
 Long Life Juice
 Chocolate
 Pasta
 Pasta Sauce



YES, I would like to help this Christmas

\$25 Individual \$50 Family \$100 Large Family Other \$ _____

Cheque/Money Order (payable to Parramatta Mission) Visa Mastercard

Card No: Card Expiry Date /

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please mail to:

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COUPLES & FRIENDS NOVEMBER MEETING



With the American election looming our November meeting will have an *"All things American"* theme. Come dressed in red, white & blue for a night of fun. All are welcome to join us on Monday 7th November at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Please bring your \$50 deposit for our April '17 trip to Coonabarabran to this meeting.

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.

More Westmead.....



Pictures of Melbourne Cup day at the Westmead Fellowship, and the multicultural service last week

Prayer Points

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

We pray for:

- ♥ *For radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking witness and service, and extravagant generosity*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Baulkham Hills (St Matthews) UC Give thanks for the gentle, powerful ministry of Rev Dirk Van Doorene and his team. Pray that this team will lead the Baulkham Hills congregation in vibrant and fruitful mission.*
- ♥ *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: Beverley, Mario, Col, Manas & Nita, Betty, 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.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea*

Foster your faith this week

Is 65:17-25 Is 12 Thes 3:6-13 Lk 21:5-19

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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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

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