



Parramatta
Mission



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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 13th November 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*

WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

During November, December and January, **Rev. Veitinia Waqabaca** will be providing 'supply' ministry support at both our 9.30am and 7.00pm services, and be assisting Rev. Manas on his return during Advent. Please note that Rev. Veitinia can be contacted regarding **pastoral care** matters on 9891-2277 or via email: waqabacav@hotmail.com. We welcome Rev. Veitinia and thank her for her ongoing support and friendship.



FAREWELL DEAREST KEN

We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and fellow congregation member, **Ken Tanswell**. Ken's devotion to Leigh Memorial Church and Parramatta Mission over many decades set a lasting benchmark of loyalty, service and hope which was of great encouragement to others, while his leadership and contributions to the life and work of our church will long be treasured and remembered. The love and prayers of the whole congregation are with Ken's wife Nell, sons Peter and Graeme and all of Ken's family and many friends at this time.

Ken's Funeral will be held at the Leigh Memorial Church Monday 14th November at 1.30pm, following with refreshments in the Fellowship Centre Coffee Shop

SUNDAY SCHOOL CAKE STALL - NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **20 November**, our Sunday School children & teachers will be holding a Cake Stall after the morning service. The stall will include **homemade cakes & other treats, plus inexpensive Christmas gift ideas** to make your Christmas shopping easier. Congregation members are welcome to contribute cakes or slices etc for sale. All proceeds from the Cake Stall will go to Parramatta Mission's Christmas Appeal.

COMMUNITY PEACE DINNER - SAT. 3 DECEMBER

This year's Peace Dinner will be taking place on **Saturday evening, 3 December**. Watch the newsletter & listen at 'Take 10' for further details and updates. Enquiries via the Mission office or Leaders' team.

A LIFE OF FAITH & SERVICE

Many in our congregations were saddened to learn of the recent passing of **Gwen Bedford**, wife of the late Rev. Roy Bedford, who served as a Minister of Parramatta Mission between 1979 and 1988. Gwen reached the grand age of 98, having given her life to Christian service in many capacities over multiple decades. She is remembered for her gentle and generous spirit. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bedford family at this time.

We stopped to remember the events on the Remembrance Day on the 11th. It reminds us all of the great sacrifice given by so many of our ex-servicemen and women- as well as the present service personnel. Please continue to pray for them and their families as we remember and give thanks.

Thursday this week sees John Celebrate his 80th birthday. We are so excited for him and he will head off for a cruise to celebrate. Please wish John well when you see him.

We have great news in that we are just over the halfway mark for the Angel Tree. Boxes are in the foyer of the church for people to place a money donation. This is an opportunity for us as a congregation to purchase gifts for children who have a parent of significant adult in prison. This year we have 10 children from 3 local families we will provide presents for and we will also arrange for a hamper for each of the families. Thanks for your generosity.

UnitingWorld has provided a set of cards, calendars and others gifts to assist others in different parts of the world. There are catalogues on the table in the foyer and a table will be set up for people to purchase the different gifts. In return for a 'donation' you receive a card an envelope which can be sent to someone for Christmas, meanwhile the donation goes to make a difference in others' lives. For example you could donate some money for some chickens or school supplies or for beehives. The display will be available for the next few weeks.

We are delighted to announce that Caitlin Scott is the new chaplain at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Caitlin started last Wednesday and was able to meet with Rev Christine and met some of the others from the congregation. We are planning for her to come and meet the congregation soon. Please pray for her as she settles in to the new role.

The Parramatta Mission AGM is coming up on Saturday 26th November from 5.30 to 8.00pm at Westmead. Everyone is invited to attend but we do need to know attendance so please fill in the sheet available in the foyer. The tradition is to have a catered meal and we provide dessert. There is usually a donation towards the cost of the main meal.

We are looking for people who are interested in leading the prayers of the people or going on the rosters for other roles in the church. Rev Christine has resources for those who might be interested in praying but do not wish to write the prayers themselves. Please speak to Rev Christine if you wish to help in the different parts of worship or assisting with other tasks on Sunday.

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

Bowls will be on the 30th November

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

WESTMEAD
NEWS

스물 일곱 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)

새 27장 통 27장 빛나고 높은 보좌와

새 151장 통 138장

만왕의 왕 내 주께서

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마태복음 4:1-11

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사 사탄이 유혹하는 세상 (2)

성찬 및 봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 350장 통 393장 우리들의 싸울 것은

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 27번째 주일입니다. 환절기에 주님안에서 강권하세요

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

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
시편 75:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
디도서 7:1~시편 78:11

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

TABETABE E SO

Kidavaki na I Talai ni Kalou, **Bula vinaka, welcome Talatala Clive Pearson.** Talatala Clive will be speaking on the topic of the Church. What it means to be the Church.

Vakadodonutaki nai lesilesi ni vunau I Rooty Hill ena macawa mai oqo. Ena gole tiko o Senitiki Qata I Rooty Hill, ka na vunau vakarau vei kedatou o Siaki Foiakau.

Lectionary ni 2017. Vei kemudou na Liuliu ni veimatamasumasu kei na Dauvunau e sa tiko vei Vakatawa na nomudou lavelave. For your personal devotions and masumasu groups, you can get a copy from Vakatawa.

Vakayakavi ni marama ni veimata-Lotu. Interdenominational Women's Thanksgiving Dinner ena Vakarauwai 10 ni Tiseba ena 6.30pm, 58 Bareena St, Canley Vale. \$30 na tikite. Sa tiko vei Maca Toa na tikite.

Bose ni Vale ni Lotu ena Vakarauwai, 10 ni Tiseba ena 4.00pm.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
20-Nov	Rooty Hill	Senitiki Qata	Siaki Foiakau	M.3	M.3
27-Nov	Fiji Parish	Vili Kamotu	Akisi Alison	M.1	M.1
4-Dec	Rev'd Keith Hamilton Vulavou kei na Vakayakavi ni Turaga (Sosi Toa—Vunau Vakarau)				

LEIGH - TOILETRIES DRIVE - LAST DAY TODAY

Thank you very much to everyone who has contributed items for our toiletries drive for Parramatta Mission client 'welcome packs' over recent weeks. It's been greatly appreciated! - Liz & Samantha.

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.

Foster your faith this week

Jer 23:1-6

Lk 1:68-79

Col 1:11-20

Lk 23:33-43

Hi Everyone,

I wanted to acknowledge the fabulous work of the Meals Plus team and Mick from the Property Team. For those who have looked into the site, you will notice how wonderful it is looking, with newly painted walls and a fresh attitude!

Coming soon is a herb garden. As the plants grow, so does the experience for the clients.

Thanks to Mick for his advice, hard work and support. Mick and the Meals Plus team have gone above and beyond with their commitment to creating a great space for clients, giving of their own time over the weekends and evenings.

These are the organisational values in action and serve as reminder of who we are as an overall team .

Warm regards

Karen Burns

CEO *UnitingRecovery*, *UnitingHope* & *UnitingHousing*

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Parramatta

Every Wednesday Night

Parramatta Mission
119 Macquarie Street

7:30pm

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Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; or I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent - its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. (NRSV)

Reflections

This Isaiah scripture is from when the Hebrew people returned from a 40 year exile in a foreign land to the devastation of their own. In this desolate place the prophet reminds them that God is not contained in the walls of buildings, nor only for good times. Using the language of poetry and metaphor, the people are encouraged to press forward in hope, in the work of rebuilding their city and lives. God is with them. After calamity, here is a vision of hope and peace in the image of enemies feeding together.

Momentous. That describes the election of Donald Trump. Depending upon your point of view, this is either surprisingly good or shockingly bad. Without doubt a defining moment, perhaps even a world changing event. It is hard to see how this will be good for people such as women, the ill, the poor, people facing homelessness and those living with a mental illness. Prophets will be required to stand up, not with an abrasive or aggressive voice but a considered and engaging voice. Pray for prophets.

Meals Plus has received a makeover under the leadership of Paul with Phil, and our maintenance officer, Mick. Old furniture has been removed, the place repainted, areas opened up, and junk in the hall removed. Thank you for the great effort included early starts and weekends.

This week the WSLARS (the leisure club) team proudly showed me their garden on the balcony of Epworth House. They have an assortment of vegetables growing well. The clients are taking pride in caring for the garden.

The week we welcomed Catlin Scott, our new chaplain at the Children's hospital at Westmead, and member of the pastoral Team. Catlin will also engage with our congregations and staff and residents at Wesley Apartments. Welcome Catlin.

On Wednesday the first Leigh Memorial "Let's Talk about" lectures was held. The gathering heard about dementia. Dementia does not define a person; it is a person living with dementia, who has a story and a history. Alzheimer's is a form of dementia. About 350,000 Australians live with dementia. Only 2% inherit dementia. We are susceptible at any age, but more so as we grow older. Things to keep healthy include: diet, vigorous exercise several times per week that gets blood circulating to the brain, control weight, treat high blood pressure, have nutritional meals, keep social connections including volunteering, learn a new language or musical instrument, and clean teeth with the hand you don't write with. (Pictures page 14)



Last Thursday the Meals Plus community gathered in the Court Yard to hold a memorial service for Geraldine Fraser and Kirsten Ford. Both were part of our community and died within 2 days of one another in early October. The Meals Plus community, including reception, was family, and both will be sadly missed.

On Friday, the President of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia. Stuart McMillian visited Meals Plus and recorded his Christmas message. Look out for it on the Assembly web site in mid-December.

This week the group working to call a university chaplain commenced. In church speak this is a Joint Nominating Committee, (JNC). We are seeking a full time university chaplain to be based at both Parramatta and Westmead to engage with the two new WSU campuses, as well as connect with our three congregations, and with a new activated coffee shop in Parramatta, and space at AJ's at Westmead. The role will include exploring new forms of worship in those PM spaces. We hope to have a person commence early in 2017.

Our AGM will be held on Saturday 26 November, 5-8 pm. AGM's have a reputation for being tedious. Not so ours. We include dinner, and the opportunity for people to talk and hear about our work. This year Karen Burns will speak about gambling, and PM programs. We'll gather future issues for our social justice and ethics committee to address. The draft annual review will be released. Dinner is provided. People are invited to bring a desert. A donation for the dinner will be received and go towards our gambling services.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Dear Friends,

Give Hope service and Synod-wide symbolic action

The President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Stuart McMillan, has added his voice to the growing number of advocates calling for a national summit on alternatives to Australia's policies on people seeking asylum.

Our Synod, through the *Give Hope: Uniting for Asylum Seekers* campaign, invites you to support that call by gathering for a special service and engaging in a shared symbolic action.

The summit call is supported by other faith leaders, community groups and more than 2000 academics. With concerns growing from the appalling stories of conditions in detention and our deepening awareness of a world in need, now is the time for a national rethink on better ways of responding to refugees and people seeking asylum.

There will be a special Give Hope service to express our lament at our current treatment of people seeking asylum and our resolve and hope to find a better way. The service will be held at Pitt Street Uniting Church at 3pm on Sunday November 27. Quite fittingly, this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, when we reflect on the good news of hope that Jesus brings.

We encourage as many Uniting Church members as can make it, to be part of this gathering. However, we are aware that for a lot of people, especially those outside of Sydney, this will not be possible. But your participation is vital and it can happen through your normal gathering for worship on that day, or as near as possible to that day.

The Give Hope team have provided guidelines (attached) on how congregations and their communities can engage in a simple symbolic action and advocacy and so to take part in the call for a better way. Our hope is that across NSW and the ACT many thousands within Uniting Church congregations and their communities will take this action.

This initiative compliments the call by the Synod and Uniting to designate November 27th Hope Sunday, as a way of highlighting the importance of advocacy and the vocation of the whole church to be bearers of hope.

In its Statement to the Nation in 1977 the newly formed Uniting Church included this declaration:

We pledge ourselves to hope and work for a nation whose goals are not guided by self-interest alone, but by concern for the welfare of all persons everywhere - the family of the One God - the God made known in Jesus of Nazareth, the One who gave His life for others.

In the spirit of that declaration and that example of self-giving, we invite you to join in these events.

Grace and peace,



Rev Myung Hwa Park
Moderator
Synod of NSW and the ACT



Rev Rick Morrell
Chairperson
Social Justice Forum



Many are despairing at our nation's policies on refugees and people seeking asylum.

We can do better - a Service of Lament and Hope

The Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of NSW & ACT, Rev Myung Hwa Park, invites Church members and friends to attend a special service at Pitt Street Uniting Church. The service will express both lament at our nation's treatment of people seeking asylum, and hope that together we can change course and find a better way.

When: Sunday, November 27

Where: Pitt Street Uniting Church, 264 Pitt Street Sydney

Time: Service at 3pm, followed by afternoon tea

This service will offer:

- a space for lament, prayer and reflection
- a gathering with others struggling with the current situation
- an opportunity to stand together and support the call for a better way

Rev Elenie Poulos, Director of Uniting Justice Australia, will reflect on lament and hope in the context of the situation of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia. We'll also hear a firsthand account of what it's like to seek asylum and start a new life here.

This service has been organized by the Social Justice Forum and several Uniting Church congregations as an activity of the Give Hope: Uniting for Asylum Seekers campaign

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ONE HOTELS & APARTMENTS

UnitingHospitality has some exciting news.

After a lot of thought, consultation and work, Wesley Lodge is about to embark on a name change.

On 5 December this year, the name changes as part of our work to enhance the hospitality experience of our guests, and assist in the future marketing of our service.

Wesley lodge will become “175.” This is part of our UnitingHospitality brand “one Hotels and Apartments. We will be working to replicate our accommodation hospitality across Sydney, and the name change will assist us in this work.

The Wesley name will not be lost. Our new children’s play area, to be opened early in 2017, will be called Wesley Playground.

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**Christmas
MARKET DAY**

**Saturday 3rd December
9am to 2pm**

**BEECROFT UNITING CHURCH
82 Beecroft Road, Beecroft**



On Wednesday the first Leigh Memorial "Let's Talk about" lectures was held. The gathering heard about dementia.



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: Bidwell UC Pray for John Dacey's leadership to continue to transform the community of Mt Druitt.*
- ♥ *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: Mario, Col, Manas & Nita, Betty, Willamena, Nell and family following Ken's death*
- ♥ *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 Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal*



Pastoral message for this week....
In times of uncertainty what you think
and do matters.

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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Westmead Congregation Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly 0409 925 607


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