



Parramatta
Mission



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OUR NEWS for 27th 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*

WELCOME BACK REV. MANAS!

It's wonderful to see Rev. Manas back with us this week and looking so well. Continued thoughts & prayers from all of us. NB: Rev. Veitinia will assist Rev. Manas in a 'supply' capacity at Leigh Memorial during December and January. All pastoral care matters should be directed to Rev. Veitinia via 9891-2277 or wagabacav@hotmail.com, or the pastoral team. General congregation enquiries, including those relating to rosters, congregation and Mission events, giving or property repairs etc should be conveyed via group leaders or the Leaders' team: Bruce, Liz, Samantha, Robyn, Fiona, Malcolm, Moses & Norma.

WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS: 9.30am @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Today - 27 November: Rev. Manas with Rev. Veitinia ('Giving Tree' starts).

Next Sunday - 4 December: Rev. Manas with Rev. Veitinia (inc. Baptism + Communion/ Sunday School @ Leigh children, parents & teachers visiting the Westmead congregation).

IN MEMORIAM



This week, we remember Mrs. Margaret Duguid and Mr. Meli Nakauta, both loved & valued members of the Leigh Memorial congregation in days gone by, who recently passed away. Both funeral services took place on Friday 25 November. Margaret is fondly remembered for her depth of care and generosity. She always baked cakes for the church fetes and created the beautiful 'Last Supper' tapestry in the church, which was her family's tribute to Gloster Udy. Meli had great loyalty and affection for Leigh Memorial and the Mission during over 30 years of membership and was a tenor with our choir. Loving prayers are with Margaret's and Meli's families and friends.



THE LEIGH MEMORIAL 'GIVING TREE' IS HERE!

Today and next Sunday, we'll be collecting Christmas gifts for Parramatta Mission clients via our traditional 'Giving Tree' in the church. Gifts should be unwrapped and new. Suggestions: caps, sunglasses, towels, back-packs, toiletries - or colouring books/ pencils, puzzles & games for kids. Thanks for everyone's generous support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH - THANK YOU!

"Many thanks" to everyone, including our wonderful kids, who contributed to last Sunday's stall. We raised \$165.00!! All proceeds have been directed to the PM Christmas Appeal. Thanks also to Rev. Clive Pearson, who has been conducting a fun & challenging bible study series with our Senior Class over recent weeks.

COMMUNITY PEACE DINNER - NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

This year's Peace Dinner @ Leigh Memorial will take place in the Coffee Shop on **Saturday, 3 December**. Starting at 6.30pm, a great program awaits - including keynote speaker, Grand Mufti of Australia: Dr. Mohammed and a delicious vegetarian meal. Places are still available. Enquiries: Manas/ Leaders' team.

Today we begin Advent and we are delighted to have Karen preach and Lena, our student minister, introduce herself and lead the prayers. Thanks to both of them for using their gifts in our worship. Next Sunday, 4th December, we have the children from the Leigh Memorial Sunday School will be with us and we get to meet Caitlin Scott, the new Chaplain at the Children's Hospital. It will be an exciting and fun day.

Thursday 24th saw a beautiful blue sky as we had our blanket, book and plant sale. Thank you so much to those who came and helped with setup, selling and the pack up. It was a simple day but raised some important money for us to help as engage with our wider community. (photos page 10)

The Parramatta Mission AGM was on Saturday 26th November from 5.30 to 8.00pm at Westmead. There were 7 people from Westmead who attended and we got to hear more about the Mission and especially some of the issues to do with gambling.

Angel Tree presents for children with a parent in gaol are about to be purchased. We will have them wrapped and under the Christmas tree for a couple of weeks before they are given out, with a hamper, to the children and their family. Thanks for all who do this important work on behalf of the congregation.

We are starting to collect money and food for the Parramatta Mission Christmas Hampers. Please check the newsletter for the kind of goods to bring. They can be left in Rev Christine's office and she will take them to North Parramatta where they are being packed. The money will be used to fill in the gaps of the hampers. If you would like to assist in packing hampers then please contact Rena Shlemun 9891 2277.

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.

DEEPENING FAITH:

Bible study Mondays at 2.00pm (*Last day for this year 12th Dec*)

ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER:

Fellowship- first Tuesday of each month

2.00pm (*Last day for this year 6th Dec*)

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 (*Last day for the year 14th Dec*)

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

(*Last day for the year 16th Dec*)

WESTMEAD
NEWS

첫 번째 대강절 주일 1st Advent 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 66장

통 20장

다 감사 드리세

새 151장

통 138장

만왕의 왕 내 주께서

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

마가복음 9:2-10

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사

변화산상에서의 감사

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 587장

통 306장

감사하는 성도여

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 건도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
- 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈편을 합니다.
- 대강절 첫번째 주일입니다 오늘은 추수감사주일로 지킵니다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새 502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
하박국 3:1-19

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
하박국 2:2~전도서 2:11

Fijian Congregation

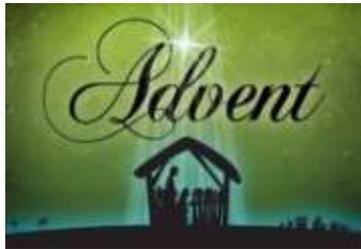
TABETABE E SO

Veisiko. Vinaka vakalevu na veisiko sa vakayacori tiko. Kerei me tomani tiko na nodra sikovi na wekada era tiko tikivi keda. Veisiko tarava ena Vakarauwai 3 ni Tiseba ni suka na bose.

Masumasu. Kerei me yadravi na noda masumasu kei na lolo. Sa roro voleka tiko na Siga ni Sucu, me da vakarautaki keda yani kina.

Karua ni macawa ni Advent 4/12

Lesoni : Advent 2 Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Rom 15:4-13 ;Mt 3:1-12



| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
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| Dec-3 | Bose ni Vale ni Lotu Veisiko ni suka na bose |
| Dec-4 | Vulavou - Vakayakavi ni Turaga Rev'd Viniana Ravetali. Tuvakarau na veiliutaki Matamasumasu #2 |
| Dec-10 | Interdenominational Womens Dinner. Contact Maca Toa |
| Dec-11 | Multicultural Worship with Youth Worship Team and Akisi Allison |
| Dec-18 | Veisau Vunau kei Rooty Hill. Vunau Lesi : Sosi Toa (4pm) |
| Dec-24 | Lotu ni vakavakarau ni Siga ni Sucu @ 7.30pm |
| Dec-25 | Christmas Service - Lotu cokovata |
| Dec-31 | End of Year Thanksgiving @ 7.30pm |
| Jan-8 | Yurora commences (8—12 Jan) |

Isaiah 2:1-5

1 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! (NRSV Translation)

Reflection

Isaiah holds before us the hope of a world of peace and harmony established by God. Of course, it does not just magically happen, but we can all contribute to edging this dream closer to reality.

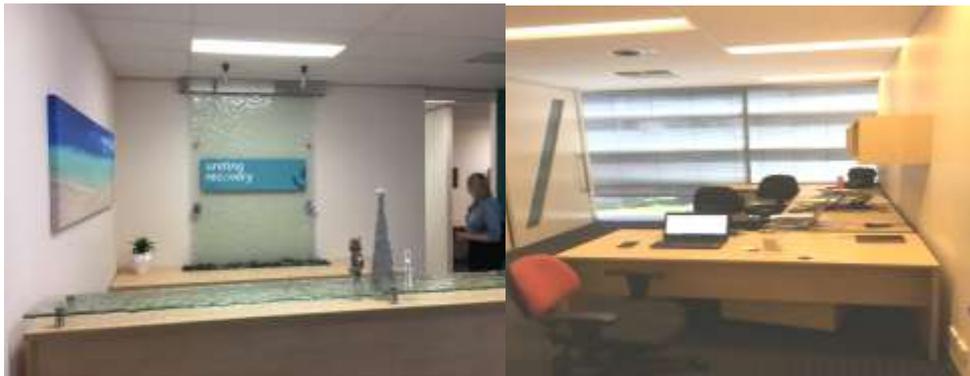
This past week the managers and team leaders gathered at our new office in Tuggerah. We were hosted by Phoebe, Robyn and Ryan. PM does not have a head office and outlying offices, rather we have a number sites across Sydney and the Central Coast. This year we have visited many of our sites. Each visit is important to communicate that each one is part of the whole, and for all of us to find out what is happening at each place.



Our Tuggerah office has only just opened. It builds on our Central Coast presence established at West Gosford some 5 or more years ago, and which is bursting at the seams. Community Living Support, (CLS) is similar to HASI, yet a new mental health model. Support is based upon the hours of need and is consumer focused in that the consumer engages voluntarily, and shapes the recovery journey. The program has 3 shifts per day,

including 2 evening shifts, and runs 7 days per week, 365 days per year. We have our first consumer, and the program will be fully up and running in the next three weeks.

CLS will have capacity for about 26 consumers, depending upon the type of recovery journey required that could be up to 5 hours per day. CLS works closely with justice and health, with many clients coming from correctional or medical facilities, home detention, and even people who are sleeping rough. Most of our staff will work in pairs as they engage with consumers. The primary diagnosis is mental health.



Our new site means we have a stronger footing and extend more across the Central Coast district. The office space is sufficiently large enough to enable consumers attend the site, and for group activities to take place. It is close to the M1 and 12 minute walk from Tuggerah Station.

An average day might involve the staff starting from the office, visit a consumer, assist them with their shopping, access their house, or provide support through court sittings. Providing assistance to people with medication compliance, reduces hospitalisation due to neglect of medication. Also consumers appreciate the visit from a community service rather than from someone from a health department.

We also heard about a community garden our staff, working with consumers, have established at Narra. It started a gardening group; consumer led that established the garden, tilled the soil and planted and tendered the crops. Already a crop has been harvested and used in salad lunched and meals. Plans are afoot to expand the gardens and increase the partnerships, including with department of health.

Many Central coast consumers have fewer family members close by, thus there can be social isolation, and fewer Central Coast consumers have private health insurance. There is also a lack of public transport, fewer female GPs, and psychiatrists.

Thank you for being part of our PM community building peace and harmony.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

WEEK 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
WE NEED TO READ THE SIGNS OF GOD'S WORK

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Keep awake! Be ready!

Theme: We are called to walk the path of peace.

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Come let us go to the mountain of God

Psalms 122

God to go to God's house - pray for peace

Romans 13:11-14

The day is near. Live honorably

Matthew 24:36-44

Be one through the day of the Lord. Keep awake! Be ready!

Song Suggestions

Come thou long expected Jesus,
Together in Song (272)

Maranatha, More Voices (19)

Put on love everyday,
All Together Okay (390)

Let there be peace on earth, As One
Voice (1-190)

Keep awake, New Century Hymnal (112)

Call to Worship

Come people of God to worship the one who calls us to walk the path of peace who wakens us from our slumber who comes to us saying 'Be ready'. Come let us worship God.

Prayers of Intercessions

Compassionate God, you call us to walk the path of peace.

We pray for people throughout the world who have been forced to flee their homes to seek peace and a new life.

We give thanks for the health program provided by OFERRI which provides support and gives hope to Sri Lankan refugees in India through training and health care.

We pray for all people whose wellbeing depends on the generosity of others. Give us open hearts and the willingness to share the blessings of your abundance.

Amen

Dedication of the Gifts

God whose house is our home we bring these offerings to you today with a deep longing for peace in the world and for the right for all peoples to return to their homes.

Bless all that we offer, all that we do, all that we say and help us to be ready to proclaim your coming in the way of peace.

Amen

Sermon starters



The day when nations will not "learn war any more" (Psalm 2:4) is a longed-for day. The day of the Lord may come when we least expect it (Matt.24:44). In Advent we celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace. War not only causes death and destruction but diverts resources from the great need across the world for feeding, healing and teaching. We are called to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (Psalm 122) and also peace wherever there is strife, violence against minorities (as in Sri Lanka), bombings (as in the Middle East) and discrimination (even in democracies). Christians announce the coming of the light and reject the "works of darkness" (Romans 13:12).

Sending Out

We are the people of God called to walk the path of peace to turn swords into ploughshares to be awake, to be ready. As you go from this holy place may you know the blessings of God who calls us home, Christ Jesus who shows us the way and the Holy Spirit whose passionate breath sustains us.



India - Healthcare

*"It makes me happy in my heart"
- supporting Sri Lankan refugees in India*

Since 1984, Act for Peace and OfERR, a Sri Lankan Tamil refugee run organisation, have partnered to empower and provide support to refugees living in 100 camps in Tamil Nadu, India.

Pracheeta is a Sri Lankan Tamil refugee who has been living in a camp for several years. She is a widowed mother of five children, three of whom have speech and hearing difficulties. "I go to work, get a little income, and I look after my kids with that," says Pracheeta. "It hurt me to see my daughter, the way she couldn't speak, couldn't hear.

She couldn't play with the other children. It made me sad and tearful."

Act for Peace's partner, OfERR, has been able to train many refugees so they become healthcare workers who are able to look after people with disabilities like Pracheeta's children.

"The doctors here helped us. We were given hearing aids for the children. They are speaking well, and they can go to school with the other kids. I have confidence that they will have a good future, whether it be studies or sports skills. It makes me happy in my heart."

Healthcare workers, counsellors and other members of the community trained by OfERR also conduct medical screening sessions, provide advice on first aid, disease prevention and good nutrition, and give first aid medicines. This has motivated people to adopt better behaviours regarding their health. Many people in the camps experience psychological trauma as a result of being displaced for so long. Counselling, group activities and other support services help them rebuild their lives and stay happy and well despite their challenging circumstances.

"If this kind of work could continue, people like me would be so happy," says Pracheeta.



Pracheeta feels much happier now that proper care has been given to her children so they have a chance of a better future.

INDIA



The difference your gifts to the Christmas Bowl are making:

You are helping to provide a holistic approach to health and hygiene for the people living in the camps. This includes nutrition supplements, counselling, support for pregnant women, new mothers and newborns, as well as aid and care for those living with disabilities. With your generous Christmas Bowl gifts, Act for Peace, along with OfERR, can help support mothers like Pracheeta to get the medical attention and care they need.

Key Facts

In 2015, almost 70,000 refugees received help thanks to Act for Peace support.

\$170 can provide Sri Lankan refugee mothers with the care and support they need for themselves and their family.

\$170

5 Fundraising tip No. 2

Organise a Christmas Bowl market stall! It's a great opportunity to share your creative talents by selling craftwork and giving a second life to books and other items you don't use anymore. This is a simple way to raise more money for the Christmas Bowl while having fun with your community.

Pastoral message for this week....

Even in the everyday God is with us

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

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-7, 18-19

Rom 15:4-13 Mt 3:1-12

West Epping Uniting Church (cnr Carlingford Rd & Orchard St Epping)

Is offering a special Christmas Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance on Thursday 15 December at 7.45pm.

This is a reflective service for those who feel a sense of grief or loss this season.

Blanket, Book and Plant sale Westmead Congregation



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: Blacktown Uniting Church. Pray for this strategic congregation and for their minister Liva. Give thanks for Blacktown's carious congregations characterised by different ethnicities and pray that they would share deep Christian fellowship. Pray for unity in their cross-cultural mission, and openness to new possibilities.*
- ♥ *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, Betty, Willamena, Nell, Family & Friends mourning the death of Margaret & Meli who died last week.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Rebecca and her family, Kevin, Robyne, Flora, May, 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, Jane and Brad and baby Coco, Vicky, Col, Mere and her family, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and 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 Liberia, Sierra Leone*



Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

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| 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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