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OUR NEWS for 4th December 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 MEMORIAL ADVENT PROGRAM

Today - 4 December: Rev. Manas with Rev. Veitinia (inc. Baptism: Baby Robert Kingston + Communion)

Next week - 11 December: Rev. Manas with Rev. Veitinia (inc. Sunday School Prize Giving and Appreciation Presentation: Greta Blow)

18 December - Carol Service, 9.30am and 'Blue Christmas' tarry time, 6.00pm.

25 December - Christmas morning combined service, 8.00am. Preacher: Keith Hamilton.

COMMUNITY PEACE DINNER - THANK YOU

Last night's Peace Dinner @ Leigh Memorial was a very positive and encouraging event, in which keynote speaker, Dr. Mohammed, the Grand Mufti of Australia, provided a truly inspiring, inter-faith message of peace and unity. "Many thanks" to Rev. Manas and Nita, Donna, Coral, Keith, all the PM staff and volunteers, the Leigh Memorial leaders' team & friends, Shaalane and family, plus all those who contributed to this wonderful event!

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCURSION TO WESTMEAD - TODAY

Today, our Sunday School children, teachers and parents will be at Westmead, sharing in the service and staying for morning tea with the congregation. This pre-Christmas visit is a tradition for us and we always look forward to it! Thanks to Rev. Christine and all at Westmead for your warm welcome and generous hospitality.

LEIGH MEMORIAL 'GIVING TREE' - THANK YOU

Today is the final morning of our congregation's annual 'Giving Tree'. Thank you to everyone for your kind contributions, including many wonderfully practical and helpful gifts. NB: The distribution of gifts to those in need throughout the Mission's services is being managed by the Parramatta Mission Christmas Appeal team. Please continue to support the **PM Christmas Appeal** and pray for its hard-working staff and volunteers.

LEAP (Leave Everything & Pray)

There will be no meeting of the LEAP group this Wednesday 7 December due to the Future Directions Group Christmas meeting. LEAP will resume in early 2017 - date to be advised

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE-GIVING & PARTY - NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, 11 December, our Sunday School prize-giving will take place during the morning service at Leigh. The children will receive their certificates and gifts, then enjoy a Christmas party in the Hall. Parents, grandparents & friends are very welcome to join us. Parents please note: contributions of food for the children's morning tea will be much appreciated. NB: Sunday School will break during the school holidays and resume on 5 Feb, 2017.

Church Notices:

1. The **Worship Committee** (Leigh Memorial) will meet after 'Take Ten' this morning.
2. The **Future Directions Group** will meet on **Wednesday, 7 December, 7:30-9:00 pm** at Ian and Margie Gray's home, 1 Airlie Place, Oatlands. We will celebrate what we have done over the past year and look towards what we will need to do this coming year. All are welcome.
3. **Living Adventurously with Matthew.** Come and explore the Christmas story which Matthew tells. What's going on behind the scenes? Imagine you only had this one gospel; imagine that you have never seen children act out a Christmas drama; imagine you had no idea what a Christmas carol was. Clive Pearson will lead this one-off study **on Saturday 17 December, in the choir vestry at Leigh Memorial, 9:30 am to 11am.**



COUPLES & FRIENDS DECEMBER MEETING



On Monday 5th December Couples & Friends will be holding their Christmas meeting. As our motto is "Friends, Food and Fellowship" we will celebrate all 3 with lots of friends and lots of fellowship and lots of food. All are invited to join us at 6.30 for 7.00p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Please bring a plate of food to share for the main course and a bottle of drink. Our usual Christmas Pudding and delicious custard for dessert will be provided. R.S.V.P not required – just turn up and have a delightful evening with us.



SPOW

Single People Of Worth
This is our Christmas Lunch

4th December

after church at Merrylands Bowling Club.

Planning to have lunch by yourself ?

Come along and enjoy a great meal and time of fellowship.

Need a lift – check with Beverly

As Parriss has moved to Wyong, this will be the last time after 14 years, that he will drive the Church bus for the folk from Westmead, as well as others needing a lift, to our lunch.

Thank You, Parriss

Today, 4th December, we have the children from the Leigh Memorial Sunday School with us and we are so excited. A special welcome for you all! We also want to welcome Caitlin Scott, the new Chaplain at the Children's Hospital. It will be an exciting and fun day.

Elections for the Congregation will occur next Sunday, 11th Dec. There are positions for Elders and congregational representatives so if you think someone has the gifts and skills to be in one of these positions then please complete a nomination form available in the foyer. You will also see a list of the current elders and congregational reps on the wall near the name badge table.

Angel Tree presents for children with a parent in gaol are purchased and wrapped and under the tree. Special thanks to Sue and Lorna who went shopping and wrapped the presents. We will give them out soon with a hamper, to the children and their family. Thanks to Karen for co-ordinating this again and 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. There is only one calendar left and it has been reduced to \$20.

End of year functions:

Wednesday sees the PM Mangers lunch in the chapel. The Managers meet in different places during the year so we welcome them to Westmead. Our Congregational Christmas lunch will follow worship on Sunday 18th December. There will be a list for those attending (for catering purposes only) but please feel free to come. Monday 19th Dec, 11.30 am a service of lessons and carols, 5.30pm a remembrance service for those who feel the loss of someone they love. Christmas Day 9.00am.

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

(*last day for the year Thursday 8th Dec*)

Open Door- Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

(*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*)

Thank you for the donation of \$205.00 from the Congregations who attended the AGM last Saturday evening

This donation is being pledged in support of Lifeline Gambling

thank
you!

Isaiah 11:1-10

1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. NRSV Translation

Reflection

In this season of Advent, a season that most people use to prepare for Christmas, Christians give this an added dimension as a season of preparation for the celebration of the coming or advent of Jesus the first time, the future coming of Jesus at the end of time, and the coming of Jesus through his Spirit in the lives of people today. The Bible readings, like the one from Isaiah provide a vision of a world transformed, in which the lamb and the wolf lie down together rather than one devouring the other.

Thursday I spoke at Granville High about white ribbon day. One speaker spoke of a vision of a time when there is no domestic violence in Australia. On one level that may seem a far-fetched vision, yet we need such visions to motivate us to work towards that goal. Who among us would reject the notion of a domestic violence free Australia, or a homelessness free Australia, or a suicide free Australia? Maybe this won't happen until the end of the world, but that should not stop us from working today to move towards these visions.

It is the season of AGM's. PM's was held last Saturday. Most community AGM's these days include a guest speaker, the three I have attended this past week were no exception. Karen Burns, our CEO of UnitingRecovery, UnitingHope and UnitingHousing, spoke at ours. Karen spoke about gambling, the issue, the impact, and some solutions that PM is engaged in. At the end of the AGM those present donated \$205 to our PM gambling services.

Karen asked the question: Have you ever tried to change a habit (diet, exercise, lose weight, or give up chocolate) give up something or take something up? Easy or hard? Lapses? Of course, we all know how hard it is to give up a habit; to make change in our lives, and this awareness might give us appreciation of the degree of magnitude of a person giving up gambling. In 2012, seventy percent of Australians gambled, 91% of all gamblers use the pokies, ¾ of all gambling or about \$12 billion put through pokies, 500,000 Australians at risk of or problem gamblers, a social cost of problem gambling of 4.7 billion, and on average \$21,000 per person gambled. A gambler could lose \$1,500 per hour on pokies. Sometimes people are taken to hospital with dehydration because they won't stop gambling to have a drink at the casino, or urinary tract infections from not going to the toilet. Peak age group is 18-24. People who gamble are 6 times more likely to be divorced, 4 times more likely to smoke, and children of problem gamblers are 10 times more likely to become a problem gambler.

PM provides gambling counselling in various locations across Sydney, working with Wesley Legal services, because problem gambling usually leads to financial and legal issues. PM screen people for likelihood of problem gambling. We measure a person's level of gambling. We obtain a history of gambling, issues, also deal with consequences e.g. homelessness. We check for underlying issues: depression, mental illness or childhood trauma. We use cognitive therapy, where necessary, medication. Anti-depressants might help someone to engage therapy. We see the family as well. Gambling is often an issue of loneliness, and on that Karen used the term: Suicide is death by loneliness. In attending to the person, may need to attend to relations, assist people have live relationships rather than an electronic life. The antisocial person might gamble on line, compared with a social person who will go to a club. Women start gambling later in life, usually after divorce and bereavement, and pick it up very fast, compared with men who start earlier, and slowly develop the habit over years. It may take someone several times, with relapses before giving up. Problem gambling ads in the media increased the number of people accessing assistance, but these ads have now stopped and the numbers seeking assistance have declined. So something we can all do is raise awareness, and if we had the resources, run ads in popular media.

At the Western Sydney Community Forum AGM, Jen Armstrong, NSW woman of the year, spoke of being a victim of domestic violence. A turning point was a pamper pack given by an anonymous person that showed her someone cared. She started Beauty Clinic, which collects and distributes pamper packs to women.

Individuals can make a difference, a community working together can make a tremendous difference in realising a society in which everyone can thrive.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Fijian Congregation

TABETABE E SO

Vulavou. Eda kidavaka na marama nai Talatala Viniana Ravetali ena nona veiqaravi vei keda ena vulavou oqo. Ni sa bula vinaka.

Future Directions. E da sa raica tiko na veiveisau ena koro o Paramatta. Na cava eda vakanamatataka ki na yabaki 2017. Ena yabaki 40 na Lotu Cokovata ena yabaki mai oqo. Sa gauna me da ilovi keda tale mada. Eda vakila tiko li ni da yago I Karisito? Eda semata vakacava na Lotu vei ira na tawa Lotu. Eda cina caucaudre, se masima, se da suwai ni veiqaravi. Eda okati ira na veimata-tamata tale eso ena noda Lotu. Oqo e so na ulutaga me da dau veitalanoa taka yani.

Veisiko. Totoka na veitokoni vei ira na wekada era tiko maliwai keda. Vinaka vakalevu na veisiko. Me ra sikovi na wekada era tiko tikivi keda.

Masumasu. Kerei me yadravi na noda masumasu kei na lolo. Na macawa mai oqo sai ka tolu ni macawa ni Advent, na noda tiko nanamaki ni tadu mai ni noda I Vakabula. Me da kusa ka vakarautaki keda yani kina.

Lesoni ni katolu ni macawa ni Advent 11/12 Advent 3 Isaiah 35:1-10 ; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55 ; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Dec-10	Interdenominational Womens Dinner. Ke ko gadreva mo vodo ena basi ni Lotu, veitaratara vei Vakatawa.
Dec-11	Multicultural Worship with Youth Worship Team & 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. Veiqaravi o Vakatawa
Dec-25	Christmas Service - Lotu cokovata kei Leigh
Dec-31	End of Year Thanksgiving @ 7.30pm. Veiqaravi o Siaki Foiakau
Jan-8	Yurora commences (8—12 Jan)

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

14-49

두 번째 대강절 주일 2nd 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 105장

통 105장

오래동안 기다리던

새 151장

통 138장

만왕의 왕 내 주께서

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

마가복음 10:46-52

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사

네게 무엇을 하여주기를 원하느냐?

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 543장

통 342장

어려운 일 당할 때

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 훈편을 합니다.
- 대강절 두 번째 주일입니다 아기예수님을 감사히 맞을 준비 합니다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새 502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
전도서 3:16-22

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
전도서 2:18-5:7



Pastoral message for this week....

**“Let there be peace on earth
& let it begin with me”**

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 35:1-10 Ps 146:5-10 or Lk 1:46b-55

Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

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.

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: Blaxland-Warrimoo UC.*
- ♥ *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: 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.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Mario, Liz, Col, Betty, Willamena, Nell.*
- ♥ *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, Lorraine, Jan, David and Tracey, and Judy.*
- ♥ *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

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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