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*OUR NEWS for 11th 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*

## WORSHIP ARRANGEMENTS: 9.30am @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

**Today:** Rev. Manas with Rev. Veitinia (inc. Sunday School Prize Giving + Appreciation Presentation: Greta Blow)

**Next Sunday:** Rev. Manas with Rev. Veitinis (Carol Service - 9.30am, and 'Blue Christmas' tarry time - 6.00pm)

**25 December:** Combined Christmas Day service, 8.00am: Leigh Memorial and Leigh Fijian. Preacher: Keith Hamilton.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016 PRIZE-GIVING



Our Sunday School prize-giving will take place during the morning service today and the children will then enjoy a Christmas party in the Hall. "Well done" to our students: Junior class: Shiana, Seini, Erika, Leona & Opal and Senior class: Vili, Ulita, Johana, Osheen, Lisa, Savaira, Thomas & Shaalane. We also say a big "thank you" to our dedicated teaching team: Samantha,

Anne, Alan & Ken, with special thanks to Aunty Jo, plus helpers Nadine, Priya, Mario & Callum. Thanks also to our Ministers and congregation members for your warm support throughout 2016. Sunday School will take a break over the school holidays and resume on 5 February, 2017. S/School enquiries (Dec-Jan): Samantha or Anne via 9891-2277.

## APPRECIATION PRESENTATION - GRETA BLOW

After having been part of our congregation for nearly 30 years, we are this Sunday acknowledging the many contributions of our friend, Greta Blow. Greta will be attending her retirement village church from January 2017, so this is our opportunity to say a heartfelt "thank you" to Greta for her dedication in many roles - from congregation and prayer chain leader to music team member and baptisms, candles and communion co-ordinator - to representing us at various ecumenical and inter-faith activities. Greta's wonderful energy, faith and optimistic spirit have been an inspiration to all. Blessings Greta from all of us!



### Church Notices:

1. **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.**
2. The December 2016 edition of **e-Tree** is now available on line.

### Pastoral message for this week....

**Make room for Jesus this Christmas  
Prepare the way for Peace**



### 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.

### 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.***

Elections for the Congregation will occur today. There are positions for Elders and congregational representatives. You will also see a list of the current elders and congregational reps on the wall near the name badge table. As a congregation we have grown and there are a number of small tasks which can be done by people so we hope to share some of these tasks out to more people. For our congregation to be welcoming and do what we currently do and add new things we need to share the tasks across more people.

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. Rev Christine managed to use some of the money donated to buy some food to help 'fill in the gaps' for a number of hampers. We can use more money and food which 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 2 weeks. There is only one calendar left and it has been reduced to \$20.

**End of year functions:**

Our Congregational Christmas lunch will follow worship on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a list for those attending (for catering purposes only) but please feel free to come. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Service is at 9.00am (No morning tea to enable people to get home or to families).

**DEEPENING FAITH:** Bible study Mondays at 2.00pm  
*(Last day for this year 12<sup>th</sup> Dec)*

**ENCOURAGING EACH OTHER:**

Fellowship- first Tuesday of each month – recommencing Feb 2017

**LIVING OUT OUR FAITH:** Time Out Café (TOC)

Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.00-1.30pm *(recommencing Feb 2017)*

Open Door- Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm - *(Last day for the year 14<sup>th</sup> Dec)*

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am cost \$10 each week. *(Last day for the year 16<sup>th</sup> Dec)*

Belinda from Wesley Apartments suggested a new family come to TOC. Their new baby was born and faced surgery within a couple of days of birth. The grandparents and father came and we were able to offer hospitality. *'Well they proceeded to explain how they visited TOC last Thursday and how they were looked after with sandwiches etc etc, but the main thing was they found the lovely ladies there so kind and caring. They couldn't praise TOC and the people there enough, they said what a wonderful service you provide.'*

## Foster your faith this week

Is 7:10-16 Ps 80:1-7, 17-19

Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-25



**You are warmly invited to headspace Castle Hill's official launch!**

Join us as we celebrate the official opening of headspace Castle Hill and acknowledge the hard work put into our centre's establishment.

**When**  
11am - 1pm  
Monday 12th December 2016

**Where**  
headspace Castle Hill, 253 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill, 2154

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## Isaiah 62:4

62:4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married.

### Reflection

Last Saturday the women of the Order of the Eastern Star, Mount Beulah chapter held an afternoon tea at which they handed out cheques, proceeds of the sale of their hall. One for \$400,000 was given to Parramatta Mission for the Woman's Wellbeing Foundation towards the Raising Hope for Women facing homelessness campaign. The Mount Beulah Hall, built and opened in 1922, was the first hall built in the Southern Hemisphere for the Order of the Eastern Star – part of the Masons.

A little about Mount Beulah. Beulah is the Hebrew word used in Isaiah 62:4, translated as married. The context is of the people returning from exile to Jerusalem, returned from desolation to a sacred place, yet the sacred space been destroyed. The scripture is an encouragement to the people. In this promise they will experience the closeness with one another and with God, as the closeness of a couple who are married. In other words, Beulah is a sacred place where God is present, and renewal happens, and lives are restored.

There is a shortage of accommodation for women facing homelessness in Western Sydney. We are doing something about it. We are working to raise funds to obtain and fit out building, and staff a service to raise hope for women facing homelessness. We have established a Women's Well-being Foundation into which the donation from Mount Beulah will be placed. The capital is preserved, and we will use a percentage of the interest in the project. The money from Mount Beulah will go through the women's wellbeing foundation to assist in the sacred work of assisting women rebuild their life after desolation. The donation will enable us to move this project forward to achieve the goal of raising hope for women facing homelessness.

We will proudly mount a plaque given by Mount Beulah in our building which will accommodate women. It will be a sacred place of restoration.

Parramatta Mission thanks the women of Mount Beulah for their vision, and wonderful generosity.



Some may have heard of the article in the Telegraph of the other week suggesting the Uniting Church had gotten rid of Jesus. This post-truth flourish is colourful and incorrect. I have included an excerpt from the Basis of Union, the founding document of the Uniting Church.

The Uniting Church acknowledges that the faith and unity of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church are built upon the one Lord Jesus Christ. The Church preaches Christ the risen crucified One and confesses him as Lord to the glory of God the Father. In Jesus Christ "God was reconciling the world to himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19 RSV). In love for the world, God gave the Son to take away the world's sin.

Jesus of Nazareth announced the sovereign grace of God whereby the poor in spirit could receive God's love. Jesus himself, in his life and death, made the response of humility, obedience and trust which God had long sought in vain. In raising him to live and reign, God confirmed and completed the witness which Jesus bore to God on earth, reasserted claim over the whole of creation, pardoned sinners, and made in Jesus a representative beginning of a new order of righteousness and love. To God in Christ all people are called to respond in faith. To this end God has sent forth the Spirit that people may trust God as their Father, and acknowledge Jesus as Lord. The whole work of salvation is effected by the sovereign grace of God alone.

The Church as the fellowship of the Holy Spirit confesses Jesus as Lord over its own life; it also confesses that Jesus is Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation, of a new humanity. God in Christ has given to all people in the Church the Holy Spirit as a pledge and foretaste of that coming reconciliation and renewal which is the end in view for the whole creation. The Church's call is to serve that end: to be a fellowship of reconciliation, a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole, an instrument through which Christ may work and bear witness to himself. The Church lives between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which Christ will bring; the Church is a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; here the Church does not have a continuing city but seeks one to come. On the way Christ feeds the Church with Word and Sacraments, and it has the gift of the Spirit in order that it may not lose the way.

The President of the UCA also made a statement about this matter at: <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2535-statement-re-daily-telegraph-coverage>, and the Moderator of the NSW.ACT Synod responded at <http://sa.uca.org.au/uniting-church-media-releases/daily-telegraph-article-response-from-the-nsw-moderator>

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

# 시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

14-50

세 번째 대강절 주일 3rd 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 104장

통 104장

곧 오소서 임마누엘

새 151장

통 138장

만왕의 왕 내 주께서

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

사도행전 23:1-11

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구담임목사

무엇으로 하나님을 믿나?

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 120장

통 120장

오 베들레헴 작은 골

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.
- 대강절 세 번째 주일입니다 아기예수님을 감사히 맞을 준비를 합시다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새 502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
전도서 7:15-29

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시  
전도서 6:1-9:10

# Fijian Congregation



## NAI TABE E SO

Na lesoni ena Kosipeli nei Maciu e taro tiko kina na qase o Joni *'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'*

Ena noda tiko nanamaki ena Siga ni Sucu, sa levu na rorogo eda rogoca, ka na rawa ni vakatovolea na noda vakabauta. Bolei keda na Kosipeli ena taro, e da vakakila ni sa tiko vata kei keda o koya ka nanamaki tiko kina o Joni? Ke sa tiko, ia ena tubu li na noda vakabauta, na veisaututaki, ena veisau li na noda i tovo, noda vosavosa, noda veimaliwai. E da na dau loloma li, ka lomani ira era dravudravua, tauvimate, o ira na beci se o ira na kawa tamata tale eso?

Se, eda tiko ena karua ni cegu taro, eda se waraka tikoga me dua tale e lako mai? Are we to wait for another?

### **Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo, ka va ni macawa ni Advent 4 : 18/12**

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 ; Roman 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
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)



# 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: Praying for: Cabramatta: We thank God for the Cabramatta congregation's outreach by way of English classes, bus trips etc, that are largely subscribed to by east Asian migrants.*
- ♥ *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 are travelling overseas: Mili, Ofa, Sereana Sanoko, Milika, Vocea and Vosalotaki families. Niko Balavu's health and his family. Wendy Morris as she continues voluntary work with the Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma and Uniting World.*
- ♥ *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, Mrs G and family, Lorraine, Jan, David and Tracey, and Judy, S and his 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 Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal*



# 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>

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