

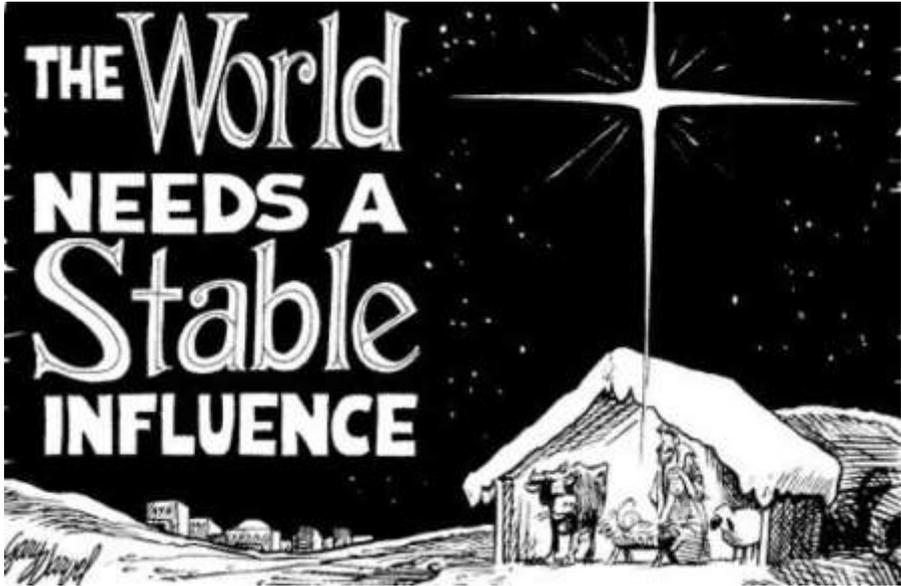


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OUR NEWS for 18th December 2016



*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 @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Today: Rev. Manas with Rev. Veitinia (Carol Service, 9.30am and Blue Christmas tarry-time, 6.00pm).

Next Sunday: Christmas Day - 8.00am - Combined Service: Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian congregations. Rev. Manas with Rev. Veitinia. Preacher: Keith Hamilton

January services: Rev. Veitinia (Rev. Manas will be on leave).

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

During the 9.30am service at Leigh Memorial today, we will be enjoying some carol singing with the guidance of the Music Praise Team. Let's sing up joyfully! "Thanks" to Mal, Robyn, Alan and all of the Music Praise Team singers and musicians for their wonderfully uplifting music throughout 2016.

'BLUE CHRISTMAS' @ LEIGH

Those wishing to attend Leigh Memorial at 6.00pm tonight can participate in communion and experience a time of supported or self-guided prayer and meditation. 'Blue Christmas' acknowledges that Christmas time for many involves grief, illness, anxiety, separation from family/friends, and uncertainty, with special support and understanding needed. Enquiries: Rev. Manas.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED: CHRISTMAS MORNING @ LEIGH MEMORIAL!

On Christmas morning, there will be a 8.00am 'Combined' service at Leigh Memorial, including a message and some Christmas songs. Bring family and friends along and let's enjoy a special celebration together!

HERITAGE COMMITTEE - 2016 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

During the 200 year history of Parramatta Mission, many special celebrations and services have been held to celebrate Christmas. Advent and Christmas at Leigh Memorial once commonly included Christmas Choir 'Cantatas', including selections from 'The Messiah'. In our present time, at both Leigh Memorial and Westmead, Christmas will be made even more special via each site's connectivity with its local community. Through this involvement, we can celebrate our past and relish our present, while looking ahead with hope and excitement to mutually embrace our future as part of dynamic, growing areas of Western Sydney. The Heritage Committee wishes to thank everyone for their support in 2016. Next year, we'll be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia: 1977 - 2017, with a number of special events and activities planned. Blessings & Happy Christmas to all!



Christmas Carol Service
Blue Christmas Service
Christmas Service

Sunday 18 December 9.30am
Sunday 18 December 6pm
Sunday 25 December 8 am

My sincere thanks to Manas and all the congregation of Leigh Memorial for the amazing “send off” on Sunday 11th December. Thank you for the gift of flowers and the framed photo of the congregation and for all your kind good wishes for the future both written and spoken. I will continue to uphold you all in prayer.



Greta Blow

Many thanks for all the love and comfort sent our way at the passing of Ken earlier this year.

We are grateful to our Leigh family for the support we have been given over the years of Ken’s illness.

Nell & Family



Foster your faith this week

Is 9:2-7 Ps 96 Tit 2:11-14 Lk2:1-14

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.

Pastoral message for this week....

The world needs a “stable” influence

WESTMEAD NEWS

Congratulations to the following people for the support via our elections last Sunday.

Congregational Chairperson- Karen. Congregational Secretary- Robyne

Congregational Representative to Leaders' Meeting- Naomi

Elders- Karen and Lorna.

We would also like to express our thanks for the wonderful work Robyne has undertaken as Elder for Westmead. She is taking a break for 2017 and we will see how the congregation is placed next year.

Thanks for Angel Tree Rev Christine received a phone call from one of the families who had received gifts this year from Angel Tree. Each family received gifts specific to the children from the gaol parent. This year they also received a Christmas Hamper and a bag with goodies from the charity 'women with dignity'. The phone call talked about how wonderful it was to not only be thought of but to receive these gifts. Of particular importance was how a little something can make a big difference in people's lives. Again thanks to Karen, Lorna, Jan and Faith for their work in this area.

Christmas Hampers

WOW! Rev Christine was able to take financial and food donations over to North Parramatta for packing into the hampers this Christmas.

This is what she found. 5 willing workers, 1 PM Staff. And lots and lots of hampers (see the photos).

There are still some hampers left which will be distributed this week. Thanks to all for the donations.

Christmas Gifts

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 today and next week only.



End of year functions:

Our Congregational Christmas lunch will follow worship today, Sunday 18th December. You are welcome to attend. Following the service today Morning tea will be served in AJs to enable the chapel space to be set up for the meal. Monday 19th Dec, 11.00 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).

Whilst worship continues the other activities of the church are in recess until early February. This allows our wonderful leaders and volunteers to have a much needed break. Thank you so much for all you do



Matthew 1:18-25

18 Now the birth of Jesus was like this. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; before they came together she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. 19 But her man, Joseph, being just and not wishing to expose her, decided to secretly release her. 20 And while he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream saying, "Joseph son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife; for that which is begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 For she will give birth to a son; and you shall call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now this has come about in order that he might fulfill the prophecy spoken by the Lord through the prophet saying 'Behold, the virgin will conceive and will have a son, and will name him Emmanuel'" (which translated means 'God with us'). 24 Then Joseph, being woken from his sleep, did as he was ordered by the angel of the Lord and he took his wife 25 but he did not know her until she bore a son; and he called his name Jesus. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)



Last week our PM Unitinghope and Unitingrecovery held a showcase, organised by Sonja. One of the programs showcased was the Headspace animal program. This is a pilot study involving animal assisted therapy. The animal assisted therapy brings together

both young people and animals who have experienced trauma and anxiety. Rather than focus on what is wrong, it involves young people in a specially written TAFE course, teaching young people how to help animals who have been abused. Parrots self-harm in the teenage years. When given something to do they stop self-harming. Anxious dogs can calm when a human reads to them. Dogs calm when having a hydrotherapy and massage. The 8 week program had 100 percentage attendance, and measurably changed outcomes for both animals and young people.



Bring Your Bills is an initiative of Meals Plus, organised by Paul. Twenty three clients brought their bills and were assisted by partners of PM. Amount owing in outstanding fines: \$92,585.00. 8 Centre Pays set up: 6 RMS sanctions lifted: 2 Garnishee orders on clients bank accounts: (both were closed).

1 Client on active WDO 8.Clients referred to Legal Aid for WDO assistance: Plans are to hold these on a regular basis.

Last week the Leigh Memorial congregation farewelled Greta. For many years Greta brought joy and delight to the staff, women and children at TBC through her voluntary work there.





Rena is our volunteer coordinator and Christmas coordinator. This year we anticipate distributing 1,500 hampers. A key message of the hampers is the receiver is reminded that they are not alone and they are valued at Christmas. The hampers are our gift to people.



Official opening headspace Castle Hill, with the help of the YAC (Youth Advisory Committee), resplendent in green shirts.



Already in the first few months of opening, 200 young people aged 12-25 have attended our Castle Hill Headspace.

I represented UnitingCare Australia at the launch of the aged care *Caring for Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants and Stolen Generations Information Package* held at the National Orphanage Museum at Bankstown. The Package was developed in collaboration with the *Improving Aged Care for Forgotten Australians, Former Child Migrants and Stolen Generations Reference Group* in response to the Senate Committee report, *Lost Innocents and Forgotten Australians Revisited*. It is designed to provide aged care providers with information on Care Leavers in order to improve their access to aged care services. An insight for me was that people who lived in orphanages where abuse happened are re-traumatized by the thought let alone the reality of moving into a nursing home in their older age, such that many take their life.



175 Christmas party included a bed making completion – using one arm that is not one’s writing arm, judged by Rebecca. Lots of fun



Check out our latest snippet on the website or facebook, to be uploaded this week.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Fijian Congregation

VAKAVAKARAU NI SIGA I SUCU

Maciu 1:18-25

E rawa vei Josefa me tamusuka lo nodrau veimusumusuki kei Meri se laiva mera vakaviriki Meri e na vatu me yacova sara ni sa mate; qai takoso na Kalou ka tukuna vei Josefa me tauri Meri me watina dina ga ni sa bukete tiko. Na “vakarorogo”, “talairawarawa” & “yalo malua” e so na vakavuvuli e rawa nida vulica mai vei Josefa. Ena rai vakatamata e tovo beci, vakamadua ka lolovira e vakayacora ko Meri ia ni takoso na Kalou e vakarorogo, talairawarawa kei na yalo malua a vakaio ko Josefa ka tauri Meri me watina. Vakacava vei keda, e rawa ni da vakatara me takoso na Kalou ki na noda bula ena gauna eda sota kaya na dredre? Ka vakarorogo ena na nona kaci ki na noda bula? Ka talairawarawa ki na nona vunau?

Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo, macawa ni Siga ni Sucu : 25/12

Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 97, Titus 3:4-7, Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

NAI TABE E SO

Kerei me tomani tiko na **masumasu kei na lolo**, me nanumi :

- Ira na wekada era lako yani ena Siga ni Sucu
- Tauvimate, vakasucu gone kei na malumalumu
- Wekada mai Viti ni sa tekivu na gauna ni cagilaba. E vuqa era se tiko voli ga ena vale laca
- Vakavakarau vakayalo ki na Siga ni Sucu

EVENT

Weisau Vunau kei Rooty Hill Vunau Lesi : Sosi Toa (4pm)

Lotu ni vakavakarau ni Siga ni Sucu @ 7.30pm. Veiqaravi o Vakatawa

Christmas Service - Lotu cokovata kei Leigh

End of Year Thanksgiving @ 7.30pm. Veiqaravi o Siaki Foiakau

Rev'd Keith Hamilton. Vulavou / Holy Communion

Yurora commences (8-12 Jan)

네 번째 대강절 주일 4th 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)

새108장

통108장

구주 탄생하심을

새 151장

통 138장

만왕의 왕 내 주께서

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

요한복음 7:10-18

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구담임목사

하나님의 영광이 되게하라

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새111장

통111장

귀중한 보배함을

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 네 번째 주일입니다 아기예수님을 감사히 맞을 준비를 합시다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시
전도서11:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
전도서 9:11-골로세서1:23



2017 Commencement of the
Law Term Service
All are welcome to attend the Service.

Date: Tuesday 7th February 2017
Time: Commence at 9:00am followed with morning tea
RSVP: Donna or Coral (phone 9891 2277 or
wecare@parramattamission.org.au

For catering purposes, please advise of any dietary
requirements at time of RSVP



Parramatta Mission/Leigh Memorial are again proudly volunteering at the
Australia Day Tethered Balloons in Parramatta Park.

Involvement is warmly welcome and invited.

If you are able to support by volunteering your time to guide
Balloon passengers to their designated balloon, please contact
Donna Kelly (9891 2277 or email donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au)

Thank you

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: Camden Country Uniting Church Pray for Camden Country as they discern their future and finances, to enable their ministry to continue. Pray that the congregation continue to serve in love, for the community. 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 pray for all who receive a Christmas hamper, for people lonely at Christmas, for staff working on Christmas Day walking alongside people every day of the year.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo*



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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