



OUR NEWS for 26th February 2017



*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 CONGREGATION

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

This **Wednesday, 1 March, 7.00pm** at **Leigh Memorial** - there will be a combined Ash Wednesday worship service. All are warmly invited to attend.
Enquiries: Rev. Manas.



LEIGH MEMORIAL CALENDAR: MARCH 2017

*** Please check with individual co-ordinators to confirm all dates & details***

Wednesday 1 March - Ash Wednesday combined worship service, 7pm.
(Manas)

1 March -15 April - 'Lent Event' - Uniting World. (Sunday School)

Friday 3 March - World Day of Prayer. (Beverly)

Saturdays 4 & 18 March - Youth Group. (Samantha & Nadine)

Sunday 5 March - Worship Committee meeting. (Clive)

Monday 6 March - Couples & Friends. (Marcel & Brian)

Tuesdays 7 & 21 March - Community Visitors program: Parramatta Nursing Home. (Bruce S)

Sunday 12 March - Parramasala Service, followed by a Multicultural Brunch.
(Leaders*)

Sunday 19 March - Worship Workshop: Easter. (Clive)

Sunday 26 March - Annual Congregation Meeting (Leaders *) + SPOW Lunch.
(Beverly)

Saturday 1 April (am) - Study: Easter according to Mathew (Clive)

EASTER @ Leigh Memorial: Good Friday, 14 April (9.00am) Easter Sunday, 16 April (9.30am)

NB: * Leaders' team: Bruce, Liz, Samantha, Fiona, Moses, Robyn, Malcolm & Norma.

WORSHIP ROSTER & HELPING/ LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2017

If you would like to read the bible in our morning worship (**including in a language other than English**), serve communion or help in any way, please speak with Malcolm or Manas asap. We will also shortly be electing a new Leaders' team for 2017-18. If you are interested in joining our team which meets every two months for an hour or so after the morning service, please speak with Manas or Bruce prior to the Congregation Meeting on 26 March.

ATTN GROUP LEADERS: 2017 CONGREGATION COMPENDIUM

Brief reports and recent photos from all Leigh Memorial groups/ programs are kindly requested by 19 March to emccder4@gmail.com (ahead of our annual Congregation Meeting on 26 March). Enquiries: Liz.

E-TREE - OUR ONLINE MAG!

Our wonderful online magazine will be coming out again soon. To view past editions, go to the PM website and follow the 'Congregations' link to the Leigh Memorial Menu & then to 'E-tree'. NB: From this month, limited hard copies of the E-tree magazine will also be available with each edition. Many thanks to Editor Clive.

'AUNTY' JO GOODIN

It's lovely to see Jo back at Leigh Memorial and among old friends. Blessings Jo as you try to keep well and warmest prayers for Paul and your family as they provide ongoing care and nurture. Loving gratitude from all at Leigh for your lifetime of contribution and generosity of spirit within the life of our congregation. You are one of our 'treasures'.



World Day of Prayer

at

Seventh Day Adventist Church
Hammers Road Northmead

Friday, 3rd March 11am – followed by lunch

Programme prepared by women of the Philippines.



We share the sad news of the death of Margaret Goodwin, on 23 February. Margaret was the late wife of Rev Martin Goodwin. Margaret and Martin were at Leigh Memorial for four years until mid-2007. Margaret and her two sisters were struck by lightning last Saturday. The sisters are recovering, sadly Margaret died from her injuries. Margaret exercised a valued behind the scenes ministry when at Leigh. A number of people have shared with me over the years how much they appreciated Margaret's care and hospitality at critical times in their lives. The family made this statement: "As we grieve the loss of Margaret, we also know that God was (and is) the love of Margaret's life. She lived her life seeking to model her actions on her Saviour. She acted with grace and love, and when provoked she forgave. She always thought of others before herself. We give thanks to God for the precious time we have known her." Margaret will be deeply missed as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and by all her family and friends. Funeral details to be advised.

Fijian Congregation



Connect, Shake & Tryabe programs have commenced. Stay connected to your leaders to know whats happening



NAI TABE E SO

- **1 Maji—Ash Wednesday.** Eda na Lotu cokovata kei Leigh ena yakavi ni Vukelulu me tekivu kina na gauna ni lolo—Lent
- E taba tiko qo na porokoramu ka cicivaka na UnitingWorld ni vula ni Lent. Veivakauqeti me da lolovaka e dua na ka, ka solia na noda gauna se nai yau ki na so na porokaramu ka cicivaka na Lotu
- Eratou na veisiko tiko mai na Assembly Multicultural Consultants ka kena I liuliu tiko o Rev'd Dr Apwee Ting kei na 2nd Generation Consultant Rev'd Fie Marino ena Siga Tabu 12 ni Maji. Kerei me da na vakasigalevu vata
- Vuli Sere Vakarauwai 4 ni Maji e Vale ni Lotu

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	VEIVUKE GUNU WAINI
5-Mar	Rev K Hamilton		S.Toa	M 2		S. Foiakau/ S.Qata
12-Mar	O.Foiakau/ I.Foiakau		A.Allison			
19-Mar	Rooty Hill	J.Foiakau	S.Qata	M3	M3	

주현절 마지막 번째 주일 (8th Epiphany of Sunday) 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 독상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 1장** **통 1장** 만복의 근원 하나님

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 35 장 **통 50 장** 큰 영화로신 주

새 251장 **통 137장** 놀랍다 주님의 큰 은혜

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

주기도문송 **새 635장** 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **마가복음 (4:26-29)**

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구 담임목사 **하나님 나라는 자란다 !!**

봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 240장 **통 231 장** 주가 맡긴 모든 역사

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 증만하시길 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.
- 오늘은 주현절 마지막 주일입니다 주님의 은혜와 사랑으로 매일 매일 살아갑시다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn) **새502장** **통 259장** 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
민수기 1:1-16

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
요 14:15-민수기 3:19

Matthew 17:1-9

1 Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, privately. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared before them talking with Jesus. 4 And Peter responded and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I take delight; listen to him." 6 And the disciples, hearing this fell on their faces and were very afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them saying, "Arise and do not fear!" 8 And when they lifted up their eyes they saw no one except Jesus himself, alone. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain Jesus commanded them saying, "Tell no one the vision until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

We were discussing the Bible readings for this week, on the theme of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This Sunday marks the almost end of the Epiphany, the church season between Christmas and Lent. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. Transfiguration stands in between. A few weeks ago the church held its annual celebration of the baptism of Jesus. The stories which have come down to us are of poetic language describing an other-worldly event. The Spirit of God coming upon Jesus of Nazareth. With the descent of the Spirit, there is a voice, of God, "This is my son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Later, now, this moment on the mountain, has the same voice, with an added phrase, "listen to him." That got us thinking about listening, and the gift of listening. Which voices, which people, do we listen to? Are they voices that would build up, engender relationships, joy and hope, or voices that tear apart, break down create havoc? Each one of us choices what we will listen to, and listen for. We also can be a gift to others by listening. Listening can make all the difference. Sometimes people don't want advice; they just want the gift of listening. That led us to develop the message for this week. It was after some discussion that we decided to make it in the first person. "Sometimes I don't need to fix things. I just need to listen . . . My silence can be transforming."

This past week I attended the Zest Awards. This is the awards for community groups and not for profits across Western Sydney. Some highlights. Uncle Greg made the welcome to country, and in so doing said that before white settlement, the aborigines had many nations and each had their own languages and culture, such that this was a multicultural land from 40,000 years ago. Everyone is welcome.

All present thought this was an important message. Of course, these many nations crossed cultures to interact with each other. They were cross-cultural, and perhaps we should be also. An aboriginal choir from Mount Druitt sang in both Darug and English. They asked us to close our eyes and hear a familiar song sung in Darug.

We are one, but we are many
And from all the lands on earth we come
We share a dream and sing with one voice:
I am, you are, we are Australian

– very moving. Professor Peter Shergold, who among other things is Chancellor of WSU, and heads up the group assisting 12,000 Syrians migrant in to Sydney, commented that he gets perspective on what is happening in the world of late when he remembers that the Darug were here for 30-40,000 years, which is about 12,000 generations; what is happening now is a blip in history.

My mum lives not far from our office at Tuggerah, and my daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter also live on the Central Coast. Having lunch with my family at the Entrance last Saturday, reminded me of the breadth of context Parramatta Mission traverses, from the Blue Mountains, Cumberland Plains, South West Sydney, North Shore and Peninsula, from the high rise CBD of Parramatta to the lakes edge on the Central Coast. The diversity of locations has a diversity of people and situations, and somehow we adapt what we do to meet the uniqueness of each area. It is indeed a privilege to engage with so many people across such a large and diverse area that traverses multiple health districts, FACS offices, local government areas, state and federal electorates, Uniting Church Presbyteries, and aboriginal nations and land councils.

Check out our latest snippet on the website, at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KLC8WuQksxE&feature=youtu.be>
Among other things, it includes, as this newsletter does, information about PM week this coming week. You can also find us on Facebook for regular updates.

The light rail route was announced last week. It is projected to run past many of our properties: 119 Macquarie St, 175, Wesley Apartments, near both Park Avenue and Hope Hostel, and very close to 153 George St (lifeline Western Sydney). A group of us have met to plan for what this means for us. It will naturally have some effect on our properties and operations. We are exploring what this might mean. There will be great opportunities. We will keep all of our people, congregants, staff, volunteers, clients, residents, guests, informed of progress.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

TOMORROW join us for the Launch of Parramatta Mission Week 2017

Parramatta Mission Week is almost here! Who will you bring to join us during this wonderful time together? Everyone is welcome so please extend this invitation and remember to bring others with you. Here is your schedule of events.

Information and Launch Event Monday 27th February, 12 noon, at Parramatta Mission Coffee Shop, 119 Macquarie Street	Meet our staff and hear them speak firsthand about our work in the community with light refreshments.
Parramatta Mission's Annual Golden Pancake Race Tuesday 28th February at 11:30 am, Centenary Square, Parramatta	Run in the race, sponsor a team and provide support at this fun annual race. Who will win the beautiful Golden Pan Trophy this year? It could be you!
Volunteer Morning Tea Wednesday 1st March, 10am, Parramatta Mission Coffee Shop, 119 Macquarie Street	Come and join us at our Annual Volunteer Morning Tea. Perhaps you are a current volunteer or you are thinking of volunteering with Parramatta Mission? This is a great opportunity to meet other team members as we celebrate the achievements of 2016 and look to the future. RSVP to Rena on 02 9891 2277 or email rena.shlemun@parramattamission.org.au

We look forward to seeing you
at Parramatta Mission Week.



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Pastoral message for this week....

Sometimes I don't need to fix things; I just need to listen.....
My silence can be transforming

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH - PANCAKES FOR LENT EVENT!

A big “thanks” to the children, youth & teachers of our Sunday School for providing another delicious **SHROVE PANCAKES MORNING TEA** for everyone at Leigh Memorial this Sunday 26th February. Whether it’s lemon & sugar or butter & maple syrup, the selection will be amazing - plus - we’ll raise some funds to kick-start LENT EVENT 2017, ie. Uniting World’s annual **40 days of GIVING, REFLECTING & ACTING**, including raising important funds and community awareness for aid projects and communities in crisis around the world. Lent Event starts on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter Saturday. Focus countries include South Sudan, Papua New Guinea, India and China. What will you be giving up and how much can you raise? [Lent Event 2017 enquiries & donations](#): High School/ Young Adults group, Sunday School @ Leigh/ Uniting World: www.lentevent.com.



The Christ and Cultures Gathering is collaborating with the NSW/ACT Synod's Uniting Mission and Education to bring to you a workshop on

Easter through Middle Eastern Eyes

Venue : Centre for Ministry 16 Masons Drive North Parramatta, NSW 2151

Time: Thursday 23 March 2017 12:30-4:30pm

Lunch will be provided

More information to follow

WESTMEAD CONGREGATION

Welcome to all who come and join with us as we begin the year. We extend a special welcome to anyone visiting with us for the first time. Please make yourself known to the leaders and sign the first time worshippers book in the foyer. You are most welcome to stay and join with us over a cuppa and some food following worship.

Work is commencing on the painting and upgrade of the exterior of 175 Motel and the installation of a lift. During the building works the vacant block will be used for contractors and there will be reduced car parking. Please be mindful of the reduced car parking and should you have any issues then please contact reception who may be able to open up a car park for you. We may need to park behind someone else, if we know their car, to make the most of the parking. Rev Christine will make available some small signs which you can place on the dashboard so the reception know you are with the congregation. This will be inconvenient for some, but it will only be for a few months and is worth the inconvenience. If you have any issues please speak to Rev Christine.

The work in the upgrade means we are moving closer to be able to start Play Groups, to build more missional activities for families with smaller children and to maximise the opportunities for people with limited mobility to access the motel. There will also be some changes in the gardens which will be a positive aspect of increasing our visibility. There are also many other great ideas for building connections with each other and also reaching out to the community and if you think of a good idea you might like to be involved in then please speak to Rev Christine or any of the leaders.

Please remember to pray for the guests of 175 and the Apartments as many have difficult medical situations in their families at the moment. We also pray for the staff who care for them. The State Government announced the track of the new light rail during the week. It appears that it will go along Hawkesbury Road in Westmead and Macquarie Street in Parramatta. Parramatta Mission will need to be thinking about how this opportunity can be used to the best. More information will come about in the future but please pray for God's Spirit to guide us as we think about this opportunity.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others

Worship- Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship - 1st Tuesday of the month

Leaders meeting Tuesday 13th Feb 5.00-8.00pm

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm Indoor Bowls 22nd Feb

Tai Chi - Fridays 10.00-11.00am

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:

- ♥ *PM week and all who will be involved in making it happen.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of: Galston UC : Pray for fruitfulness as the Galston congregation serve and worship, and ask that Rev Geoff Smith will successfully balance his large responsibility as Chairperson of Uniting Mission & Evangelism with his congregational duties.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri; Niko Balavu; Congregation seeking a ministerial placement, Fil Kamotu as he starts his new journey as a candidate at UTC*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Col, Betty, Willamena, Nell.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Rev Christine and her family, Rebecca and her family, Lorraine, Kevin, Robyne, Flora, May, Robyn and Greg, Rajes (Sandra), Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, Caroline and David A, Mr and Mrs B and family, Vicky, Col, Mere and her family, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Lorraine, Jan, David and Tracey, and Judy, Shanika 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 Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino*

Foster your faith this week

Joel 2:1-2 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10

Mt 6:1-6 Is 58:1-12

Rev Christine is now back and appreciated all who sent her messages, phoned her or kept her and her family in their prayers. Her mum is recovering slowly. While she was down in Goulburn she managed to catch up with Clyde Lee who sends his best wishes. Special thanks to Karen, Jan and Lena for leading worship and all who worked behind the scenes.

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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