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OUR NEWS for 5th March 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY

THE LENTEN SEASON BEGAN MARCH 1ST

*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

LENT EVENT 2017: GIVE, REFLECT & ACT

Please join with our Sunday School children, youth and teachers this year in supporting Lent Event, which commenced on 1 March. Each Sunday, we'll be collecting coins during morning tea time and encouraging everyone to GIVE, REFLECT & ACT - including giving up something from our daily lives and contributing to the fundraising aims of the project, which include training Christian leaders for the growing global church, creating peace-building programs and initiating/ encouraging projects which provide clean water, sanitation, medical aid and education. Lent Event has so far raised over 3 million dollars. Let's push that total up in 2017! To make direct contributions to Lent Event - or to find out more and watch the weekly videos, go to www.lentevent.com.



SUNDAY SCHOOL - THANK YOU

Thanks everyone with a 'sweet tooth' for your great response to our pancakes morning tea last Sunday. We made **\$70.00 for Lent Event!** Pancake waitresses Seini (Year 5) and Opal (Year 7) did an excellent job, as did all involved.

YOU ARE INVITED...PARRAMASALA BRUNCH

Next **Sunday 12 March**, we'll be enjoying a special worship service and brunch with a 'Parramasala' theme - to coincide with the colourful and diverse 'Parramasala' weekend in Parramatta. Congregation members are invited to dress in traditional cultural clothes if they wish and to **bring a plate of food to share**. Thank you! Enquiries: Manas/ Leaders' team.

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.

LEIGH MEMORIAL CALENDAR: 5 MARCH - EASTER 2017

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

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)

Saturday 18 March - Youth Group (Samantha & Nadine)

Saturday 25 March - Worship Workshop (pm): Easter (Clive)

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

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

Sunday 2 April - Couples & Friends Bus Trip starts

Sunday 9 April - Palm Sunday

Thursday 13 April - *Tenebrae* (Maundy Thursday), including dinner (Manas)

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

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES LEIGH MEMORIAL CONGREGATION

Our congregation extends its thoughts and prayers to the **Morgan family** following the passing of Jenny's much loved Dad (and Thomas' grandad), Bill - and to the **Gray & de Reland families** following the passing (aged 92) of Col's sister & Liz and Ian's Aunty, Marjorie. As a young woman (pictured), Marjorie attended Leigh Memorial, was married at the church, and was part of various Gray family weddings, baptisms and funerals held at Leigh for nearly a century. She was a true 'Parramatta girl' born and raised, and a devoted wife, mother, sister, sister-in-law, and aunt who will be missed. The fresh bouquet of flowers in the vestibule today is in honour of Marjorie



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.

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.

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. 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 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.

During the period of Lent people can choose to 'give up' something and use the money they would usually have spent on the item to provide some assistance to Uniting World for different projects with overseas partners. If you would like to be a part of this then please take the resources on the foyer table. Any money raised can be returned to Rev Christine who will forward it to Uniting World - or you can send it yourself.



**DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS
with others Worship**

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- 1st Tuesday of the month

Tuesday 7th March- brain teasers with Jean

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 29th March

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

Fijian Congregation



During Lent you can have a goal and put aside some coins in a **\$JAR** to support LentEvent programs run by Uniting World

Connect, Shake & Tryabe

A big VINAKA VAKALEVU from Rev. Manas Ghosh for your enthusiasm and participation at Ash Wednesday Service. He sends his blessings.

Please Support one another during Lent and if you can, make a Lent jar and save some coins to help others.

NAI TABE E SO

Sydney Kids Camp Out



Dates: Sat. 11 Mar. – Sun. 12 March 2017

- **SYDNEY KIDS CAMP OUT 11 & 12 Mar 2017**
- 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
- Ni da curuma tiko na macawa ni Lent, kerei me da veitauriligataka na masumasu ka tokoni ira na luveda ena veika era sa lalawa kina

| DATE | VUNAU | VUNAU LESI | VUNAU VAKARAU | TU-VAKARAU VEILI-UTAKI | TALI VUNAU | VEIVUKE GUNU WAINI |
|--------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 12-Mar | Multicultural Consultants | | I.Foiakau/ A.Allison | | | |
| 19-Mar | Rooty Hill | J.Foiakau | S.Qata | M3 | M3 | |
| 26-Mar | Fiji Parish | S.Qata | V.Kamotu | M1 | M1 | |

사순절 첫 번째 주일 (1st Lent of Sunday)

주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)

예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling)

인도자

송영 (Gloria)

새 3장

통 2장

성부 성자 성령계

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 8장

통 9장

거룩 거룩 거룩



새 146장

통 146장

저 멀리 푸른 언덕에

기도 (Prayer)

다함께

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

마가복음 (15:6-15)

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구 담임목사

십자가에 달리신 하나님 !!

봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 278장

통 336장

여러 해 동안 주 떠나

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.
- 오늘은 사순절 첫 주일입니다 주님의 십자가를 의지하며 매일 삶을 뒤돌아 봅시다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부

오후 4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시

민수기5:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전6시

민수기4:1~6:27

Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the Devil. 2 And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered saying, "It is written, 'People shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the Devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God throw yourself down for it is written, 'He will give his angels orders concerning you', and, 'on their hands they will carry you, so that your foot does not strike against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" 8 Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory 9 and said to him, "All these I will give to you if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him alone shall you serve.'" 11 Then the Devil left him, and suddenly the angels came and ministered to him."

Translation by Keith Hamilton

Reflections

Last Saturday, Rena Shlemun, Sargon Shiba Melissa Smith, Jolami Ratumaiwai Paul Moussa, ran a Bunnings BBQ at North Parramatta. In addition to raising \$1375.80 profit for Meals Plus, they promoted PM. While I visited, people donated clothes and other goods, enquired about volunteering, and the other activities of PM. Thank you to all who helped out.



This past week has been PM week. The week included an information session on Monday—thank you Karen & Lisa for speaking, Pancake race Tuesday—thank you Donna, Volunteer Thank Morning Tea Wednesday - thank you Karen and Paul for speaking—and Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday night —thank you Manas, Gloster Udy Society lunch Thursday — thank you Angela for speaking, wine and cheese night with corporate supporters on Friday. Thank you to all who helped out.

We are now in the season of Lent. Pancake day, held last Tuesday, marks the last day of Epiphany. Due to rain, we held our annual Pancake Day race in the hall. Rapid Relief Team won the final, and get to display the trophy for the next twelve months. Thank you to all who made our event possible, especially Donna.



The idea of the pancakes comes from centuries ago practices of people giving up certain kinds of food during lent, using them up in pancakes, so that they could concentrate on taking up renewed and deeper focus on their relationship with God and with their neighbours.

Ash Wednesday follows, and is the first day of Lent. For us that included a special church service involving our Leigh Memorial, Leigh Fijian and Korean Faith community. The service includes a reaffirmation of baptism, and the signing of the cross using ash (cold) on the forehead as a sign of humility and confession and desire to take up the practices of Jesus in doing the right thing by God and our neighbours, especially those who are hurting, in crisis, overlooked and excluded, by showing hospitality, including, treating with dignity, and working to restore faith and hope.



The other Friday I visited the Kafe Leisure. Kafe Leisure is a themed evening event that takes place once every 3 months for the leisure club (WSLARs) and Day 2 Day (D2DL) members. Staff transform the Epworth house flat to cater for the theme of the evening, Friday the 24th of February was a Valentine theme and in the past we have had 80's theme, Warner Bros, Hawaiian, Halloween and Masquerade, and so much more to come in the future. The night consist of a meal including desert, dancing with members and



staff and lots of laughs by all. This gives members the chance to experience an evening activity where they get to socialise with different people of WSLARs / D2DL while having the support of staff.



Check out our website or Facebook for more photos and information about PM week. Thank you to the many staff, volunteers and congregats who made the PM week possible. Special thanks to Jo Armstrong, Group Director of Fundraising, marketing and Development, and her team of Jenny and Rena who organised the week.

Blessings Keith Hamilton





**Triumphant Winners
Golden Pancake Race 2017
RAPID RELIEF TEAM**





INFORMATION AND THANK YOU VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA





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

Some years ago the *Sydney Morning Herald* published a cartoon on Christmas Eve. The setting was a manger scene. The caption read: "And he will be of Middle Eastern appearance". The purpose of this workshop is to explore a cross-cultural understanding of Easter.

We will:

- recognise how different cultures observe Easter;
- enter into a Middle Eastern reading of the text via writings, icons and methods;
- participate in a Passover meal;
- consider Paul's "word of the cross";

reflect on how that "word of the cross" addressed a church which is called to "live cross-culturally, for the sake of the multicultural kingdom of God".

Christ the Lord is risen. Our joy that has no end.

St John of Damascus (676-749).

Rabbi Zalman Kastel will be demonstrating the Passover Meal with explanations and time for Q&A.

Venue: Centre for Ministry

16 Masons Drive North Parramatta NSW 2151

Time: Thursday 23 March 2017 ..12.30-4.30pm

Lunch will be provided



COUPLES & FRIENDS MARCH MEETING



An invitation is extended to all to attend our next meeting on Monday 6th March, 7.30 p.m. at the Fellowship Centre. Our very special guest speaker will be Rev Mary Pearson who will be sharing her experiences and thoughts about her recent trip to Lebanon.

We will also have a book exchange for a gold coin donation so please bring the books you have read and wish to exchange.

All are welcome to join us for this very interesting talk followed by a delicious supper.

Foster your faith this week

Gn 12:1-4a Ps 121

Rom 4:1-5 Jn 3:1-17

Pastoral message for this week....

**It is tempting to cast blame
but wiser to act for good**

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.

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:

- ♥ *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: Pray for Glenbrook congregation as they continue their partnership in the Gospel. Give thanks for the Congregation's partnership with the Amritsar Diocese of the Church of North India.*
- ♥ *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 Myanmar, Thailand*



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**
 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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