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Mission



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OUR NEWS for 12th March 2017

Knowledge
+ Action
= Power

*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

PARRAMASALA @ LEIGH MEMORIAL!

This weekend, we are joining many hundreds of Parramatta citizens celebrating 'Parramasala' - a multicultural festival including parades, music, film food, theatre, markets, art & culture. In addition to our 'Parramasala' multicultural worship @ 9.30am on Sunday, we will also be enjoying a 'Parramasala Brunch' in the Coffee Shop. Thank you to everyone who has contributed a plate of food for today's event and/or joined in the occasion by dressing in traditional clothing. Thanks also to the Sunday School for providing our colourful decorations.

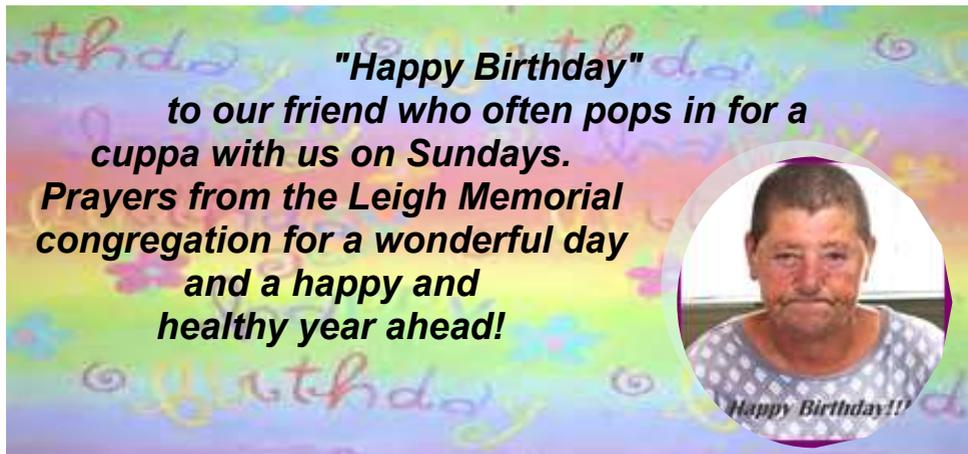


KCO (KIDS' CAMP OUT) 2017 @ WEDDERBURN

This weekend, a group of our Sunday School children and their parents will be attending KCO along with many others from around our Presbytery. They will be having bush walks, bible studies, outdoor games, fun in worship and making new friends. Thanks to Samantha for leading the LM group, and we wish all the kids a lot of fun!



We sadly say **"Thank you and farewell"** to **Pam & Norma** this Sunday, as they prepare to enter retirement living and enjoy a fresh start on the beautiful mid-north coast. Both have contributed enormously to the Leigh Memorial congregation and the life and work of Parramatta Mission over an extended period and will be missed. Their intelligent, sensitive and conscientious approach to every person and every project over the years has endeared them to all. Blessings always Pam & Norma and love from all of us at Leigh!



2017 CONGREGATION COMPENDIUM

Brief reports and recent photos from all Leigh Memorial groups/ programs are kindly **requested by next Sunday, 19 March** to emccder4@gmail.com. Enquiries: Liz.

LENT EVENT: GIVE, REFLECT & ACT

Please give a coin for UnitingWorld's Lent Event during our 'Parramasala' Brunch today. To make direct contributions - or to watch the weekly videos, go to www.lentevent.com - Sunday School @ Leigh.

EASTER PROGRAM: LEIGH MEMORIAL

Saturday 25 March - Worship Workshop: Easter (Clive)

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

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

Sunday 2 April - Couples & Friends Bus Trip

Coonabarabran & the Warrumbungles

Sunday 9 April - Palm Sunday worship

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

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

Pastoral message for this week....

**Knowledge is good
Without understanding and action it is useless**

WESTMEAD CONGREGATION

It is with sadness we think of Faith as she returns to Canada after the death of her mother. We are thinking of her and her sisters at this time and pray for safe travelling. We look forward to her return in April but please remember her in your prayers.

We also express our condolences to May on the death of her sister Lily. Sadly May can't return to England for the funeral but is glad to have some happy memories from May's trip back there in 2015. Please pray for May and her family, especially Ray who feels the loss of his mother so deeply.

We would like to honour all who are 'seniors'. Many of you are still offering leadership and service to God's Church. We recall the presentation of a 60 year long service medal to Henry from the Diabetes Foundation. Now we are delighted that Jean Mitchell has also been honoured for her many years of contribution to the Bible Society who celebrates 200 years in Australia. Again, this is over 60 years of support for this organisation. We are so blessed to have Jean, Henry, Sheila and Phyllis so well in their 90s. Congratulations to ALL Seniors and a special thank you to those who assist with the many aspects of church life here at Westmead.

We have another concert at Mayflower coming up on April 1st. There will be a practice on March 26th following the service. If you would like to sing or join Mere's dancers then please speak to Rev Christine. On the day of the concert in Helen Street, we will meet at 9.15am for a practice prior to the concert at 10.00am.

Rev Christine thanks all who have been asking about her parents following her mum's surgery. She is glad to report her mum is recovering well. Thank you.

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

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.

Miss Jean Mitchell (photo attached wearing the Bicentenary lapel pin) is a leader within the Westmead Congregation of the Uniting Church. This morning at worship she proudly wore the lapel pin she received with a letter honouring the significant role she has played in the Bible Society movement over many, many years.



Jean, who was born in 1921, told me this morning that her earliest memory of the Bible Society was attending annual meetings of the Society as a child with the whole of her family in Richmond NSW. She remembers that the speaker from the Bible Society at these annual meetings was a Mr Arrowsmith.

In 1954 when Jean got her first 'decent job' she began donating to the Bible Society regularly. In more recent times she has faithfully supported the work of the Bible Society by promoting the newsletter to members of our Congregation, and through her work in the role of President of the Adult Fellowship group associated with our Congregation. In this role, she has regularly invited speakers from the Bible Society to address members of Adult Fellowship and forwarded donations from the group to support the work of the Society.

Jean is a much loved and valued member of our Congregation, and we too acknowledge her commitment and faithfulness in supporting the Bible Society's work.

Genesis 12: 1-9

1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." 4. So Abram went as the Lord told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed for Haran. 5. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons who they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. 6. Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. 7. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. 8. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. 9. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

NRSV Translation

Reflection

Both the Hebrew Scriptures of the Old Testament, and the New Testament challenge the notion of scarcity. Scarcity leads us to fear we will miss out, and inevitable leads to a fear of the other. But as we pull back, and put up barriers, and compete with others, we become more fearful, relationships are severed, and our lives are diminished. This inevitably leads to a more dangerous situation. It has been suggested that the Nazis made Jews into strangers by wildly exaggerating their "otherness" and this is no less evident today with the rhetoric about immigrants and refugees being portrayed as dangerous strangers and other. We also see scarcity played out in team sports where players play for themselves and the opposition includes their team mates as they become more concerned about their own performance and stats then of working for the good of the whole team. Inevitably, teams that come near the bottom of competitions involve players more focused on their performance and even skite about how many metres they made, or tackles they made, or runs scored, or wickets they took, compared to teams that win competitions inevitably focus on helping each other. It is a change from "I'm great and you are not," to "we're great." Ultimately very good teams shift their mindset from competing with other teams to competing with what is possible. I think it is also true of countries.

I heard some of these things this week when I heard Lyall Gorman speak about culture and leadership. Lyall was the executive chairperson for the Wanderers, and now the Group CEO of the Sharks. of greatly talented individuals who had who had had some disastrous seasons which included with scandals, and never looked like winning a completion, players largely played for themselves. But under Lyall's leadership, they became a team, in which culture was key. Interestingly, their vision statement does not mention football.

Abram and Sarai were blessed to be a blessing to others, which had the pastoral team thinking all of us can be a blessing or a curse to others; we make the choice. The idea of generosity to others at its core is built on the belief that there is enough for everyone, and even more than enough. Generosity coupled with the approach that a stranger is someone I want to get to know, that fuels hospitality.

On the last Friday of PM week I met Sandra, the Australian neighbour of the year. I was attending the launch of the 2017 Neighbourhood connect, held at the Bidwill community garden and nursery. Sandra is from Tregear. Sandra moved into a housing area with 51 units and apartments. No one knew anyone else. Sandra began by smiling with passing people, and saying a friendly 'hello,' she then started a small garden, and invited others to join with her. Some did, and some did not. Some were slow to smile back, or to say hello, but as time progressed, and Sandra persisted, gradually more and more people became involved, until everyone in the 51 places became involved. Monthly meetings commenced to work together and enjoy each other's company. They work together on a garden that was created, and continue to support for one another. Bidwill Uniting Church, which we assist with management oversight, provided some assistance to Sandra. She was nominated and became the local neighbour of the year. That progressed to being recognised as the neighbour of the state, and late last year, Sandra was recognised as the Australian neighbour of the year. She said she did what any and all of us can do. We can all make a difference. We can smile at the other and we can greet the other with a friendly 'hello.' We can build community right where we live and where we work. We can work to befriend the 'stranger' who becomes no longer strange. We can be a blessing to the other, and discover that we are blessed. Sandra is inspirational.

I was at 175 for the Engagement Day for new staff in Uniting Recovery and Uniting Hope this past week. There were more than 40 in attendance. While there, I noticed that the hole for the installation of the new lift shaft has been dug, and good progress is being made on the renovations, that will include the new playground, and external painting of the building. There is some disruption to the car park while the building works are in progress, for which we apologise for the inconvenience. The bus is now parked in Parramatta during this construction work. It is exciting to see this project progress.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

PARRAMATTA MISSION CHURCH COUNCIL

The Parramatta mission Community Care Network Board has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A copy of the minutes of the last Board meeting may be obtained by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or robert.key@parramattamission.org.au



Healthy eating matters!

A talk on Practical Tips for Healthy Eating

JOIN US

Tues 14th, Wed 15th
or Thurs 16th March
10.30am-11.15am

119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta
(Parramatta Mission Coffeeshop)



Feel good, improve your health and get more energy

- What is healthy eating and why does it matter?
- Committing to eating better and what that means
 - Setting your own goals
 - What do you need to do to get started?
 - How to adopt healthy eating habits for life
- Planning and budgeting, shopping, cooking and food preparation
 - How to keep your healthy eating habits going
 - The benefits of a support team
- Barriers might you face and how can you tackle these?
 - Quick and easy recipe ideas

Grantham Heights
(Cnr. Nipigon Road and
Mackenzie Boulevard,
Seven Hills)

are holding a games
night on



Friday 17th March
commencing at 7.30pm.

You may bring your
favourite board game or
just come along and join
in the fun.

Supper is provided.

Foster your faith this week

Ex 17:1-7

Ps 95

Rom 5:1-11

Jn 4:5-42

사순절 두 번째 주일 (2nd Lent of Sunday)

주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)

예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling)

인도자

송영 (Gloria)

새 3장

동 2장

성부 성자 성령계

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 67장

동 31장

영광의 왕계 다 경배하며

새 146장

동 146장

저 멀리 푸른 언덕에

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

빌립보서 (2:6-7)

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구 담임목사

고난 받으신 하나님 !!

봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 451 장

동 504 장

예수 영광 버리사

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다

- 성령충만함으로 구제서 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 두 번째 주일입니다 주님의 십자가를 의지하며 매일 삶을 되돌아 봅시

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새502장

동 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
민수기9:1-14

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
민수기7:12~10:36

Fijian Congregation



Connect Group meets at the Coffee Shop on Friday night @ 7pm. Contact Fil, Samu or Ofa for more info.

Shake & Tryabe. Contact your Leaders for Tuesday Bible study and Friday meetings.

NAI TABE E SO

- A big Bula Vinaka to the Multicultural Team joining us this morning. Pastor Sam Chan from 2nd Gen Ministry in Adelaide will share the Word of God. You are all invited to taste some Fijian hospitality, please join us for lunch at the Fellowship Hall after service
- Vakaraubuka 17 ni Maji—Masumasu ni Matasiga No. 1.
- Vakarauwai 18 ni Maji—Vuli Sere
- 1 ni Epereli na vuli ni Dauvunau mai Uniting Mission and Education (UME @ Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta). Na matai ni lesoni na Introduction to Uniting Church Worship. Sa vica tiko na nodatou mata, ke ko via vuli, kua ni guce, solia na yacamu mo register. \$100 nai curucuru

| DATE | VUNAU | VUNAU LESI | VUNAU VAKARAU | TU-VAKARAU VEILI-UTAKI | TALI VUNAU | VEIVUKE GUNU WAINI |
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| 19-Mar | Rooty Hill | J.Foiakau | S.Qata | M3 | M3 | |
| 26-Mar | Fiji Parish | S.Qata | V.Kamotu | M1 | M1 | |
| 2-Apr | Rev Keith Hamilton | | S.Toa | M2 | | A.Allison V.Kamotu |

Prayer Points

Our People 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: Glenfield Uniting Church – Pray for “a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11) .*
- ♥ *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 Uniting Hospitality; Uniting Hope; Uniting Recovery; Uniting Housing; 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. For new members of our congregations, staff, volunteers, new clients and consumers, residents and guests*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam*

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.

Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

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| 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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