



OUR NEWS for 19th March 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

PASTORAL CARE @ LEIGH

Loving thoughts & prayers for all those in our congregation who are currently ill, troubled, grieving, lonely or unable to get to church to share time with us for any reason. We are side by side with you and praying for better times ahead. For those who are absent, we hope to see you again soon. Special thoughts also for Joan, following the passing last week of her dear daughter, Diane.

Contact: Rev. Manas and the Leaders team.

CONGREGATION MEETING - NEXT SUNDAY

Our annual Congregation Meeting will take place after worship on Sunday 26 March. During the meeting, voting will take place for our Leaders' team for the next twelve months - so if you are interested in being nominated, please speak with Manas or Bruce. On the day, our Congregation Compendium, inc. group reports & news of up & coming events will be distributed - plus more.

Enquiries: Liz/ Leaders' team.

WORSHIP WORKSHOP: Observing Easter....Saturday 25 March, Choir Vestry, Leigh Memorial - 9:30 to 12 noon.

For the early Christians Easter was the main festival of the Christian year. Forget Christmas! Forget Easter! Those first Christians found their identity in the death and resurrection of Jesus. For them Easter was a time to renew their baptismal vows of dying and rising to new life in Christ. Come and share your Easter memories of worship as well as explore what others have done to observe this season of the Christian year. **Enquiries: Clive**

EASTER ACCORDING TO MATHEW: An Easter Bible Study.... Saturday, 1 April, Choir Vestry, Leigh Memorial - 9:30 to 11:30 am.

Do you think you can remember the passion narrative from Palm Sunday through to the moment of Jesus' death on the cross? How many different resurrection accounts can you recall? The way in which each one of the gospels tells the Easter story differs in a variety of ways. Why? This study is designed to focus on Matthew's account. **Enquiries: Clive**



*******EARLY NEWS:** SPOW will now be on 26th March not April 2nd.

E-TREE

The next edition of 'e-Tree', our congregation's online magazine, is coming soon - including great personal stories, event updates & other information. To view e-Tree, simply go to www.parramattamission.org.au and press the 'congregations' link to the 'Leigh Memorial' page. Alternatively, look out for hard copies, which will be available in the church vestibule. **Thanks again to editor Clive & all contributors.**

THANK YOU: PARRAMASALA @ LEIGH

We had a wonderful time with 'Parramasala' @ Leigh Memorial last Sunday. Included in this week's newsletter are photos from the morning, including one depicting some of the 24 different language speakers within our congregation. **Thanks to everyone who contributed to our celebration of 'togetherness through diversity'.**

**Pastoral message for this week....
Is your glass half full or half empty?
with God its always overflowing....**

Foster your faith this week

Is 7:10-14 Ps 45 or Ps 40:5-10

Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38



Parramatta Mission Week was deemed a great success.
Here is a snap shot of the week in numbers.

100+ guests were hosted over the week

40 new friends of Parramatta Mission were made

5 events were held in Parramatta Mission

Thank you to everyone who was involved.

WESTMEAD CONGREGATION

A special welcome to those who are with us for the first time and welcome to all who come regularly! And thank you to Karen and Lena (our student Minister) for leading the service today while Rev Christine is having a weekend off.

PRAYER

You may have noticed the Insights in the foyer- there was a delay getting them from Leigh but they have arrived and are worth the read. You will also find some 'prayer request' slips. Westmead has a Prayer Chain with people who have a commitment to pray. If you would like a prayer request then please fill the slip in and place it in the box on the foyer table or hand it to one of the elders.

CONCERT

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.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD

These are daily reflections on the scriptures and are available for congregational members. If you would like to use the WLTW then please place \$5 in the offering plate.

EASTER SERVICES

Holy Thursday - 6.00pm with a light meal.

Good Friday - 9.00am

Easter Sunday - 9.45am

⇒ 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 26th March - Practice for concert

Sunday 26th March- Single People Of Worth- lunch for single people (and others
Please speak to Rev Christine

Wednesday 29th March from 1.00pm - Bowls afternoon for Open Door

Saturday 1st April - Mayflower Concert

Sunday 30th April - Multicultural Service and lunch

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship- Sundays

9.45am Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 4th April- Special guest from Bible Society- bring a friend

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

Fijian Congregation

It was encouraging to have the Assembly Multicultural and Second Generation Consultants join our Multicultural Worship on Sunday, with Sam Chan, 2nd Gen Pastor at Glenunga Uniting in Adelaide preaching the message of Love. They were in Sydney for the Inter Synod Next Gen Leaders Meeting hosted by Rev Fie and the NSW/ACT Multicultural Ministry, having conversations about the importance of Next Gen and 2nd



Gen Leaders in the future of the UCA. More of this in Rev Apwee's blog!!! Fil, Samu and I were invited to be part of these conversations. There is so much work to be done and I am looking forward to being a part of this journey.

Ofa Foiakau



Happy 91st birthday Adriu Rogoimuri !!!

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-	TALI VUNAU	VEIVUKE GUNU WAINI
26-Mar	Fiji Parish	S.Qata	V.Kamotu	M1	M1	
2-Apr	Rev Keith Hamilton		S.Toa	M2		A.Allison V.Kamotu

Reflection

What follows is a long story, but worth a read. It involves hospitality, water and the quenching of thirst.

John 4:5-42

5 Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, weary from his journey, sat at the well. It was about the sixth hour. 7 A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." 8 His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 Then the woman of Samaria said to him, "How is it that you a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who asks you, 'give me a drink' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." 11 The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket and the well is deep; from where do you get the living water? 12 Are you not greater than our father Jacob who gave us the well, and he drank from it, and his sons and his cattle?" 13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks from this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks from the water which I give will never thirst to all eternity, but the water which I give will become in them a well of water bubbling up to everlasting life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not thirst nor keep coming to this place to draw (water)." 16 He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." 17 The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." "You speak well that you do not have a husband." 18 "For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband; this you have truly said." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. 20 "Our parents worshipped on this mountain and you say that Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know because salvation is from the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming and now is when the true worshippers worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for indeed the Father seeks those who worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." 25 The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah, the one called Christ, is coming; when he comes he will announce all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am, the one who speaks to you." 27 And at this some of his disciples came and marvelled that he was talking with a woman; however none said, "What do you seek?" or "Why do you talk with her?" 28 At this the woman left her bucket and went into the city and said to the people, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all the things which I have done; is this not the Christ?" 30 They went out of the city and came to him.

31 In the meantime the disciples were asking him, “Rabbi, eat!” 32 But he said to them, “I have food to eat which you do not know.” 33 Then the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him something to eat?” 34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and finish his work. 35 Do you not say, ‘it is yet four months and the harvest comes?’, already 36 the one who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for everlasting life; so the one sowing and the one reaping may rejoice together. 37 For in this the word is true that one is sowing and another is reaping. 38 I sent you to reap that which you did not labour; others have laboured and you have entered into their labour.” 39 And many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the words of the woman’s witness, “He told me all the things which I did.” 40 Therefore when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. 41 And many more believed through his word; 42 they said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and we know that he is indeed the Saviour of the world.”

Translation by Keith Hamilton

Reflections

Someone summarised this as the God of surprises. God turns up in the most unexpected of places. This story is known as the woman at the well. She comes to the well in the heat of the midday, which is an unusual time, suggestive of her ostracism by the village for her life-style. The nature of Jesus’ comment that she has been married five times and that the man she is with now is not her husband only makes sense if those marriages were broken by divorce not death. It is possible that she has been used by men and abused by the village. But Jesus asks her for help, and her life is changed. There is hospitality, there is inclusion, there is dignity, and hope and faith are engendered.

Sometimes an unexpected email of appreciation can be as refreshing as the conversation Jesus had with the woman at the well.

Some of us from different areas of PM got to speak at Arthur Phillip High in recent weeks. The school has welcomed us and the year 7 students have respectfully engaged with what we were saying.

Another group of new staff did the Engagement Day this past week. It is inspiring to travel around our services – 10 venues in the day and a cross-section of the whole of PM – and hear our staff at each venue talk about what they do in journeying with clients and how this is an expression of our values. The enthusiasm that people express is contagious.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

15-12

사순절 세 번째 주일 (3rd 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 15장

통 55장

하나님의 크신 사랑

새 146장

통 146장

저 멀리 푸른 언덕에

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

누가복음 (10:25-37)

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구 담임목사

너는 누구의 이웃이나?

봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 459장

통 514장

누가 주를 따라

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 세 번째 주일입니다 주님의 십자가를 의지하며 매일 삶을 뒤돌아 봅시다

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새 502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
민수기 12:1-16

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
민수기 11:16~14:10



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

Parramasala @ Leigh!



Above: Speakers of many languages say "hello"!

Parramasala @ Leigh Memorial Church, 12 March, 2017

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: Grantham Heights – We continue to pray for Rev Shingoo Lee and his family, and the Grantham Heights congregation as they develop in their relationship.*
- ♥ *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: 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, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Faith and May.*
- ♥ *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 China, Hong Kong, Macao*

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

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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