



Parramatta  
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

*OUR NEWS for 26th 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

## CONGREGATION MEETING - TODAY

Our annual Congregation Meeting will take place after worship today. Thank you to everyone for assisting, attending and participating. Enquiries: Leaders' team.

## THANK YOU 2016-17 LEADERS' TEAM

At today's meeting, a new leadership team for our congregation will be elected. Thank you to 2016-17 leaders Bruce (Chairperson), Liz, Samantha, Fiona, Mal, Robyn, Moses & Norma - many of whom are re-nominating. Thanks also to Manas for his encouragement, and to everyone in the congregation who has provided practical and prayerful support for our team and multiple congregation activities over the past twelve months.

## TODAY: LENT EVENT FUNDRAISER

Thanks to Sunday School @ Leigh for supplying some **'kids party' treats** for us today, inc. fairy bread, cup cakes and chocolate crackles during morning tea time as our final fundraiser for 'Lent Event 2017'.



## CONGREGATION CALENDAR

A paper copy of our Calendar for the remainder of 2017 is now available for viewing on the Coffee Shop wall near the kitchen. Please refer to group leaders to verify details for all of the listed events. Thank you J

## SCHOOL VISIT - HERITAGE TOUR

During the week a group of 90 enthusiastic Year 5 and 6 primary school children and their teachers from Seven Hills visited Leigh Memorial as part of a 'heritage sites/ changing environments' tour of Parramatta - Liz.

## LENT @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

**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

**Sunday 9 April** - Palm Sunday worship

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

**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**

## Prayer Points from Greystanes Uniting Church

For the commencement of our new journey with [soon to be Rev] Mark Beaton in our congregation and the opportunities that will open up for us in this community. Thanks to Rev Claire Wright during her period of supply & the visiting ministers who cheerfully carried the preaching load & congregation members & office staff. For our large child care and before & after school care centres undergoing changes to staff and management. For the many members and friends & relations old and young who are unwell we specially have them in our thoughts. We recognise that God is good to us and we give thanks for the blessings we enjoy and the support from groups such as yourselves.



**TO-DAY IS THE DAY**

**26<sup>th</sup> March**

**S.P.O.W.**

**Single People Of Worth**

**By yourself? Join us at**

**Merrylands Bowling Club**

**after Church for a delicious lunch.**

**Pastoral message for this week....**

**Sight may bring knowledge**

**Insight leads to wisdom**

**Foster your faith this week**

**Ex 37:1-14 Ps 130**

**Rom 8:6-11 Jn 11:1-45**

# WESTMEAD CONGREGATION

Our prayers are very much for the world- and especially London where so many of us have visited or lived. We pray for peace for the world and respect for all humans, irrespective of our differences. May God bring peace.

## **PRAYER**

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. We have special prayers for the people who have had falls, have had surgery and who are going through a tough time. We also pray for the people who care for them and we pray for NO MORE falls for anyone.

## **CONCERT**

We have another concert at Mayflower coming up on April 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a practice on March 26<sup>th</sup> following today's 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.

## **INDOOR BOWLS**

Indoor bowls will be on this coming Wednesday at Open Door. All welcome.

## **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 26<sup>th</sup> March- Practice for concert

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Single People Of Worth-

lunch for single people (and others- please speak to Rev Christine)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 1.00pm - Bowls afternoon for Open Door

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Mayflower Concert

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April - Multicultural Service and lunch

## **DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship**

**Sundays 9.45am** Bible Study - Mondays 2.00-3.30pm Fellowship

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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



**Earth Hour** celebrates its 10th anniversary, with Australians taking lead in what is now celebrated in 172 countries and 7000 cities and towns.

**Did you turn off your lights last night? Between 8.30 to 9.30pm local time.** You would've joined millions of people show their support for a low pollution, clean energy future. A clean future for you and your kids.

The effects of Climate Change is real for those on the foreshore of our islands. Our once lovely beaches are eroding. Tides are reaching the front doors. If the big countries are not supporting Climate Change and the reduction of Global Warming, we, at the very least have to have a voice.

## Nai Tabe eso.....

- Friday 31/03—Connect Group meet @ Coffee Shop. Be there @7pm
- Vakaraubuka 31 ni Maji—Masumasu Matasiga #1
- Vakarauwai 1 ni Epereli—Vuli Sere. 4pm ena Coffee Shop
- Saturday 8th April—Sunday School Practice. Contact Suguta & Maca
- Sunday 9th April is **Palm Sunday!!**
- Fiji National Conference. Sa ratou veitaratara mai na Komiti ni Koniferedi me baleta na noda Koniferedi ka tarava. Lotulevu 25 ni Janueri - Siga Tabu 28 ni Janueri 2018 ena Salvation Army Collaroy Centre, Homestead Avenue, Collaroy Beach. Curucuru \$330 na qase, \$250 na gone (4-11). Sega ni saumi ko ira na lalai sara. \$110 Day attendee

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU- VAKARAU VEILI- UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	VEIVUKE GUNU WAINI
2-Apr	Rev Keith Hamilton		S.Toa	M2		A.Allison V.Kamotu
9-Apr	Palm Sunday					

## 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. (NRSV Translation)

### Reflection

Interesting verse is verse 7:

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

The people are looking for a new king. Samuel has to choose. What qualities shall he look for? Samuel is directed by God to go to a certain place and a certain family, and among the children will be a king. Set aside for a moment that in that patriarchal society only the boys were considered, and also note that we live in a far more 'enlightened' gender inclusive age – though with still much enlightenment to come. The eldest son is handsome, but he is not chosen, in a time when the eldest was a sure thing.

Then verse 7, “The Lord looks on the heart.” All the other sons are rejected too. Then the last son, who is not only the youngest he is also not there, is the last hope. The story teller goes into detail about this son being in the field, that he is the youngest, and he is looking after the sheep. This is important because David the shepherd boy will become king and look after the people like a shepherd looks after sheep; hence even today we refer to care of the people as pastoral care. The story teller goes on into more detail about the youngest son then for the eldest son. He is ruddy, had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. But it is not his outward features that make him an acceptable candidate for king. It is his heart. So David had it all, both inside and out!

Clearly, the heart we are talking about is not the pump in the chest, or a conniving, mean-spirited, vengeful, vindictive or anxious heart. Though the story teller does not say, from other Biblical stories it must be a teachable spirit, humble, content, and good-willed, gracious and hospitable, forgiving and loving. Henri Nouwen in, *The Way of the Heart*, wrote of solitude, silence and prayer, and in *Reaching Out to Live Life in the Spirit of Jesus Christ*, wrote of the three movements: from loneliness to solitude, from hostility to hospitality, from illusion to prayer, which is the movement of seeking after God, in a journey of growing a pure heart.

As I write on Thursday, news has broken of an action of a person driving a car into a crowd of people in London, killing some, and then stabbing a person to death. Clearly, not a way of the pure in heart. Our prayers go out to all who are injured, families of those who lost their lives, and also our tears for people who have nurtured such hatred.

Our managers and team leaders met last week at Headspace Penrith, and were lead in reflection by speakers from Franklin-Covey on Stephen Covey's *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. Great leaders are people who have developed both their character – integrity, motive and intent - and their competence – capabilities, skills and results. And highly effective people move from dependency with its focus on being reactive and of abrogation of personal responsibility, through independence with its focus on “I” to interdependence with its focus on “we do this together,” “I value your strengths and you value mine and together we can achieve great things.” One of the points for reflection was that a difference between being reactive and proactive is space between hearing or seeing things, and making a response. The space gives people the time to pause and allow themselves the freedom to choose their response based on principles and desired results. At a similar forum last year we heard about the 4 second square: breathe in for 4, out for 4, in for 4 out for 4, in an imaginary square, during which time we give ourselves the space to slow, think and respond well. Perhaps this is a way to live from the heart.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

# Passion

A reflection on Holy Week, through the music of Bach, Handel, Pergolesi, Rutter and others

Performed by: Rev. Claire Wright

Rev. Radhika Sukumar-White

Phillip Fraser & guests

**Tickets - \$20**

(sold at the door)

In support of:

- BlazeAid
- Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group
- Christian Community Aid, Eastwood



Mon 10 April 7:30pm

Bathurst Uniting Church

(140A William St .Bathurst)

Tues 11 April 7:00pm

Springwood Uniting Church

(Lewin St .Springwood)

Wed 12 April 7:30pm

West Epping Uniting Church

(161 Carlingford Rd. Epping)



사순절 네 번째 주일 (4th 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 19장

통 44장

찬송하는 소리 있어

새 146장

통 146장

저 멀리 푸른 언덕에

기도 (Prayer)

다함께

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

사도행전 (27:33-44)

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구 담임목사

21세기 구원론은 무엇인가?

봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 412장

통 212장

너 성결키 위해

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 격용하는 훈련을 합니다.
- 오늘은 사순절 네 번째 주일입니다 주님의 십자가를 의지하며 매일 삶을 뒤돌아 보시

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn)

새502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부

오후4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시

민수기15:1-16

새벽기도회 :오전6시

민수기14:26~요한15:17

The Stations of the Cross exhibition is almost on us again... it is currently on display at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in Canberra. Below are the details.... With two websites... the first giving info about the show from Northmead creative and Performing Arts High School, and the second a review in the Canberra Times of the show in Canberra by Sasha Grishen, arts academic and arts writer.

Can I draw your attention to a quiet day led by Eremos on Saturday 8 April 10am-1pm more information [www.eremos.org.au/events/upcoming](http://www.eremos.org.au/events/upcoming).

- Bookings essential by email: [council@eremos.org.au](mailto:council@eremos.org.au)  
Tel: 0425 211 065
- There will be guided curator's tours on weekend days at 2pm or by appointment (96867502)
- There will be a special Good Friday service in the presence of the artworks Friday 14 April at 9am .

Please forward this invite to friends, and consider bringing a group along with you. You can arrange a special tour.

## Worship Workshop

Observing Easter ....**Saturday 25 March, Choir Vestry,  
Leigh Memorial Uniting Church, 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.

### Easter according to Matthew:

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# 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.*
- ♥ *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 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 Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore*

## **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**

**Tuesday 1.10pm**

**Sunday 9.30am**

**9.45am**

**11.15am**

**1.30pm**

**7.00pm**



**Open Church @ Leigh Memorial**

**Holy Communion @ Leigh**

**Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh**

**Westmead Congregation @ Westmead**

**Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh**

**Korean Faith Community @ Leigh**

**Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh**

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