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OUR NEWS for 16th April 2017

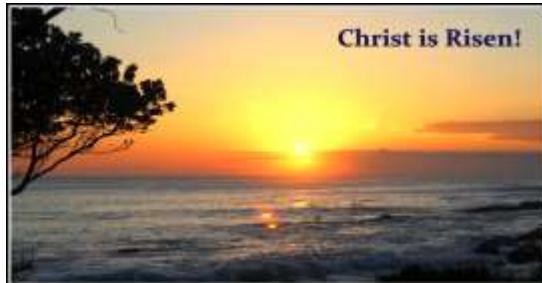


*Congregational life @
Westmead & Parramatta,
Hospitality, Community and
Mental Health Services across
Greater Sydney and beyond*

*Our Vision
A Community Transforming Lives
Our Values, Grace, Inclusion, Dignity,
Faith and Hope*

EASTER @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

“Easter Blessings” to all - Christ is Risen! Prayers for a safe and happy Easter weekend and many thanks for everyone’s contributions to our Easter program this year, including Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday.



‘Christ is Risen!’ - Easter sunrise - by Mario.

ANZAC COMMEMORATION - NEXT SUNDAY

Keith will be leading the service next **Sunday, 23 April at Leigh Memorial**. Please note that this year’s ANZAC commemoration will be taking place during the regular morning worship service.

LET’S TALK ABOUT...’THE BIG DIG’ - FREE LECTURE!

Coming on **Wednesday night, 3 May @ Leigh Memorial, 7.00 - 8.30pm**, followed by supper - is a free public lecture on the topic: **‘The Big Dig!’ - Recent Archaeological discoveries in Civic Place, Parramatta...the amazing indigenous and non-indigenous past of our city revealed**. Guest Presenter: Dr. Jillian Comber, Archaeologist (Comber Consultants/ Flinders University). Enquiries: Clive & Liz.

LEIGH

IMPORTANT NOTICE re LEAP: Leave Everything & Pray

Please note that the LEAP meeting previously scheduled for 3 May will now take place one week later, on **10 May** due to ‘The Big Dig!’ lecture night. Enquiries: Manas.

THANK YOU - ‘InSpire’ PROPERTY TEAM

Many thanks to Ian for his informative presentation last Sunday regarding the up and coming DA to Council - and for his long term efforts for this crucial project on our behalf. Thanks also to Alan, Keith, Clive, the Heritage Committee & others involved in forwarding the ‘InSpire’ project overall. A copy of Clive’s theological vision for ‘InSpire’ was included in the recently released Congregation Compendium. Copies are still available in the church vestibule for anyone who missed out.

COMING SOON...HOSPITALITY MONTH @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Next month - May - is ‘Hospitality Month’ at Leigh. Get ready for an invitation from one of our leaders who will be organizing a relaxed morning or afternoon tea, or lunch/ dinner with a small group of congregation members. This will be a great opportunity have some quality time together! Enquiries: Leaders’ team,

EASTER SERVICES

We pray that all who have attended Easter Services at Westmead may have experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit in a special way. Thanks to all who have assisted with the extra elements of the services.

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. Rev Christine shared some of the situation in Lismore and with the disaster recovery Chaplaincy Network. Please continue to pray for those in Disaster areas where the work continues.

Please also pray for the world- where the horror of people's choices results in the tragedy of life- especially for the victims, and the perpetrators of acts of terror (*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you Matthew 5: 44*).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church council- 27th April

WE S T M E A D

Sunday 30th April - Multicultural Service and lunch- please wear something of your own culture- or borrow from another culture. Please also bring a plate of food to share with others, if you are able.

INDOOR BOWLS

The next indoor bowls for Open Door will be the 26th April. Please feel free to come and enjoy.

UPDATE RE BUILDING AND ROADWORKS

Work continues with the 175 painting and site works. It is nice to see the blue coming through more and more. The council is beginning work on Queens Road for the new bicycle track. There is some drilling and testing in Hawkesbury Road for the planned Light Rail. Telstra has been replacing some lines in Hawkesbury Road. Major work has begun in the new Acute Building for Westmead Hospital and many trucks are moving along Hawkesbury Road. With so much happening we ask people to be extra careful when moving around the street or 175 site due to some damage to footpaths etc.

Rev Christine will send off the monies raised for Lent Event for Uniting World. Over \$200 was raised for Uniting World. Thanks to all for your generosity.

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.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship- Sundays

9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 2nd May- Bus Trip leaving church at 9.45am, pickup Helen Street 10.00am.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm (NB No Open Door Wed 3rd May)

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

Fijian Congregation

Totoka na nodra veiutaki na luveda ena Siga Tabu ni Gone. Na vakavina-kavinaka levu vei ira na gone, vei rau na qasenivuli, na veitokoni mai vale, kei na liga kece ni veiqravi



NAI TABE E SO

- Sa kerei me sa na vakayacori na vuli sere ena yakavi ni Siga Tabu, ni sa dau levu na osooso ena siga Vakarauwai.
- E tolu(3) na Siga Tabu eda na Lotu Cokovata kina—Multicultural Worship kei Leigh: 30/4, 30/7, 29/10.
- 40 ni yabaki ni Uniting Church, eda na lotu cokovata kina ena 18 ni Jiune
- Soqoni ni marama, ‘Women’s Inspire’ ena 24 ni Jiune, me marautaki kina na yabaki ni Lotu
- Siga Tabu 10 ni Sepiteba, Lotu Cokovata ni Climate Change Sunday. Ena

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU- VAKARAU VEILI- UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	VEIVUKE GUNU WAINI
16-Apr	Viliame Kamotu	(Daro na veisau	J. Foiakau	M3		
23-Apr	Anare Vocea		S.Qata	M1		
30-Apr	Lotu Cokovata/ Multicultural Worship with Leigh					

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

15-16

부활 주일 (Easter 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 성령께

사도신경 신양고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 164 장

통 154 장

예수 부활했으니

새 146장

통 146장

저 멀리 푸른 언덕에

기도 (Prayer)

주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

마가복음 (16:1-8)

말씀 (Preaching)-전현구 담임목사

살린 종교, 죽인 종교

봉헌 송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 159 장

통 149 장

기뻐 찬송하세

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1 새로운 신앙의 가족으로 만나 주님께 영광돌리며 섬기며 사랑합니다

2 오늘은 부활주일입니다 부활신앙으로 승리하시기를 축복합니다

3 담임목사는 4월17일부터 5월4일까지 서울을 방문합니다 위해서 기도해 주세요

폐회찬송(Final Hymn)

새 502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도(Benediction)

담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00수요기도회 :오후 7시
요한복음21:1-14새벽기도회 :오전 5시
요한복음20:11-시편80:19

Matthew 28:1-10

1 But after the Sabbath, at the dawning of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to view the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his dress was as white as snow. 4 And the guards, out of fear of him, were shaken and became like the dead. 5 But the angel, answering, said to the women, "Do not fear; for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come; see the place where he lay. 7 Then quickly go and tell his disciples that he has been raised from the dead, and know this, he goes before you to Galilee. There you will see him. Listen! I have told you." 8 And they went quickly from the tomb with great fear and joy and ran to inform his disciples. 9 And listen, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they approached him, and held his feet and worshipped him. 10 Then Jesus said, "Fear not. Go, inform my brothers and sisters that they may go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Translation by Keith Hamilton

Reflection

Easter is the central event of the Christian faith, and Jesus the visible presence of God the Creator and Spirit. It is the basis of Christian hope. Hope of course is not a feeling or a notion, it is an action of the will. However, there has to be a reason why we hope. Why Easter? There are a number of interconnected meanings; God has in Jesus completely identified with humanity, even to the point of death; God has experienced grief and loss in the death of a child, and in the resurrection promises new life for those in Christ in this world and the next. It is also reveals the decision of God that in Christ all the violence and alienation and compulsions of the world that would kill the human spirit have been absorbed in Christ, and so create a new spirit within us, a spirit that has passed through death to the life that is possible on the far side of death, which means not only a model or inspiration but God's real gift to humans to live differently. On this Francis Spufford, in 'Unapologetic' wrote:

"He's also the love that makes the world, to whom all times and places are equally present, he isn't just feeling the anger and spite and unbearable self-disgust of this crowd on this one Friday morning in Palestine; he's turning his bruised face toward the whole crowd past and present and to come, and accepting everything we have to throw at him, everything we fear we deserve ourselves. The doors of his heart are wedged open wide, and in rushes the whole pestilential flood, the vile and roiling tide of cruelties and failures and secrets. Let me take that from you, he is saying. Give it to me instead big enough. . . . I am the friend who will never leave you. I am change and hope.

A year 6 child said, "Easter means never give up on hope, because God won't give up on us," which sums up it up well.

For people posturing war around the world – USA, North Korea, Russia - Easter could model a way of peace. In 1963 Pope John XXIII wrote a papal encyclical on peace that in that time influenced US President John F Kennedy to seek peace with his Russian counterpart, and progress was made.

In his Easter Message, Uniting Church President, Stuart McMillan, said "The Easter story is an outrageous love story of a Creator God who wants to reconcile the brokenness of his creation and to make peace."

We are expecting the Governor of NSW **His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)**, to visit PM this coming Thursday. His visit will include the Meals Plus lunch.

Following the bombing of the Coptic Orthodox church in Cairo, Manas Ghosh, our Leigh Memorial Congregation Minister, sent a letter of support to the head of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Australia. The bombing occurred on Palm Sunday, the celebration of the peaceful arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem. I note Muslim leaders in Egypt took a public stand with the Christians against the violence. The Coptic Orthodox church, known affectionately as COCO's have served meals to people facing homelessness on Tuesday nights in our Macquarie St car park for some years.

This week we farewelled Katelyn Barakat, who had been the Group Director of People and Culture. Katelyn introduced of the new Business Partner model of People and Culture across the whole of PM which will be a lasting legacy that will make a significant contribution to creating a One PM culture, and will involve People and Culture in the total lifecycle of all staff. Katelyn also conducted the first whole of PM staff engagement survey which will assist in developing our One PM culture. I thank Katelyn for designing the new model and implementing it. Recruiting has commenced for a new Group Director of People and Culture.

Following a recruitment process we are about to appoint Dr Ulysses Chioatto as the new Group Director of Compliance. Ulysses is a lawyer. This marks a new era for PM. The Group Directory of Compliance will ensure that all our processes, contracts, guidelines are kept, and that we meet all our legislative obligations, and continue to be sustainable. The role is like an internal auditor who checks that in all things we are doing the right thing. Ulysses will start in a few weeks.

Blessings this Easter, Keith Hamilton



Gospel Yarning

Cross Cultural Evangelism Conference

15 - 19 May 2017

Sydney, Australia



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ume.nswact.uca.org.au &
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Pastoral message for this week....

The journey from Good Friday to Easter
from death to life
from horror to hope
from violence to peace

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.



Community Visitors Scheme

Do you want to volunteer and make a difference in someone's life? It all starts with a friendly smile and someone to talk to. You can share your time with an elderly person who's feeling lonely or isolated that would benefit from a friendly visitor.

This is a government funded programme run through Parramatta Mission aiming to enrich the quality of life of care recipients of aged care homes who are socially isolated and would benefit from interacting with a visitor.

As a volunteer you would make a commitment to visit a resident of an aged care facility or the recipient of a Home Care Package in their own homes, at least once a fortnight. Visits can include activities like playing cards, chatting or going for a walk.

Please Contact: Rena Shlemun-Volunteer Coordinator,
to apply reference and police checks are mandatory to be successful
Parramatta Mission: 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

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"LET'S TALK ABOUT..."

PUBLIC LECTURE @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

"THE BIG DIG!"

Recent Archaeological Discoveries
in Civic Place, Parramatta

The amazing indigenous & non-indigenous past of our city revealed...

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jillian Comber, Archaeologist

(Comber Consultants & Flinders University)



WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY

7.00 - 8.30pm

Historic Leigh Memorial Church

119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta

Enquiries: Liz or Clive via the Parramatta Mission Office, 9891-2277

or - contact us at LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com.

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 Holroyd Ghanaian Faith Community Give thanks for the new ways this congregation are engaging in cross-cultural ministry. Pray that they continue to discern God's will over resources for ministry and the different directions this may lead them in.
- ♥ PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Fil Kamotu, Ofa Foiakau and Samu Sadrata; Congregation seeking ministerial placement.
- ♥ PM Leigh Memorial: Col, Betty, Willamena, Nell.
- ♥ PM Westmead: Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, Caroline and David A, Mr and Mrs B and family, Col, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Lee and her 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 Djibouti, Somalia

Foster your faith this week

Acts 2:14a,22-32 Ps 16
1Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

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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