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OUR NEWS for 23rd 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*

ANZAC COMMEMORATION 2017

Keith will be leading and preaching at the morning service at Leigh Memorial today, during which our congregation's annual ANZAC commemoration will take place. Thanks to all concerned for their assistance, including Lucy for her very meaningful organ playing. A large cohort of our Leigh Memorial members served in the wars of the last century and 9 lost their lives. Lest We Forget. Prayers for Peace.



LEIGH

EASTER THANK YOU

Many thanks again to everyone who contributed to our Easter program this year. Thursday's 'Tenebrae' had 90 participants and both the Good Friday combined service and Easter Sunday included many creative and spiritual inspirations. Thanks also to Betty Evans for graciously supplying our annual chocolate eggs! Easter photos are included in this newsletter. (page 8)

COMBINED MULTICULTURAL SERVICE - NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday 30 April @ 10.00am, we will be having the first of our Combined Multicultural services for 2017 (ie. Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian). During the service, there will be a combined Sunday School time for the children and a combined morning tea to follow. All welcome.

Enquiries: Manas & the Leigh Memorial plus Leigh Fijian leaders.

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

Coming on **Wednesday night, 3 May @ Leigh Memorial, 7.00 - 8.30pm**, followed by supper - will be 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.

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.

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,



Joan Egan would like to thank Manas, Nita and all her lovely friends from Leigh who supported her through the death of her daughter Dianne. Your kindness is and always will be greatly appreciated..

EASTER SERVICES

The Easter services went well and provided a special time for people in contrasting styles across the three services. Thanks to all who contributed.

INDOOR BOWLS

The next indoor bowls for Open Door will be this Wednesday the 26th April. Please feel free to come and enjoy. Please also note- there will be no Open Door Wed 3rd May.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Church council- 27th April

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.

WESTMEAD

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.

UPDATE RE BUILDING AND ROADWORKS

Work continues with the 175 painting and site works. The painting is getting closer to being finished and the blues certainly make the site stand out. The site buildings will return to the block soon which will release some more parking. Thank you for your patience as different sections are blocked off for painting and other changes.

Special thanks to Lisa and the team of 175 who worked hard to have the front of the church looking as clean as possible for Easter- and the follow up work from the birds and the trees. We think especially of Edward at the moment as he nears the time of the birth of his first child. Our prayers are with him and Bonnie.

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



Marautaki tiko na nodrau tiko kei keda na Qase mai Tamavua-i-wai.

Totoka na vakadewataki ni Vosa ni Kalou kei na rogo polotu

NAI TABE E SO

- 28 ni Epereli—Sota na Matamasumasu ni Matasiga #1.
- 30 ni Epereli—Lotu Cokovata Multicultural Worship kei Leigh ena **10.00am**.
- Kerei me dua na nodatou sere ena Lotu Cokovata ka da vakaligaliga mai ena coi ni ti
- Sa tekivu na nomudou vakatovotovo na marama ena vuku ni **Siga Tabu ni Tina**. Kerea mo veitaratara kei Maca se o Suguta ena siga ni sota
- Veivosakitaki ena bose sa oti me qaravi na vuli sere ena yakavi ni Siga Tabu. Kerei me da veitokoni taka
- Kerei na veimasulaki kei na veisiko, vakauasivi vei iratou na vuvale eratou curuma tiko na o ni rarawa kei na lolosi ena macawa oqo

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-	TALI VUNAU	VEIVUKE GUNU WAINI
23-Apr	Anare Vocea		S.Qata	M1		
30-Apr	Lotu Cokovata/ Multicultural Worship kei Leigh ena 10.00am					
7-May	Rev Keith Hamilton		S.Toa	M3		I.Foiakau/ A.Vocea
14-May	Siga Tabu ni Tina					

Reflections

Kent Crawford and Lyle Steffensen married on Holy Saturday. The photo is of them eating their wedding cake. Holy Saturday is between Good Friday and Easter Day. The significance for Christians is it is the day when Jesus is dead in the tomb. Lyle and Kent chose the day because each has experienced sadness and trauma in the end of a first marriage, and wanted to mark the in-between the 'death' of the old, and the 'birth' of the new. Easter is a reminder for all of us that in life in so many different ways each one of us will experience brokenness and sorrow whether at the death of a loved one, or the end of friendship or romance, the shattering of a dream, the end of a job or career path, and for a time there is grief and it might even seem like being dead in a tomb, before there is a resurrection to new life. It is the Easter promise. The resurrection is always to something new that will be different to the past.



It was our delight to host a visit by the Governor of NSW, His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley, and Mrs Hurley on Thursday of last week.

The visit included serving lunch and having lunch in Meals Plus, conversations with clients, then a visit to WSLARS to meet some of the members. (One of the members who was present on day one reminded us that on 4 July this year is 25 years of WSLARS – something we must celebrate). My thanks to the staff of Meals Plus, WSLARS, Donna, Jenny and Jo, and our volunteers, clients and members who all helped to make our visitors welcome.





We presented the Governor with a print of our Hope painting from Meals Plus.



Some of us were treated to the delight of hearing Mrs Hurley sing a hymn from the choir conductors stand high in the Leigh Memorial Church.

This Tuesday is ANZAC Day. Parramatta Mission will be laying a wreath at the service in Prince Alfred Park at the Parramatta War Memorial at the 4:30 am service.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Easter at Leigh Memorial Congregation 2017



REPORT ON COUPLES & FRIENDS COACH TRIP TO COONABARABRAN

This year we had 37 travellers journey to Coonabarabran on the 15th Annual Couples & Friends Coach Trip. A great time of fun, fellowship and food was experienced by all. Again, on the bus, knitting needles were busy as colourful squares that will be sewn together to make rugs for the clients of the Thelma Brown Programme were produced. With seat rotation on the bus and enjoying meals in the company of different people every time great fellowship was shared.

Parriss McDougall joined our happy band of travellers this year as his family had very strong connections with this area. He had a great time investigating his family's part in the local history and talking to local residents who knew his extended family. We were delighted to see him so healthy and happy and well settled into his retired life with many sporting activities and being on the local bus driving roster to enable people to attend various functions.

Nell Tanswell was greatly surprised to find the owner of the motel where we stayed was a former student of the school where she worked for over 30 years. They had a lovely conversation reminiscing about the boys they both knew. The highlight of our trip was our study of the stars. Peter Starr, a local amateur astrologer brought some of his telescopes to the motel and with a beautifully clear night we were able to study the magnificence of Jupiter, the surface of the moon and the milky way and be excited seeing God's handiwork in a way that we have never experienced before. The next day we went to Siding Spring Observatory and with our naked eye (through a telescope) we were able to see the 4 black holes in the sun's surface. WOW!!

With Jeff's safe driving and magnificent weather and great food and accommodation another memorable trip was enjoyed by all. Next year we are off to Moree – come and join us for a very special holiday in a part of NSW not many people have explored.

Pastoral message for this week....

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

“LEST WE FORGET”

"LET'S TALK ABOUT..."

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

"THE BIG DIG!"

Recent Archaeological Discoveries

in Civic Place, Parramatta

The Aboriginal past of our city revealed...

Guest Presenter: Dr. Jillian Comber, Archaeologist

(Comber Consultants & Flinders University)



Wednesday 3 May

7.00 - 8.30pm

Historic Leigh Memorial Church

119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta

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Foster your faith this week

Acts 2:1-14a, 36-41 Ps 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Pt 1:17-23 Lk 24:13-35

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 Uniting Church: 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: Rev Veitinia and family, 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, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Mr and Mrs T.*
- ♥ *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. For staff with family members in hospital.*
- ♥ *For Veitinia Waqabaca and family following the death and funeral of her former husband Moses*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Djibouti, Somalia*
- ♥ *We remember in prayer families torn apart by war, for programs and people working to alleviate the affects of post trauma and also prayer for courage to work for 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.

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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