



OUR NEWS for 28th May 2017

Standing Strong Together



*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*

COUPLES & FRIENDS ANNUAL SERVICE - TODAY

This morning is the 'Couples and Friends' annual worship service @ Leigh Memorial. Thanks to Presidents Marcel & Brian and all the C & F for their example of warmth and fellowship, and their generosity towards the projects of our congregation and Parramatta Mission. This includes knitting rugs each year for the Mission's community services and the group's recent contributions to PM's 'Mothers' Day' appeal.



Thank you Couples & Friends for your great support & great example!



SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH RAINBOWS!

We had a fun, 'rainbow' time at our 'Rainbow Progressive Dinner' last Saturday night. Big thanks to organisers, Samantha and Anne. Today, our high school class will be having the second of two sessions with Clive about the Uniting Church & next Sunday, we'll be participating in a special painting project with Ken. New kids & families are always welcome. Enquiries via 9891-2277 or LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com.



School's 'Rainbow Progressive Dinner' including Anne's amazing 'rainbow' desserts and rugs!!!

LEIGH

THANK YOU - BOOKLET 'JOTTINGS'

Thanks to everyone from the PM congregations who has contributed so far. There is still time to write and send something by next Sunday, 4 June - either handed to Liz or emailed to emccder4@gmail.com.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON RSVPs

These are due asap to Liz at church - or to Donna via the office: 9891-2277. Places are limited. Entry by donation and transport will be available as needed. Please see the newsletter for further details.

PROGRAM
UNITING CHURCH 40th ANNIVERSARY
@ PARRAMATTA MISSION
18 - 25 June, 2017

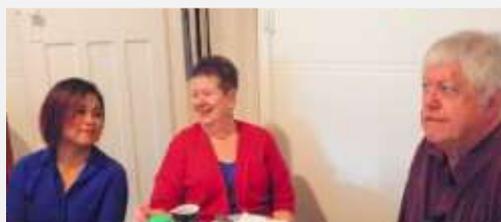


UCA 40th ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICES + LUNCHEON @ THE CENTRE FOR MINISTRY: On **Sunday 18 June**, Anniversary services will be held at both Leigh Memorial and Westmead, followed by a combined, fully catered Luncheon at the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta. Entry by donation. Places are limited, so don't delay! **RSVPs by Monday 5 June to Donna Kelly**, 9891-2277/ donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au

ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET PROJECT - PILGRIM PEOPLE: All PM congregations are invited to participate in the Heritage Committee's booklet project to commemorate the Anniversary: '**Pilgrim People: 40 years of the Uniting Church - a Parramatta Mission reflection**'. Everyone is invited to submit a written contribution. Length can be anywhere from a few lines up to a couple of pages. Content is optional, but may include a recollection regarding the start of the UCA in 1977, a favourite UCA involvement, event, theme or program over the years - or - a suggestion for the future of the church. **Submissions are due by Sunday 4 June** - or earlier if possible - and can either be emailed to emccder4@gmail.com or given to Liz in hard copy.

'WOMEN'S 'INSPIRE' AFTERNOON @ LEIGH: On **Saturday 24 June**, there will be an afternoon of inspiration for women at the Leigh Memorial Coffee Shop. **All women of Parramatta Mission are invited** in celebration of this year's UCA 40th Anniversary. **In addition to some spiritual inspiration, we'll be sharing a relaxing afternoon tea together.** Please bring a plate of food to share. **RSVPs by 18 June to Samantha** (Leigh Memorial), **Ini** (Leigh Fijian) & **Lorna** (Westmead). Staff rsvps to Coral, 9891-2277.





Church Brunch 20th May

Pastoral message for this week....

**Clothing people with compassion can make a difference.
Your \$25 to the Mission this winter will feed and keep someone warm
See our Facebook or web site for details.**

LUNCHEON

All Parramatta Mission Congregations

& the Cumberland Zone

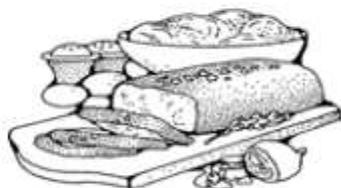
In celebration of this year's UCA 40th Anniversary

Sunday, 18 June, 2017

12.00 pm

@ The Centre for Ministry

Masons Drive, North Parramatta



**** Hot Lunch - Fully Catered - Entry by Donation ****

Limited Places! RSVPs by 5 June

Contact your congregation reps:

Liz (Leigh Memorial), **Inisc** (Leigh Fijian), **Lorna** (Westmead)

or **Donna Kelly** (donna.kelly@parramatta.org.au / 9891-2277)



HAPPY 16th BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY TO OPEN DOOR

The 16th birthday and anniversary party for Open Door on Wednesday 17th May was wonderful. Sue and Georgie went to a lot of trouble with the food and some decorations, there was a power-point of some photos across the years and of course, some games were played. And a wonderful cake cut by Lorraine and Grace- some of the earliest members of Open Door. What a wonderful ministry!



FELLOWSHIP

At our next Fellowship on Tuesday 6th June, Natalie from Thelma Brown Cottage (TBC) will be coming and telling us more about the work of TBC. All are welcome to come and attend. Thanks so much for those who gave over \$100 for the purchase of some toiletries for TBC residents who often come with nothing as they seek to escape family violence.

MEAL FOR WESLEY APARTMENTS

During this coming week meals will be purchased for each of the families at the Apartments. This meal is so appreciated by the families- whose lives are focused on their children in hospitals. Thank you to all for the continued support of the welcome packs and meals which we, as a congregation, can assist those in the Apartments!

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.

WESTMEAD

UPDATE RE BUILDING AND ROADWORKS

Work continues with the 175 painting and site works. The painting is nearly finished and the blues certainly make the site stand out. The lift building is happening and the garden has been removed in preparation for the new play ground. Thank you for your patience as different sections are blocked off for painting and other changes. The car parking will continue be disrupted until all of the work has been finished.

NEW '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 6th June 2.00pm - Natalie from Thelma Brown
Cottage- all welcome

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm - 16th anniversary 17th May

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

Foster your faith this week

Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30 Ps 104:24-34,35b

1 Cor 12:3b-13 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39

John 17:1-11

1 After Jesus had said these things, and having raised his eyes to heaven, he said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son, in order that the Son might glorify you, 2 in that you gave him authority over every kind of flesh, in order that he might give to all whom you gave to him eternal life. 3 And this is eternal life, that they might know you, the only true God and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. 4 I glorified you on earth, by completing the work which you have given to me to do. 5 And now, Father, you glorify me with your own glory which I had with you before the world existed. 6 I have revealed your name to the people whom you gave me from the world; they were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything which you gave me, is from you; 8 for the words which you gave me, I have given to them, and they have received them, and they know the truth that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me. 9 I make a request concerning them, I do not make a request concerning the world, but concerning those who have been given to me, for they are yours. 10 And all my things are yours and all your things are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 11 I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I go to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name which you have given me, in order that they maybe one, just as we are one." (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

Everyone has a religion. Secularism is a religion that expresses a certain faith. Atheism is a religion with a faith and a philosophy that leads to certain practices. The question is not are we religious or not, but is our religion life-affirming or life-denying? Rev Tim Costello has said, "everyone has a god the question is which god do we have?" John Douglas Hall wrote in 2003,

Most of the violence, death-dealing, terrorising afoot in our world is inspired – if not initiated – by some religion or other, and the question that is being put to all world religions today is whether they are, *at base*, life-affirming or agencies of death. At Base: that is to say, is the violence in which a religion is involved (for what religion is *not* so involved/) coincidental, perhaps even accidental, or can it be traced to core beliefs or unthinking presumptions of the faith in question?

I was privileged to be asked to represent the Moderator of the Synod, Rev Myung Hwa Park at the NSW parliament this past week as part of a delegation that included Jon O'Brien and Marion McConnell, providing a submission to a Victorian Government enquiry in the decriminalisation of drugs. The NSW Synod submission, prepared by the Social Justice Committee set forth these four points which it believes will lead to a fairer and more effective approach:

Recommendation 1: Governments should address the broad socio-economic factors that increase the risk of harmful drug use among vulnerable populations.

Recommendation 2: Government policies should be reformed to address personal possession and use of illicit drugs primarily as a public health issue and not as a criminal issue.

Recommendation 3: Governments should move to progressively decriminalise the possession and use of small amounts of illicit drugs.

Recommendation 4: There should be a greater investment in harm reduction and demand reduction strategies to address illicit drug use.

My thanks to Karen for the resources to assist me prepare my comments.

In the south western corner of the Leigh Memorial Church is a bronze plaque to Rev Charles Jones. Charles was born in Parramatta in 1844, was put up for adoption, later converted through the Wesleyan Methodist church and became a minister of that church in the Riverina and South Coast. He retired to Parramatta after a stint as the minister of Harris Park Methodist Church. Clearly he was held in high regard by the congregation of that day to give rise to a plaque placed in his memory. He was one of the 'fire and brimstone' preachers, and was often called upon to speak at major functions. It turns out descendants of Rev Charles Jones lived in the Parramatta area, volunteered in the Leigh Coffee shop in the 1970's and 80's. This week Liz de Réland and I met with the grandson of Charles, Graeme Jones, to hear more of the family story. Herewith is a photo taken of the three of us with the plaque.



There is a lot happening in the affordable housing area. A week ago a "Hack" was held at WSU with many from the community engaged to design from a blank sheet of paper business models of affordable housing. This week City of Parramatta Council released its discussion paper, in which they committed to providing 10% affordable housing on Council land.

My thanks to the staff and members of WSLARS for the invitation to lunch last Thursday and the questions and suggestions regarding inSpire the Common Good.

Check out our inSpire the Common Good at: www.parramattamission.org.au/inspire.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

15-22

부활절 제6주

2017년05월21일

오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)

예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling)

인도자

송영 (Gloria)

새 2장

통 6장

찬양 성부 성자 성령

다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)

다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

다함께

새 31 장

통 46 장

찬양하라

새 380 장

통 424 장

나의 생명 되신 주

기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

갈라디아서 3:23-29

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사

믿음이란 무엇인가?

봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 542 장

통 340 장

구주 예수 의지함이

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 대한민국에 새 정부, 새 대통령을 세워주신 하나님께 감사와 찬양을 올려드립니다.
2. '매일 성경' 말씀 묵상으로 주님과 친밀한 교제의 시간을 누리며 승리하시기 바랍니다
3. 기도제목: 전도와 선교에 앞장서는 하나님의 자녀로 살아갑시다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn)

새502장

통 259장

빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도

전현구 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
왕상11:1-13

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
왕상 10:14~12:24

Fijian Congregation

NAI TABE ESO

- **Connect Group Meet** : Friday evening. 7pm @ Coffee Shop. Invite your friends!!! Contact Samu and Ofa for more info.
- Vakauqeti me nanumi tiko na **Vuli Sere**, ena vei yakavi ni Siga Tabu ni suka na Lotu
- Veimatamasumasu, me uturi tiko na bukawaqa ni masumasu, ena noda vakanamata ki na macawa ni Penitiko kei na marautaki ni yabaki 40 ni Lotu
- 10 ni Jiune : **Bose ni Vale ni Lotu**
- 12 ni Jiune : Queens Birthday

Marautaki ni 40 ni yabaki ni Lotu Cokovatatiko e Ositerelia Celebrating 40th Anniversary of Uniting Church

#40prayer—*We are invited to pray together with church leaders and friends in the 40 days of prayer: for our renewal, our community, for the world, and for our Church as part of celebrating the 40th Anniversary. Prayer#15 - A Destiny Together.*

18th June—*Combine Service with Leigh followed by lunch at Centre for Ministry in North Parramatta. Lunch is entry by donation, RSVP by 5/6.*

Anniversary Booklet Project. *You have the opportunity to contribute to the Anniversary booklet. Write your memory, thoughts, feelings, celebrations, thanksgiving of the past or present; ideas or suggestions for the future. You have until the 4th of June. A 1-page template has been distributed!!*

Women's Inspire Afternoon Tea *Vakarauwai 24 ni Jiune ena Coffee Shop. Kerei na marama me da tiko vakalewelevu, ka dua toka mai na veleti coi ni ti. RSVP vei Inise ni se bera na 18 ni Jiune*

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU- VAKARAU VEILI- UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION STEWARDS
4 Jiune	Rev K.Hamilton Vulavou/Holy Commun-	(Penitiko)	V.Kamotu	M3		J.Foiakau & S.Qata
11 Jiune	A.Allison Multicultural worship		I.Foiakau	Youth		
18 Jiune	Combine Service 40th Anniversary of UCA					
25 Jiune	Fiji Parish	A.Voceca	S.Toa	M2	M 1	

inSpiring the Common Good

Through the life and witness of its congregations, through its delivery of social services, Parramatta Mission is seeking to redevelop its site and be a source of inspiration in the life of Sydney's 'central city'. It is seeking to align its life with 5 theological principles.

Leigh Memorial Church seeks to be:

3). **A place to pursue the common good:**

- which rejoices in the goodness of God, seeks to love one's neighbour as oneself, and to do good to all.
- which seeks to pursue justice and inspire hope;
- which models care of God's good creation and inspires and practices sustainable practices.;
- which provides a place of gathering to talk about conflicted issues, ethics and community concerns – and thereby seek to be a voice and place to influence the direction and tone of our community.

Prayer: Good and gracious God, inSpire us to love our neighbour as ourselves, to be mindful of those who are vulnerable and through whom you make Christ known to us: inSpire deep within us a passion and hunger for justice and the things which make for hope: inSpire within us and among us a heartfelt care for your groaning creation, your gift to us now in a situation of risk; inSpire us to be a community of faith that seasons the surrounding society in ways that are a blessing to all who live, work and play in our city and suburbs; and, inSpire us to have the courage to face the difficult issues of our day, for Christ's sake, Amen.

¹ The Moderator of the Synod of New South Wales-ACT, the Revd. Dr Brian Brown chose “Uniting for the Common Good” as his theme for the 2012 meeting of Synod. The language of the common good is now being widely used in order to nurture a civil society.

² There are a number of different characteristics or attributed to God like love, mercy, justice, wisdom, holy. The quality of ‘goodness’ is not so often sighted, though it is common in the Psalms and Jesus himself declares at Mark 10:18 and Luke 18:19 that “no one is good – except God”.

³ It is not just individuals who are called to love his/her neighbour as oneself; the church is the body of Christ. It is also called to love the neighbours in our midst. The most vivid description of this call to love and serve one’s neighbour is the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). In his summary of the law Jesus places the call to “love one’s neighbour as oneself” alongside the call to love God (Mark 12:31; Matthew 22:39; Luke 10:27). A

⁴ At Galatians 6:8 the Christian community is encouraged ‘to work for the good of all’. At Matthew 25:31-45 the practice of serving the least and seeking their welfare is likened to serving Christ.

⁵ How the pursuit of justice lies at the heart of faith can be seen from Micah 6:8 where the call to act justly is interwoven with the call to love mercy and walk humbly with God.

⁶ How the Christian faith can be seen as a faith which inspires hope may be discerned from 1 Corinthians 13:13 where hope is placed between faith and love as the three virtues which “will remain” when much else passes away; it can also be discerned in 1 Peter 3:15 where the followers of Christ are advised that they should always be ready to “give an account of the hope that is in you” to anyone who enquires.

⁷ The fifth of the five ecumenical marks of mission reads: “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth”. In one of its founding documents, A Statement to the Nation (1977), the Uniting Church declared: “We are concerned with the basic human rights of future generations and will urge the wise use of energy, the protection of the environment and the replenishment of the earth’s resources for their use and enjoyment”.

⁸ In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus invites those who follow him to be like ‘the salt of the earth’ (Matthew 5:13) and to be “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14); at Matthew 13:33 Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to yeast.



St
Martin
in
the
Fields

A Prayer for Manchester

God of mercy and judgement,
in Christ you came among us as a vulnerable child
and suffered a cruel and untimely death.
In the face of terror you show us what we rightly love.
Visit the people of Manchester today,
in the midst of horror, and grief, and injury and dismay.
Comfort the maimed and the bereaved.
Strengthen the hands of those who bring healing, hope, and kindness
in the face of agony and brutality.
Teach each one of us to hold dear what can so suddenly be snatched away,
to cherish what can so intimately be threatened,
and to uphold what some are seeking to destroy.
Make this time of terror and loss
a moment of renewal in what we most deeply believe and most firmly maintain,
that though we fear we may more truly love,
and though we despair we may more profoundly know you,
whose kingdom we seek, now and forever. Amen

Revd Dr Sam Wells
Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields
Tuesday 23 May 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:

- ♥ *The people of Manchester and England grieving the death of young children and the trauma of a terrorist act.*
- ♥ *For families torn apart by war, for programs and people working to alleviate the affects of post trauma stress and also pray for courage to work for peace.*
- ♥ *For the inSpiring the Common Good redevelopment on Macquarie St Parramatta.*
- ♥ *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 Kurrajong Uniting Church. Pray for this small congregation as they seek and discern God's mission in Kurrajong Heights*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Fil Kamotu, Ofa Foiakau, Samu Sadrata, Qata Family; Congregation seeking ministerial placement.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Col, Betty, Willamena, Nell.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia and family, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, 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, Edward, Bonnie and Zarah, Lyn and Beth.*
- ♥ *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.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland*

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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