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*OUR NEWS for 11th June 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*

**YOU ARE INVITED! UCA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Please join us next Sunday, 18 June, for the Parramatta Mission celebration of the UCA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Worship: 10.00am, followed by our Luncheon @ the Centre for Ministry, Masons Drive, North Parramatta, 12.30pm. NB: Please advise the congregation leaders if you will be needing a lift to & from the venue. We are happy to arrange this.

**PILGRIM PEOPLE - our book is nearly here!** Our PM book - *Pilgrim People: 40 years of the Uniting Church in Australia, 1977-2017 - A Parramatta Mission Reflection*, will be available for sale next week at the service and luncheon for \$10 per copy. Thank you very much to everyone who has and will support this encouraging, collective effort by all of our PM congregations - Liz & the Heritage Committee

**MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY & SUPPORT:** The Leigh Memorial Congregation is mindful of recent, tragic events around the world, including Egypt and England, which have effected innocent people and caused widespread grief and fear. Our prayers are with the victims of these tragedies and the world's leaders as they seek wise solutions. Let us hold the Coptic Christian community and the people of Manchester, London and elsewhere very closely in our prayers at this challenging time and pray for Australia as we too, seek God's peace through the maintenance of tolerance, kindness & community respect. Thanks to Rev. Manas, who has provided a 'Prayer for Peace' in this week's newsletter.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER:** Parents & Carers please note, Sunday School @ Leigh will be having a special time next Sunday, 18 June, with the Leigh Fijian Sunday School - and on Sunday 25 June, we'll be having our end of term 'Sunday School in a Café' outing. We will then break for 3 Sundays, 1, 8 & 15 July during school holidays, before re-commencing in Term 3. Enquiries: Liz, Samantha, Anne & Ken.

**EVENING CONGREGATION NOTICE:** The Leigh Memorial Evening Congregation will be taking a break for three Sundays in July. Enquiries: Robyn & Malcolm.

**LOGO & MOTTO MEANING - The UCA 40th anniversary: The anniversary logo (below)** can be viewed as a starburst, fireworks or a dandelion head whose seeds are spread on the wind. The image brings to mind celebration, diversity and all the varied parts of the Uniting Church. The **colours** intentionally connect to those that remind us of our covenant with First Peoples: the red earth and ochre. The **anniversary motto, All of this is us** encompasses past, present and future – all that brought us together and formed us as we began, all that has shaped us and has involved us over the past 40 years, and all that we hope for as we look to the future. Also pictured are the UCA & the UAICC (Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress) logos. More details about these logos will be found in our anniversary book. Further details: <https://assembly.uca.org.au/>



# A Prayer for Peace

Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh

*In the midst of our rejoicing over the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our dear Uniting Church in Australia, we hear the weeping and moaning of the people from Manchester to Cairo, Baghdad to Aleppo, London and elsewhere, who mourn the untimely, tragic death of loved ones at the hands of terrorists.*



Dear God,

We pray that all those who are bereaved will receive your comfort and peace.

We pray for those who are injured and maimed that they may receive your healing and strength.

We pray for those who are working hard in response to these tragedies – the police and security forces, hospital staff, neighbours and friends.

We pray for the world leaders that they may heed to your call for peace in this world and act on it.

We pray for the terrorists that you would transform their hatred into love, their anger into understanding, and that they may channel their energies and resources in building bridges between people, not walls.

We pray for ourselves that in difficult times like these we may reaffirm our faith in you, and our determination that those who murder and maim will never be able to thwart your plan for a harmonious and peaceful world for all.

Strengthen and sustain us, we pray, and keep us firmly united in your love in the face of all evil.

Amen.

**'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.**



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

**Our call to reconciliation:**

**With the planet**

**With all people**

**With ourselves**

**there is no planet B.**

***Foster your faith this week***

***Gn 18:1-5 Ps 116:1-2,12-19***

***Rom 5:1-8 Mt 9:35-10;8, (9-23)***

**A fundraising concert,**

**“Wonderful man, wonderful music”**

**will be held at Carlingford Uniting Church, 7.30pm,  
on Friday 30th June 2017.**

*The concert will raise funds in support of two projects in the UnitingWorld - India Amritsar Education for disadvantaged children and PNG Village Water.*

Eight professional classical singers and pianists from Korea are going to perform and it will include songs to commemorate Rev Dr Kyung-Chik Han who greatly influenced on Korean Christianity as well as very well-known opera songs. It is part of their tour concerts in Sydney, so we are very honoured to be the host.

*Freewill donation of \$20/p or more will be appreciated.*

**For more information contact Peter Chung on 0425 363 502 or**

**email [peterchung328@hotmail.com](mailto:peterchung328@hotmail.com)**



## *UCA 40th anniversary celebrations...*

All are welcome to join in the 40th Anniversary luncheon gathering.

### *Menu...*

The menu will include a spit roast (beef and chicken),  
vegetarian lasagne (for the vegetarians),  
**salads, hot jacket potatoes, dessert and more...**

### Details of the lunch

Date: Sunday 18th June 2017

Time: 12:30pm

Venue: Centre for Ministry - Uniting Venues

16 Masons Drive North Parramatta

Cost: By donation (suggested \$20 per adult and  
children U12 donation at the discretion of parents/  
guardians)

RSVP: By 5th June 2017

To Donna Kelly

phone: 9891 2277

email: [donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au)

*on RSVP please advise of any dietary requirements)*

## **FELLOWSHIP**

Natalie from Thelma Brown Cottage (TBC) spoke and it was wonderful to hear from her about the processes and the way Thelma Brown Cottage operates. We have been able to assist with clothes, handbags and other items in the past. It was wonderful to be able to hand her the gift from the congregation as the toiletries will be well used. The leaders will talk about other ways we might be able to have a stronger connection with this valuable ministry of Parramatta Mission.

## **DONATIONS FOR MEALS PLUS**

During June we will be collecting food for Meals Plus. Canned food, rice, potatoes, pumpkin and packet food are all welcome. If you are unable to make a food donation and wish to give a money contribution then please see Rev Christine. Final day for collection Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF UNITING CHURCH**

Anniversary Books will be available for purchase at the Anniversary celebrations. Special thanks to Liz, Lorna and the team who have been pulling this together. Please read the rest of the Newsletter for information for the coming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Uniting Church. There are sign on sheets in the foyer for Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June for lunch and transport, and for the 24<sup>th</sup> for the Afternoon tea. There are also some sheets for people to write something for the anniversary booklet being prepared for the Anniversary. Donations for lunch are welcome but please come even if you are not able to contribute financially. For more information please see Lorna or Rev Christine.

## **CARPET BOWLS AT OPEN DOOR**

Next day for Carpet bowls is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. All are welcome.

## **LEADERS MEETING**

Our Westmead Leaders meet every month to talk about the work of the congregation, pastoral matters, financial matters and possibilities for future mission and ministry. We pray for the congregation regularly and each person is allocated to an elder for support. If you do not know who your elder is then please speak to Rev Christine. On the wall next to the name badges is a list and the faces of the elders and the congregational leaders. Please speak to any of these people if you have an idea or need assistance. Next meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 5.00pm.

## **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**

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.

## **DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship- Sundays 9.45am**

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July Trish Rooney speaking about being a chaplain at Westmead

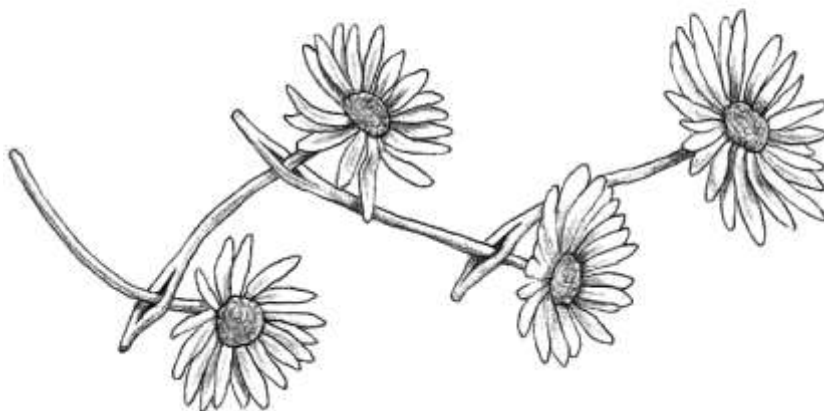
## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

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

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Carpet bowls day 28<sup>th</sup> June

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am



## Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now, the eleven disciples went out to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them; 17 and when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came to them and spoke to them saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; 20 teaching them to keep all that I have commanded you; and remember this, I am with you always to the completion of the present order of nature.

Translation by Keith Hamilton

### Reflections

Christians celebrate this Sunday as Trinity Sunday. Trinity is the doctrine that God is three and one; Creator, Son, Spirit; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. But words will always fail us to speak of the mystery of God. Our best human efforts can never adequately speak of the God who is beyond us yet beside us, around us and even in us, drawing, guiding, counselling, and judging and gracing. So the words we use need to be carefully selected to allow that no words can adequately describe or speak of God who created all things, yet came among us in Jesus, and continues to encounter the world today through Spirit. The point of the doctrine is not so much intellectual understanding but to assist people worship the mystery of God who created all, yet can give guidance to assist in living our life.



I just spent two days with this wonderful group of PM people undertaking the Mental Health First Aid Training.



The facilitators were Sonia Norton and Ryan Casey, who led the course very well, engaged all the participants and were knowledgeable of the subject. I would recommend all staff and all congregants and all volunteers of PM undertake this training. Indeed, I agree with Ryan and Sonia who opined that it would be good for everyone in Australia to do the training and become an accredited Mental Health First Aider. It would make a tremendous difference to raising the issue of mental health, particularly given that about 1 in 5 Australians will experience a mental illness in the course of their life, every day 28 Australians attempt suicide and every day 12 Australians complete suicide – higher than the road toll.

The World Health Organisation defined mental health as:

. . . a state of well-being in which the individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community.

The Mental Health First Aid Manual defines a mental disorder or mental illness as:

An illness that affects a person's thinking, emotional state and behaviour, and disrupts the person's ability to work or carry out other daily activities and engage in satisfying personal relationships.

ALGEE is a Mental Health First Aid Action Plan. ALGEE stands for:

**A**pproach the person, assess and assist with any crisis  
**L**isten and communicate non-judgementally  
**G**ive support and information  
**E**ncourage the person to get appropriate professional help  
**E**ncourage other supports

It complements doing the First Aid Course, which I also think everyone should complete.

These are practical tools that can assist us fulfil the commandment of Jesus to "love you neighbour as you love yourself."

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

# Fijian Congregation



***Combine Service with Leigh Siga Tabu, 18 ni Jiune ena 10.00am***

*Ni suka na Lotu, na vakasigalevu e North Parramatta. Ogo na kena marautaki na yabaki 40 ni Lotu Cokovata e Ositerelia. Nanuma na donation e kerei me \$20na qase.*

**Nai vola ni vakananumi ni yabaki 40.** Sa taba nai vola ka \$10 dua na copy. *Wilika kina na railesu nei Senitiki Qata ena tauyavu ni Lotu vaka-Viti e Serene, ka vola ko Penijamini Seru. So talega na lewe ni Lotu era volavola tiko kina.*

**Women's Inspire Afternoon Tea** *Vakarauwai 24 ni Jiune ena Coffee Shop. Kerei na marama me da tiko vakalewelevu, ka dua toka mai na*

## NAI TABE ESO

- **Connect Group Meet** : Friday evening. 7pm @ Coffee Shop. Invite your friends!!! Contact Samu and Ofa for more info.
- Tekivu na prayer breakfast kei na soli ti ena mataka ni Vakarauwai!!
- **17 ni Jiune** : BBQ I Bunnings, North Parramatta. Sa kerei tiko e 3 na timi me veisay shifts mai na 7am—4pm. Solia na yacamu vei Anare Vocea.
- Vei kemuni na sa solia na nomuni cau, Vinaka Vakalevu. Ke o via cau ena volivoli ni BBQ, veivosaki kei Anare Vocea.
- E rua tale tiko na BBQ e sa vakadonui tiko. **30/09 & 2/12**

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION STEWARDS
11 Jiune	A.Allison Multicultural worship		I.Foiakau	Youth		
18 Jiune	<b>Combine Service 40th Anniversary of UCA</b>					
25 Jiune	Fiji Parish	A.Vocea	S.Toa	M1	M3	

**시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church**

15-24

**성령강림절 제2주(Pentecost Sunday)** 2017년06월11일      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 8 장      통 9 장      거룩 거룩 거룩

새 380 장      통 424 장      나의 생명 되신 주

**기도** (Prayer)      주기도문송      새 635장      하늘에 계신 우리 아버지      다함께

**성경 봉독** (Scripture Reading)      고린도전 2:10-16

**말씀**(Preaching)- 전현구 목사      성령의 인도함을 받는 사람

**봉헌 송**(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 189 장      통 181 장      신실하신 주 성령

**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)      새 502장      통 259장      빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

**축도**      전현구 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
왕상16:15-34

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
왕상 15:25~18:15

## 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:

### 5) A place which is open to God's future<sup>1</sup>

- which lies beyond our here and now;<sup>2 3</sup>
- which is open to being led by the Spirit in ways which are faithful to the
- Christ through whom, in whom, and for whom all things were made;<sup>4</sup>
- and which looks forward to the fulfilment of the kingdom of God and the reconciliation of all things.<sup>5 6</sup>

**Prayer:** You have set us within this moment of time, God of all time: you have set us within this place, God whose Spirit blows where it wills. We seek to follow the way of Jesus Christ who draws near each and every time, each and every place. We give you thanks of the heritage in which we stand. Help us to become a 'living tradition' and make room for the Christ who lies ahead of us. Ay we be willing to take up our cross and be a pilgrim people, on the way to a promised end.

<sup>1</sup> There are two words used in Greek to denote time. The first is *chronos* which is calendar time, linear time, past, present and future time. The second is *Kairos* which is 'the right time', an appointed time. In terms of strategic plans and its internal life the church often functions in terms of *chronos* time; Jesus, however, asks us to discern the signs of the times, *Kairos* time, the right time for when the kingdom of God is breaking into our everyday world, while, at the same *chronos* moment, transcending our concern for diaries and dates (Luke 12:54-56).

<sup>2</sup> The Christian faith looks back in time to the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Christ; the call to follow is an ongoing call made in the present; the life of faith is also established in the hope of Christ's return. It looks towards the future. It should never allow itself to become settled in the present. The doctrine of Christ's 'ascension' (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-11) 'liberates' Jesus from first century Palestine to become available to all in and through the Spirit.

<sup>3</sup> According to Paragraph 18 of the Basis of Union:

"The Uniting Church affirms that it belongs to the people of God on the way to the promised end. The Uniting Church prays that, through the gift of the Spirit, God will constantly correct that which is erroneous in its life, will bring it into deeper unity with other Churches, and will use its worship, witness and service to God's eternal glory through Jesus Christ the Lord."

<sup>4</sup> So often our journeys of faith become accounts of "me (and people like me) and Jesus". The scope of Christian believing is much greater than this. Its cosmic scope is best captured in Colossians 1:15-23.

<sup>5</sup> According to Paragraph 3 of the Basis of Union:

"The Church as the fellowship of the Holy Spirit confesses Jesus as Lord over its own life; it also confesses that Jesus is Head over all things, the beginning of a new creation, of a new humanity. God in Christ has given to all people in the Church the Holy Spirit as a pledge and foretaste of that coming reconciliation and renewal which is the end in view for the whole creation. The Church's call is to serve that end: to be a fellowship of reconciliation, a body within which the diverse gifts of its members are used for the building up of the whole, an instrument through which Christ may work and bear witness to himself. The Church lives between the time of Christ's death and resurrection and the final consummation of all things which Christ will bring; the Church is a pilgrim people, always on the way towards a promised goal; here the Church does not have a continuing city but seeks one to come. On the way Christ feeds the Church with Word and Sacraments, and it has the gift of the Spirit in order that it may not lose the way."

<sup>6</sup> The Christian faith looks to an 'end time' – the eschaton (from the Greek for "last things"). On occasions hints or intimations of that end time break into our here and now. Project inSpire seeks to serve the kingdom of God; it looks towards that 'end time' – 'a new city, a new heaven' – but does so in the present moment.

<sup>7</sup>The word 'tradition' comes from a Latin verb, *tradere* which means 'to hand over'. And, so tradition has to do what was handed on to us and what will be handed on by us to those who come after us.

# The Staples Bag

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Next date for Staples is 22nd June 2017. Staples can be accessed in the Fellowship Hall from 11.30am till 1.00pm fortnightly.

For more information please ring Rena  
(Volunteer Coordinator Parramatta Mission) on 9891 2277



# 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, London 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 for Leura Uniting Church. We thank God for the placement of Rev Paul Cameron at Leura, and pray that, guided and empowered by God's Spirit, congregation and minister will achieve great things together.*
- ♥ *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, Lena.*
- ♥ *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 Angola, Mozambique*

# 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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