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OUR NEWS for 9th July 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*

INTER-FAITH EVENT NEXT WEEK: 'ABRAHAM CONFERENCE' @ LEIGH MEMORIAL: Next Sunday afternoon, **16 July**, annual, inter-faith event, the **Abraham Conference**, will again be held at Leigh Memorial's Fellowship Hall (2.00 - 6.00pm). The theme for this year is **'Many Faiths - One Humanity: Racism & Inclusiveness'**. Keynote speaker will be journalist & anti-racism campaigner Stan Grant (pictured below). Panel moderator will be media identity and social responsibility advocate, Julie McCrossin. The event will conclude with afternoon tea. Helpers are needed to stay back and set up for the Conference after morning tea next Sunday morning. **Enquiries: Rev. Manas/ Leaders team.**



INTER-FAITH FILM NIGHT - WSU: On **Saturday 29 July**, 7.00 - 10.00pm, the documentary film **'The Sultan and the Saint'** will have its Australian premiere at the Western Sydney Uni auditorium. Further details are available from the information flyer in this newsletter. **If you would like to be part of a group booking for the film, please speak with Manas asap.** Tickets are \$10 each.

REMINDER: JULY DATES

- 16 July **Sunday: Abraham Conference** (pm) - Manas/ Leaders
- 18 July **Tuesday: Community Visitors program** - Bruce S.
- 22 July **Saturday: PNP Fellowship Day**, Glenbrook - Beverly
- 22 July **Saturday: Youth Group** (pm) - Samantha & Nadine
- 23 July **Sunday School Term 3 starts** - Liz & Samantha
- 28 July **Friday: Aust. Church Women, Fellowship Day** - Ruth/ Bev
- 29 July **Saturday: 'The Sultan and the Saint'** film night - Manas

NAME BADGES - New name badges for our congregation have been issued in batches since April, with more currently on the way. Please let us know if you still need a badge - and for those who already have one - **please don't forget to wear it!!**

CHILDREN'S LEARNING MATERIAL: CHURCH - A reminder to parents that there is a box in the Leigh Memorial vestibule which is kept stocked with Sunday School learning materials and colouring-in pages/puzzles for use by children visiting the church - or our own children when Sunday School is not taking place. NB: Donations of pre-loved, sharpened coloured pencils and new ones for this service, are always welcome.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGGING - REAR OF LEIGH MEMORIAL

For some time now, teams of archaeologists have been digging in the sites to the side and rear of Leigh Memorial ahead of the commencement of building work for the new Parramatta Square.

Last Friday afternoon, Ian, Liz, Neil, Darlene & Callum met with Wendy, one of the Archaeologists, to take a special tour of the dig just to the rear of the church. In the photos below, you can see the drain (bottom left, originally built by convicts) which traverses the land to the rear and goes under the Fellowship Hall, plus Wendy (bottom, right) standing on the site of a Plaster Factory and Animal Pound which once also existed to the rear of us. The sites of some original fence posts have been noted on the block, as have traces of plaster left over from the work of the factory.

The view towards the Town Hall (top right) also shows the foundations of Leigh Memorial's Wesley Hall and Ferguson Wing (built 1954) and the view (top left) of the Archaeologists with their digging equipment - excavating areas of the old drain to look for further evidence of convict construction and the early topography of what was a very 'soggy' zone. The experience of visiting the site and/or liaising with archaeological teams has provided important heritage insight/data for us - and in turn, provided useful, local anecdotal information for their investigations - the PM Heritage Committee.





Ailsa Tang is turning 90 Today

Couples and Friends surprised her with a cake last Monday and sang Happy Birthday to her.



Day Retreat @ Leura Uniting Church
Saturday 15th July 2017

How do we practise compassion and
maintain an open heart?
General Information

Retreat leader: Carolyn Craig-Emilsen
Venue: Leura Uniting Church, Corner
Megalong and Grose Streets, Leura
Program: arrive 10am and depart by
3.30pm. Catering: Morning tea is provided.
Please bring your own lunch or purchase

from a local cafe. Cost: \$20 donation for earners. Registrations: Please register
by Wednesday 12th July with: Carolyn at carolyn.craigemilsen@gmail.com or
0413 993 368 OR Bethany South at bethanysouth@inet.net.au or 0413 272
960. For more information please visit www.leura.unitingchurch.org.au



Would you like to do the Kokoda Trail?

April 17-27th 2018

Arthur Philip High School are looking for a community
representative to join the teaching staff and
7 students on this memorable adventure.

You will need to cover your own costs, approximately \$4000.

For more information please contact Shireen at
Arthur Philip on 0406634034 by 14th July.



'THE SULTAN & THE SAINT'

INTER-FAITH DOCUMENTARY FILM NIGHT

7.00 - 10.00pm, SATURDAY 29 JULY

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



'**The Sultan & the Saint**' is the story of two men of faith, one a traveling Christian preacher, the other the ruler of a Muslim Empire, who bucked a century of war, distrust, and propaganda in a search for common ground.

It is the story of **Francis of Assisi** and the **Sultan of Egypt**, and their meeting on a bloody battlefield during the period of Christian- Muslim conflict known as the 'Crusades'. One of the film's stars is Oscar-winner, Jeremy Irons.

The screening is being co-hosted by Affinity Intercultural Foundation, plus the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations, the Diocese of Parramatta, the Franciscan Provincial Office Australia, Islamic Sciences and Research Academy(ISRA), the Uniting Church in Australia, and Western Sydney University. MC for the film's Australian premiere in Parramatta is Journalist, Hugh Riminton.

Location: Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Western Sydney University (Parramatta South Campus, James Ruse Drive, Parramatta)

Cost: \$10 - with refreshments served afterwards.

Those from Parramatta Mission who would like to attend are requested to give their name and payment to Rev. Manas or any of the Leigh Memorial leaders team by Sunday 16 July, after which a group booking will be made. Enquiries via 9891-2277.

NB: Due to some violent scenes, the film is unsuitable for children under 15 years.

Sydney Alliance Housing Assembly

Hi, Uniting friends,

The Social Justice Forum has been active over the past two years with the Sydney Alliance (in which the Uniting Church and Uniting are partners) to improve rental affordability across Greater Sydney

Specifically, we're advocating for the NSW Government to set clear targets for Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) – to set aside (at point of rezoning) a percentage of units in new developments to be available at lower-income-affordable rents. Our targets are at least 15% of units in developments on private land, and 30% on government-owned land.

Wed July 12: Affordable Housing Assembly with NSW Minister Anthony Roberts Following our intensive campaign with our Sydney Alliance partners over the past two years, the NSW Opposition has pledged its support for (very close to) our IZ targets. Our Eastwood Assembly on May 4 with Minister Roberts was a great success, but we now need even bigger attendance at this July 12 event to get the government over the line on helping lower-income renters. **So far they've done nothing significant for this group - we're very hopeful that just a little extra push will shift them to a more favourable position.** We need to pack the hall! Mr Roberts will be **there again, and representatives of the government's Greater Sydney Commission.** Catholic Archbishop Fisher will be there, along with our own Moderator, Peter Worland and others from Uniting, and people from our congregations all around Sydney.

You do need to REGISTER for this event – the link is <https://register.eventarc.com/38557/sydney-alliance-affordable-housing-assembly>

Please also encourage as many other supporters as you can to register! It would be wonderful if congregations could organise a group to attend.

For a quick 2min video about how Inclusionary Zoning works (American but very much the same applies here):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Bc1Mfzx1Y0&feature=youtu.be>

More on our campaign at our campaign webpage: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/social-justice/the-social-justice-forum/affordable-housing-campaign/>

Please contact me if you need any more info.

Many thanks for your support!

Jon O'Brien

Head of Social Justice Forum

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and confront injustice

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Dear Mr Hamilton,

I would like to update you on changes happening on Darcy Street as part of the \$2 billion Parramatta Square urban renewal project.

Developer Walker Corporation will install new hoarding in the coming week that will allow Darcy Street to remain open to pedestrians during the early phases of excavation and construction.

Pedestrian access will be through an enclosed walkway to protect the public during excavation and construction. This enclosed walkway means access from Parramatta train station to Darcy Street will be retained.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could pass on this information to members of the Parramatta Mission and Leigh Memorial Church community so they are informed of these changes.

It's important to note that the route around the Parramatta CBD will not change although it will look slightly different and people will notice more work happening on the site as Walker Corporation progresses with excavation work.

The enclosed walkway will be well-lit, and a security patrol will also monitor the area between 6.30pm and 6.30am.

It is envisaged Darcy Street will need to close to pedestrians in future to allow for the completion of Parramatta Square. City of Parramatta Council will keep the community updated on further changes as the program of works and timing is confirmed.

For specific information relating to Walker Corporation's activities on site, please call (02) 9806 2700 or email parramattasquare@walkercorp.com.au.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely
Andrew

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What is the Gospel?

What is the Gospel? It's seemingly such a simple question. It feels so familiar. You would expect that we should be able to answer it off the top of our heads. And yet that's not what happened at a conference I attended recently. We had come together for the sake of 'what was called Gospel Yarning'. We came from many different cultures. We were a people immersed within the life of the church. And we talked a lot about a variety of things.

There were those who spoke of love, hope, peace and justice. There were others who talked about good news – which is what the old English word gospel means. We use it to translate the Greek word found in the New Testament: *'euaggelion'* from which we get evangelism. There was a lot of talk about the church and maybe the gap that can arise between what we wish the church was like and what it is really like. There were others who reflected on how we engage with people of other faiths or demonstrate a concern for refugees or show hospitality to newcomers or those on the margins. One woman spoke about how walking alongside Aboriginal people was for her 'the gospel'. And then there were those who picked up on the theme to be found in Paul's epistle to Galatians and which refers 'to 'the gospel of creation' – and hence their passion was for the care of creation in a time of climate change.

In the midst of all this yarning there was a recurring question: what is the gospel? It felt like at times we were on the edges of what has once been taken for granted. I had been given the task of being a theological reflector for the conference – and I couldn't help but notice a couple of things.

The first thing I observed was a series of absences or omissions. I was troubled by the failure to speak of joy. It's a word I seldom here used in services of worship – and, when we seek to talk about our life together, it often seems to be overlooked. The fact of the matter is that joy is the second most commonly used disposition or 'fruit' of the Spirit mentioned in the epistles: it is second only to love. If we were seeking to speak about the gospel – or good news – where was the joy?

The second thing I noticed was a result of where I had been the previous weekend. I am on the advisory board of the Affinity Intercultural Society. That is Muslim body which is committed to interfaith relations and seeking the well-being of Australian society. The days just prior to the conference I had spent in Melbourne as a guest of Affinity and had attended an international festival of music and cultures. Those values to do with love, faith, peace and hope were the same ones being used by our Muslim hosts. They were values upon which we could agree but that did not necessarily mean that they constituted 'the gospel'. They described our common humanity and represented – in our case – a desire to live the Christian life.

There seemed to be something missing in this conference to do with Gospel yarning. I found myself noting that talk about Jesus was inclined to focus upon his life, ministry and teaching – and maybe healing. We might say it fastened upon his humanity. And all of that is good. That needs to happen. For too long in the past it seemed we sang hymns which overlooked what Jesus did during his life on earth. The funny thing that sometimes was happening now was that our discussions on peace, hope, justice, love, engaging with other faiths and social justice in general was being detached from any talk about who Christ is for us – for you and for me.

It also struck me that perhaps, we had lost some confidence about what the apostle Paul calls the 'word of the cross'. What Paul is referring to here is the resurrection and ascension of Christ as well as the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. And for Paul the word of the cross – and what it signifies – is the gospel. Of course Paul recognized that this word of the cross was a folly and a stumbling block to most people in his own day. It was just plain odd. The writer of Luke's gospel believed the resurrection initially seemed like an 'idle tale'. And yet it was this 'story', this 'news' that inspired and transformed a fearful, apprehensive huddle of disciples into a church which was joyful (even when it was suffering for Christ's sake) and which offered a clarity of moral and spiritual vision.

What then is the gospel? Why was this conference about Gospel yarning frequently asking this question even while its participants were engaged with many good deeds in their everyday, ordinary living?

(To be continued next week).

Clive Pearson.



FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Trish Rooney was the guest speaker at the fellowship meeting on Tuesday. She talked about the new Acute Care Building which will be 14 stories high and include emergency Theatres, Intensive Care and other acute services for both children and Adults. Trish was interesting in the conversation about the hospital but also shared something of her experience of 'walking on Bundjalung country'. Please see this month's Insights magazine for more information. Trish also told us she is finishing at the Westmead Hospital to become the Hub Chaplain for Aged Care for Uniting, based at Springwood. We wish her well in her move.

EXTRA PRAYERS

Our Beloved Jean Mitchell had a bad fall last Friday 30th June and has broken a number of bones which has left her in hospital and immobile. Jean has had many visitors and is now able to sit upright. She appreciates all of the love and care which she has received. Please continue to pray for Jean in her long recovery. Our prayers for Lorraine on the death of her brother-in-law. Prayers also for Grace on the death of her niece. Our condolences to both of them and their families.

WESTMEAD

LEADER'S MEETING Tuesday 11th July, 5.00pm

NO Bible Study Monday 17th July as Rev Christine is in a meeting with others and the Moderator talking about Ordination in the Uniting Church.

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. The playground is coming along and will soon have fences and soft fall in place.



The bicycle track is coming along and it has been great to get to know many of the workers who have been coming to TOC. Please pray for them and for all who are involved in the works around 175.

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

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00 - 3.30pm

Fellowship - Tuesday 1st August 2.00

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

ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2017

**MANY FAITHS, ONE HUMANITY:
RACISM & INCLUSIVENESS**

**SUNDAY 16 JULY, 2017
2.00PM - 6.00PM**

Keynote Speaker: Mr Stan Grant

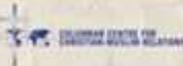
Moderator: Ms Julie McCrossin

with a Panel from the Jewish
Christian & Muslim faiths.

\$20 [\$10 concession]

Parramatta Mission
Fellowship Hall
119 Macquarie Street
Parramatta NSW 2150

AbrahamConference2017.Eventbrite.com.au



Enquiries & RSVPs from congregation members and staff of Parramatta Mission can be conveyed to Rev. Manas in person or via Reception, Parramatta Mission - 9891-2277 or reception@parramattamission.org.au by 10/7/17

성령강림절 제6주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년07월 09일 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 43 장 통 57 장 즐겁게 안식할 날

새 380 장 통 424 장 나의 생명 되신 주

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 갈라디아서2:11-21

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 안식일과 주일

봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 410 장 통 468 장 내 맘에 한 노래 있어

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 겨울철 건강과 마음의 평강을 위해 함께 기도합니다
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
갈라디아서5:13-26

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
갈라디아서4:21~민수기 16:11



The issue of housing affordability is affecting us. As a community have the responsibility to ensure that our future generations have affordable housing options.



The purpose of the Assembly is to demonstrate to the Minister the breadth, depth, and diversity of support for Sydney Alliance submission to the Greater Sydney Commission.

An invitation has been extended to us to attend the **2nd Affordable Housing Assembly**

by Rev Myung Hwa Park, Synod of NSW & ACT Moderator.

When: *Wednesday, 12th July 2017*

Time: *6.30pm - 8pm*

Where: *St Mary's Cathedral College Hall*

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If interested you can register at www.sydneyalliance.org.au

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION STEWARDS
16 Jul	Rooty Hill	S.Toa	J.Foiakau	M3	M1	
23 Jul	J.Foiakau		S.Qata	M1		
30 Jul	Fiji Parish	S.Qata	A.Voce	M2	M2	

Dear all

It is with sadness that I inform you of the passing of Darug Elder Uncle Greg Smith, whose Darug connection was from Yarramundi and his daughter Maria Locke. Uncle Greg was also connected to Bennelong.

Uncle Greg was an unforgettable character and everyone who witnessed his Welcome to Country messages at Council and community events or his slam poetry renditions will remember him fondly and well.

In the last year Uncle Greg suffered from a debilitating disease which exacerbated his other ailments including limited eye sight. Through all of this he remained vital and active and continued to attend numerous events and offer a welcome to country and perform ceremony whenever he could.

Always with a smile and passion Uncle Greg advocated for Darug peoples including almost 2 years with Council's Darug Reference Panel, as a frequent observer at our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee and participating in many community consultations including the Culture and Our City: Curated Conversations evening. His image and words are also beautifully captured in the City of Parramatta's Draft Cultural Plan.

Uncle Greg was due to participate at our RAP launch on Friday and to give the Welcome to Country at Burraramatta NAIDOC. He will be remembered at these 2 events and into the future.

I will pass on any details that become available for those who wish to attend Uncle Greg's funeral, or pass on their respects to his family.

Regards,

Bronwyn Pullen | A/Chief of Staff
Executive Officer

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Pastoral message for this week....

“Come to me those who are heavy laden” – Jesus

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:

- ♥ *For the inSpiring the Common Good redevelopment on Macquarie St Parramatta.*
- ♥ *Prayers for resilience and strength for staff working with clients with complex issues.*
- ♥ *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 Luddenham Uniting Church. Pray for the congregation's future ministry and mission.*
- ♥ *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: Jean, Michels, Paula and Geoffrey, 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, Lyn and Beth, Lena, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela.*
- ♥ *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 Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela*

Foster your faith this week

Gn 25:19-34

Rom 8:1-11

Ps 119:105-11

Mt 13:1-9,18-23

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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Leigh Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277

Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588

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<http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree>

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