



Parramatta
Mission



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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 16th 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*

TODAY: ABRAHAM CONFERENCE: Annual, inter-faith event, the Abraham Conference with the theme: 'Many Faiths - One Humanity: Racism & Inclusiveness' will be taking place today in Leigh Memorial's Fellowship Hall (2.00 - 6.00pm). Helpers are needed for set-up.

Enquiries: Rev. Manas/ Leaders.

INTER-FAITH FILM NIGHT: On Saturday 29 July, 7.00pm, the film 'The Sultan and the Saint' will have its Australian premiere at Western Sydney Uni. If you would like to be part of a group booking for the film, please speak with Manas asap. Tickets are \$10 each - and also available from the website or on the night.



Abraham Conference @ Leigh Memorial: 2016 & 2017

REMINDER: JULY DATES

- 18 July Tuesday: Community Visitors: Parramatta Nursing Home - Bruce S.
- 22 July Saturday: Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery Fellowship Day, Glenbrook UC - Beverly
- 22 July Saturday: Youth Group (pm) - Samantha & Nadine
- 23 July Sunday School Term 3 starts (23 July - 17 September) Liz & Samantha
- 28 July Friday: Australian Church Women, Fellowship Day - Ruth/Beverly
- 29 July Saturday: 'The Sultan and the Saint' inter-faith film night - Manas

LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH - STONEMASONS' EVALUATION: In response to nearby building work and subsequent vibrations effecting our site, an assessment by master stonemasons will soon take place at Leigh Memorial over a couple of Saturdays. This will involve the use of a cherry-picker/ other special equipment and include investigations across the walls, roof and ceiling cavity of the church in order to evaluate the building's current status/ potential risks etc. A full heritage briefing has been provided to the stonemasons. For further information, please see Liz/ Heritage Committee.

LEIGH

Kids & Youth Programs @ Leigh Memorial Church

At Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta - located right in the heart of the city, we have lots of fun, inclusive, challenging & faith-filled programs for kids and youth! Come along & join us! New members are always warmly welcomed



Leigh Memorial Congregation:

Sunday School @ Leigh (pre-school to high school age) - 9.30am,
every Sunday (during school terms)

Youth Group @ Leigh (high school & young adults)
meet every second Saturday night

Leigh Fijian Congregation:

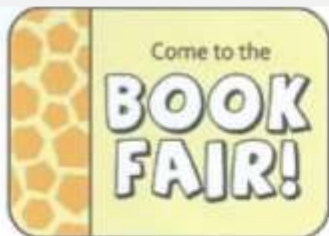
Sunday School (pre-school to high school age) - 11.15 am,
every Sunday

'Shake' and 'Connect' Youth (high school & young adults)
meet regularly each weekend

NB: Venue for all programs unless otherwise specified is
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta. Times and program details vary.

For further information on any of the above...

Contact us via the Mission office: 9891-2277 or check the
'Congregations' link at www.parramattamission.org.au



In aid of
Frontier Services,
Bidwill Uniting &
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SAVE
THE DATE

Saturday

29th July 2017

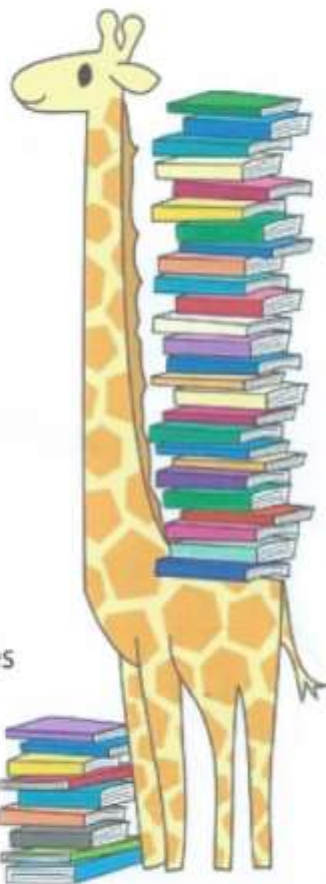
**Doors open 9.00am
for 4 hours only**

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Minister: Rev. Peter Hoe-Seung Chung

'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.

성령강림절 제7주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년07월 16일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 35 장 통 50 장 큰 영화로우신 주 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) 로마서 8:31-39

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 그리스도의 사랑과 하나님의 사랑

봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 290 장 통 412 장 우리는 주님을

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
민수기 17:1-13

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
민수기 16:25~18:32

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY

Sunday 30th July is our International Sunday where we are able to come wearing something from our own culture, or borrowing something from another's culture. Following the service we will join together for lunch. Please bring a plate of food to share with others. It is the Sunday we will be celebrating our 26th Anniversary. If you are unable to bring food you are still welcome to attend.

NO BIBLE STUDY MONDAY 17TH

PLEASE NOTE- There is an information sheet about a Life and Witness conversation available in the foyer. Please read this as it gives some background information. The Mission Secretary, Mr Robert Key will attend next Sunday's worship service to deal with any questions we might have.

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. We pray for Lyn who has lost an Aunt last week. We also pray for Lorna and Roy who are heading overseas.

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.

WESTMEAD

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

What is the Gospel? 2

We live in a media saturated world. It is everywhere: on screens, on ear plugs, on paper. We live in a world where news has become 24/7. For some events we can have a ‘rolling news cycle’ and the standard production of television news can often be interrupted with a reporter on the spot, signalling to us “breaking news”. We might even say that there is a “news industry” and sometimes the media who hand on to the news to us are deemed to be “celebrities” (if they are ‘front’ man or woman).

We live in a time when the news is often contested. Over the course of the last several months we have seen the invention of such terms as “fake news” and “alternative facts”. We know that media outlets are inclined to carry a particular perspective on a matter under discussion. If you read *The Daily Telegraph* or *The Australian*, and the person sitting next to you prefers the *Sydney Morning Herald*, then our “take” on what is happening in politics or sensitive cultural issues is liable to be marked by that interpretation of the “news”.

And, of course, so often the “news” that is beamed into our homes – or through our ever increasing range of receptive devices – is nearly always some form of bad news. There is the regular coverage of police incidents, war, the plight of refugees, and politicians falling out with one another. Our “news” is framed: it is organized in a certain way. Jolyon Mitchell was previously a BBC World journalist but is now a theological professor in Edinburgh. He has paid very careful attention to the way in which the media “frames” the violence of natural disasters as well as military and political conflict. Scott Bader Saye is another theologian interested in the media – but this time from the perspective of living in the United States. What he wishes to convey is his feeling that the news industry / the media often seeks to play upon our fears and anxiety.

We may note that there is, now and then, on the news a good news story. That story that can be a heart-warming account; it is all the more heart-warming because it can stand out over and against the wall-to-wall coverage of problems and disputes. Sometimes, of course, the media doesn’t want to convey examples of such good news. The default position can be one that favours sensational news. That is what happened during the uneasy tension following the Cronulla riots of 2005. The church hall in Auburn was next door to a Muslim school. The church hall was burnt down and the media jumped to conclusions. They were looking for a “good story” – which, for them and the production team that frames the news, would have been another example of bad blood between ‘those of Middle Eastern appearance’ and others.

The only trouble with this story is that when they arrived on the scene, the leader of the Uniting Church and the local Muslim leader were walking down the street arm in arm and the Muslims allowed the church to meet in their hall while repairs were being made. None of that featured on the nightly news.

This business of the news is important for Christians. It is important for us personally and also for the sake of our life together. We cannot help being concerned with the news because the call to follow Christ is to participate in the gospel – and that word ‘gospel’ means “good news”. For some that good news might mean seeking to live life in all its fullness; for others it might mean a quiet acknowledgement of the gift of life, despite many setbacks and failing health.

This year the question of what is good news is posed with a fresh urgency in two ways. The first is a matter of numbers – in other words, statistics and the census. It seems as if the percentage of folk who call themselves Christian in this country is in decline. That hardly seems to be good news. It may make us feel like we have failed in some way to live out the gospel. Or, it might be a spur for us to clarify for ourselves and for our life together what we think the gospel is and how we might sow seeds, be like yeast, be a light to the city.

The second reason has to do with the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to a church door (so it is said) and set in motion the Reformation. That is the events that leads to the division between Protestant and Catholic. All of the churches which came into the Uniting Church look back to Luther. He struggled with what was the good news. He tried to make himself a spiritually better person – but failed; he tried to do the things which might make him a more moral person and thus acceptable to God – but he failed. He tried to justify himself in all sorts of way – but he failed, as indeed, he would argue, we all do. Luther came to the conclusion that it was God who justifies us: that somehow through the example, the death and the resurrection of Christ God is reconciled to us.

That news is also framed in a particular way. It depends upon this narrative line or plot. It involves language that is increasingly not commonly used in society at large – at least in a religious sense. The tell tale words are words like forgiveness, sin and grace. It is almost as if this kind of good news has its own language – and, for the sake of the gospel, we are encouraged to use it and live it out.

Clive Pearson



Foster your faith this week

Gn 28:10-19a Ps 139:1-12.23-24

Rom 8:12-25

Mt 13:24-30,36-43

Good Afternoon,

In accordance with the requirements of the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012 (Act), Parramatta Mission are required to report annually on a set of standardised reporting matters under six gender equality indicators. With this, I am writing to inform you that on 23rd June 2017 Parramatta Mission lodged its annual public report with the Workplace Gender Equality Agency. To access a copy of the report, please contact People & Culture on 9891 2277 or email peopleandculture@parramattamission.org.au.

All employees within Parramatta Mission may make comments on the report. For information on how to do this, please refer to the Agency's guidelines by emailing

peopleandculture@parramattamission.org.au.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Have a great afternoon!

Katelyn Barakat

Group Director | People & Culture
9891 2277



Who: Youth leaders & volunteers, aged 18+

Start: 10AM Saturday August 12

Finish: 2PM Sunday August 13

Where: Eianora Uniting Venues:

19A Wesley St, Eianora Heights

Cost: \$30, including food & bed (payable on arrival)



Bula Coffee served on
3rd Saturday of the month
Parramatta Mission Coffee Shop
7am – 9am
All welcome!

NAI TABE ESO

- **Connect & Shake** Group starts **Friday 21st, 7.00pm** @ The Coffee Shop. Invite your friends!
- Sunday School for Term III starts **Sunday 23rd**
- Vakavinavinakataki na **veisiko** sa vakayacori tiko. Kerei me nanumi ena masu o Mili Sigani
- Ratou a tiko na vuli ni ‘Living Our Values’ o Anare Vocea, Ofa kei Inise Foiakau. Tomani na vuli ni Dauvunau e UTC. Na vuli tarava na :
- Okosita 12-13 Living Our Faith: Exploring Theology weekend 1
- Okosita 19-20 Living Our Faith: Exploring Theology weekend 2
- **Vuli Sere** : Sota na 10.30am na mataka ni Siga Tabu ena MealsPlus
- Daro na Multicultural Service kei iratou na vavakoso vavalagi ena vula qo ni sa sosomitaka na Lotu Cokovata ni yabaki 40 ni Lotu
- **Masumasu kei na lolo**. Vakauqeti me da sota tiko vaka matamasumasu ka qaravi na lolo, me vukea na tubu ni noda bula vaka yalo

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.Vocea	M2	M2	
6 Aug	Rev Keith Hamilton		S.Toa			Inise Foiakau Anare Vocea
13 Aug	I. Foiakau		A. Vocea			

PARRAMATTA MISSION CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A small number of copies of the last Church Council minutes are available from the Stewards. A copy of the minutes can also be obtained by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or robert.key@parramattamission.org.au



A Service of Thanksgiving

For the Ministry of Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson (Associate Professor),
Member of Faculty and former
Principal of United Theological College

Please join the Moderator and members of Synod as they celebrate the ministry of Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson (Associate Professor) at a special service of thanksgiving.

Date and Time:
Saturday 5 August 2017 at 1pm

Venue:
St Andrew's Chapel, Centre for Ministry
16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta

RSVP:
suew@nswact.uca.org.au or 8267 4382

Light refreshments will be served following the service.



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Education & Training Calendar

Family & Carer Mental Health Program

Western Sydney

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Castle Hill	Supporting Recovery	Thursday 13th July 10am - 12pm
Seven Hills	<i>3 Part Communication Series</i> - Communication for Carers (Wk 1) - Communication Skills and Styles (Wk 2) - Boundaries & Managing Conflict (Wk 3)	Fridays 21st, 28th July & 4th August 10am - 12:30pm
Castle Hill	Values: Know What Matters	Tuesday 8th August 10:30am - 12pm
Seven Hills	Managing Stress and Increasing Resilience	Thursday 17th August 10am - 4pm
Seven Hills	<i>3 Part Series on Emotional Intelligence</i> - A Journey in Self Awareness (Wk 1) - A Journey in Social Awareness (Wk 2) - Finding Optimism (Wk 3)	Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd September 10am - 12:30pm
Parramatta	Supporting Recovery	Tuesday 26th September 10am - 12pm
Seven Hills	Mental Health First Aid	Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th September 9am - 5pm
Parramatta	Values: Know What Matters	Tuesday 10th October 10:30am - 12:00pm
Castle Hill	Supporting Recovery	Tuesday 10th October 10am - 12pm
Seven Hills	8 Stages of Healing	Thursdays weekly from 12th October to 14th December (10 week course) 10am-12pm
Parramatta	Managing Stress and Increasing Resilience	Tuesday 24th October 10am-4pm
Seven Hills	<i>3 Part Communication Series</i> - Communication for Carers (Wk 1) - Communication Skills and Styles (Wk 2) - Boundaries & Managing Conflict (Wk 3)	Tuesdays 14th, 21st & 28th November 10am-12.30pm
Seven Hills	<i>3 Part Series on Emotional Intelligence</i> - A Journey in Self Awareness (Wk 1) - A Journey in Social Awareness (Wk 2) - Finding Optimism (Wk 3)	Fridays 17th & 24th November & 1st December 10am-12.30pm
Seven Hills	Holding onto Hope	Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th December 10am-4pm

All courses are subject to change. Please call to confirm details.

The PRESBYTERY GATHERING

will be held this year at St Andrew's Uniting Church
Corner Green Street and Lucasville Road

GLENBROOK

Saturday, 22nd JULY 2017

commencing with Morning Tea from 10.00 am
Service at 10.45am.

The outstanding Guest Speaker will be

REV SUSAN PHALEN

Disaster Response Chaplaincy Network

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

will be arranged by St Andrew's Uniting Church
1.00 – 2.15pm

Bring your own lunch
Tea/Coffee/Cold Drinks provided.

*Always a good day! Would be really good for
Leigh/Parramatta Mission to be represented.*

Pastoral message for this week....

**Good news is acting kindly to each other.
Sow seeds of good news not bad news.
Bad news is not good news; good news is good news**

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 Praying for North Rocks UCA. Give thanks for North Rocks' significant youth ministry and their future mission plans in their region. Pray for the upcoming Life and Witness, and Extension Consultations in the Congregation and with Phil Swain.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, students going back to school; 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 Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama*



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

Contacts

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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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Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

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