



Parramatta  
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

*OUR NEWS for 23rd 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*

**WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!** - This week our Sunday School children & youth return for another fun term of friendship and learning. We warmly welcome back our Junior and Senior classes - plus our teaching team, and thank all for the wonderful enthusiasm, love and energy which they regularly contribute to our congregational life. New members are always welcome. Our program is suitable for toddlers to young adults and we meet every Sunday during school terms from 9.30-11.00am. Enquiries: Liz & Samantha.



**YOUTH @ LEIGH** - A reminder that our Youth Group meets every second Saturday night from 5.30pm at the church. Gatherings involve a meal, games & devotions. For further details, please see Samantha & Nadine. Please also remember Vili and others in your prayers as they approach key points in their HSC journey this year - plus all of our primary, high school & uni students as they commence another busy term.

**ABRAHAM CONFERENCE - THANK YOU** - A full report on the Abraham Conference last Sunday, plus photos, is included in this week's newsletter. There was a wonderfully 'interactive' program this year - emphasizing open communication, tolerance and community understanding. Many thanks to the crew of Leigh members who cleaned the coffee shop kitchen prior to last Sunday's Abraham Conference & served tea and coffee for visitors. All involved made a big improvement to the space, and provided a very welcoming presence at the event. Appreciation is also expressed to those members who regularly set up chairs/tables, maintain equipment and clean/beautify our congregation spaces. Your efforts are noted and valued.

**DIARY DATE: COMBINED SERVICE @ LEIGH - 'GREEN SUNDAY'**

On **Sunday 10 September**, Leigh Memorial will be visited by **Rev. Dr. Sef Carroll**, who will bring a message about caring for God's creation, including the theology surrounding ecology, conservation, green energy, climate and the perspective of various Pacific communities, including those in Fiji, who are at the front lines of climate change. There will be combined worship at **10.00am** - plus morning tea. Further updates to follow.

**REMINDER - 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. 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. A full heritage briefing has been provided to the stonemasons. *Please advise us of any noticeable damage or changes.* Enquiries: Liz/ Property & Heritage Committees.

## INTER-FAITH - ABRAHAM CONFERENCE @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Last Sunday's Conference in the Fellowship Hall, 16 July, was organized by the three Abrahamic faiths and represented by the **Affinity Intercultural Foundation (Islamic Gr.)**, **NSW Jewish Board of Deputies**, **the Uniting Church in Australia NSW and ACT Synod**, and the **Columban Centre (Catholic Gr.)**. The Conference was attended by 180 people representing various religious, community, police, media and welfare organisations. MC for the day was media personality Julie McCrossin, with all speakers (Christian, Muslim & Jewish) emphasizing the importance of *information-sharing, tolerance & open communication*. Thanks to Manas for his key input and to the team of congregation helpers who worked throughout the day. NB: Our next inter-faith events at Leigh Memorial are the **International Day of Peace service, 21 September** & the **Peace Dinner, 2 December**. Further information to follow. Enquiries: Manas/Leaders' team.



# '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.

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**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.

## **INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If you are unable to bring food you are still welcome to attend.

**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 is attending today in our worship service to deal with any questions we might have.

## **CARPET BOWLS**

The next date for carpet bowls is Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

## **SMALL JARS**

If you have clean small empty jars with lids suitable for jams or pickles can you please bring them in for Rev Christine? We are trying to make some preserves in the next little while to sell with other goods such as hand knitted blankets, second hand books and other knitted products as a way of raising money for our church to help in our missional activities.

## **PRAYER**

WESTMEAD

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.

## **CARE UPDATE**

Jean is going well and is in respite for at least 4 more weeks. Flora, Phyllis and Betty seem to have settled in their new accommodation. Sheila W has recovered well from her fall. If you need extra assistance then please call one of the elders or Rev Christine.

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

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00 - 3.30pm

Fellowship - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2.00 – speaker Pamela Freeman,  
Australian Church Women

## **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

## Genesis 28:10-19

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." <sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. NRSV

## Reflections

What a wonderful statement: "Surely the Lord is in the place and I did not know it." I am reminded of Gloster Udy, former Superintendent Minister of Parramatta Mission, who wrote in *Spark of Grace*, (page 198):

God loved the world and so set out to rescue it that He is already within it as well as without. Hence, with His Cross at the centre of the universe, there is no separation of church and world. It was evident that in the world Christians could *gather* to worship, find nourishment and Christian love, then *scatter* to serve, witness and make disciples.

An important point about Jacob in the text above, is that he was on the run after cheating his brother Esau out of his birth right as heir to the family. Yet, Jacob had the dream of the two-way ladder in which angels are ascending and descending between earth and heaven, a powerful image of God's Spirit connecting between the Creator and the Created. It is an inspiring story of faith, of the inclusion of people, and the abiding presence of God in creation.

On Monday 21 August, Parramatta Mission are hosting a Uniting Church Forum on Drug Law Reform. This will be 7-9 pm, in the Coffee Shop and Hall of the Fellowship Centre in Parramatta. It follows on from a 2016 Synod decision to support drug law reform. The Synod called for greater funding for drug treatment and harm reduction and, going further, for the decriminalisation of possession & use of small amounts of illicit drugs. Synod asked Uniting to lead a campaign for these changes on the church's behalf. The Synod Social Justice Forum, of which I am a member representing parish missions, has progressed the matter, including making submissions to the Victorian Parliamentary inquiry into drug law reform.

The aims of this forum are:

- To inform Uniting Church members of the resolutions passed by Synod, the reasons why reform is needed and how the campaign is progressing
- To give members the opportunity to ask questions and express any concerns about the issue or campaign and have those heard
- To encourage members to be active supporters of the campaign as it moves into a more public phase

Guests & speakers include:

- Dr Marianne Jauncey (Medical Director, Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre)
- Marion McConnell (Family & Friends for Drug Law Reform)
- Greg Denham (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition [LEAP])
- Rev Myung Hwa Park (Moderator, Uniting Church Synod of NSW/ACT)
- Rev Jane Fry (Acting General Secretary, Uniting Church Synod of NSW/ACT)

To find out more information and to register, go to <https://register.eventarc.com/38790/uniting-church-forum-on-drug-law-reform>, or to contact Alex Hogan at the Social Justice Forum [ahogan@uniting.org](mailto:ahogan@uniting.org) /02 9407 3230.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

## ***Foster your faith this week***

***Gn 29:15-28 Ps 105:1-11, 45b or Ps 128***

***Rom 8:26-39***

***Mt 13:31-33, 44-52***



### *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](mailto:suew@nswact.uca.org.au) or 8267 4382

*Light refreshments will be served following the service.*



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in Australia  
by the power of the Holy Spirit

**시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church**

15-30

**성령강림절 제8주(Pentecost Sunday)** 2017년07월 23일      오후 1시 30분

**개회 찬송** (Entrance Hymn)      예배를 위한 묵상

**예배의 부름** (Calling)      인도자

**송영** (Gloria)      **새 1 장**      **동 1 장**      만복의 근원 하나님      다함께

**사도신경 신앙고백** (The Apostle's Creed) .....      다함께

**찬양/찬송** (Chorus & Hymns)      다함께

**새 14 장**      **동 30 장**      여호와 하나님

**새 380 장**      **동 424 장**

나의 생명 되신 주

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

**성경 봉독** (Scripture Reading)      창세기 11:1-9

**말씀**(Preaching)- 전현구 목사      차이와 차별

**봉헌 송**(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)  
**새 487 장**      **동 535 장**      어두운 후에 빛이 오며

**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**      **동 259장**      빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

**축도**      전현구 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
민수기 20:14-29

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
민수기19:11-22:20

# FIJIAN



- **Connect & Shake Group Friday 28th, 7.00pm** @ The Coffee Shop. Invite your friends!
- *Sunday School Term III starts today Sunday 23rd*
- Youth are leading First Sunday of the Month (Vulavou) and Communion (Vakayakavi ni Turaga) worship on 6th of August
- Youth leaders are attending You- Lead program on 12-13th August
- **Vuli Sere** : Sota na 10.30am na

*mataka ni Siga Tabu* ena MealsPlus

- **Masumasu kei na lolo.** Vakauqeti me da sota tiko vaka matamasumasu ka qaravi na lolo, me vukea na tubu ni noda bula vaka yalo

*Veisureti ki na Masumasu ena mataka ni Vakarauwai 5am e Doonside.*

*Ena 19 ni Okosita ena vaka-yacori na masumasu ena Coffee Shop e Vale ni Lotu mai na 5–6am, ka tomani ena veiweisei kei na dodoliga ka soli bilo Coffee*



Need a hot cup of coffee and filling breakfast on a cold winter morning?

Come share a cuppa on

**Saturday, 19th August**

**6.30am-8.30am**

**Parramatta Mission, Coffee Shop**

**All Welcome!**



DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION STEWARDS
23 Jul	J.Foiakau		S.Qata	M1		
30 Jul	Fiji Parish	S.Qata	A.Vocea	M2	M2	
6 Aug	Rev Keith Hamilton		S.Toa	Youth		Inise Foiakau Anare Vocea

# 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 Northmead Uniting Church. Give thanks for this significant congregation with its multiplicity of ministries. Pray for God's guidance as they and their minister discern God's will for the future. Give thanks for Geoff's leadership in the missional zone.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Toa and Lee family, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, students back to school this week; 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 The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago*

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

***Are your words and actions life-giving or . . . ?***

***“I came to give life” – Jesus***

# 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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