



Parramatta
Mission



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church
In Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 13th August 2017

I ALWAYS
WONDERED WHY
SOMEBODY DIDN'T
DO SOMETHING ABOUT
THAT, THEN I REALIZED
I AM SOMEBODY

*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*

CAN YOU HELP? - Each aspect of our congregational life needs support from a team of special people to make things happen. If you have an hour or two to spare on a monthly basis, or every few months, why not join our **Stewards/welcomers roster** (see Robert), our **Worship roster** (bible readers, prayers, communion stewards etc) (see Malcolm), our **Events team** (Peace Service, Community Peace Dinner etc) (see Manas/ the Leaders' team), our **Morning Tea** roster (see Helen), the **Library** (see Neil), the **Nursing Home Visitors** (see Bruce) - or our **PA/Tech crew** (see Stuart). If there is a task that interests you - or you have an ability that you would like to share, let us know. *Every little bit helps!* Guidance and support for those new to a role will be happily provided. Please direct queries to the co-ordinators listed above or speak with the Leaders team.

LEIGH



TOILETRIES DRIVE! - This weekend and over the next 2 Sunday mornings in August, we'll be having our annual Leigh Memorial 'Toiletries Drive' for Parramatta Mission clients. Please bring in new items such as small packs of tissues or wipes, bath soap, shampoo, shavers, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, hand sanitizer, plus combs etc. All contributions will be gratefully received. ** Please note that men's & ladies' underwear items will also be accepted as part of this drive** Enquiries: Liz & Mario.

PASTORAL CARE - a warm "hello" and "get well soon" to members unable to come to church at present due to illness. We miss you. Pastoral care & prayer requests can be made via Rev. Manas, the Leaders' team, the Prayer Chain and LEAP (Leave Everything & Pray) - which includes those praying from home. Please remember that the 'Our News' weekly newsletter is available by post or email (call 9891-2277).

FOR YOUR CALENDAR...SPECIAL EVENTS @ LEIGH, September 2017:
* **Fathers' Day**, 9.30am (Sunday 3 September), inc. a 'Dad's Delicious Morning Tea' (provided by the Sunday School); **'Green Sunday' Multicultural Combined Worship @ 10am**; (Sunday 10 September); * **International Day of Peace Prayer Service**, 2pm (Thursday 21 September).

PUBLIC MEETING - Thank you to the 17 representatives of the Leigh Memorial congregation/ Parramatta Mission who attended the meeting last Wednesday in relation to our site and the future development of the Parramatta Square precinct. The spirit and commitment of all who spoke, and those who supported them, were greatly appreciated. The process of ensuring the realisation of our church's "common good" objectives and of Christ's work in Parramatta continues.



**Happy birthday
Olive**



Olive Parfitt was surprised with a birthday cake with candles last Sunday night.

STONEMASONS @ LEIGH MEMORIAL - On Saturday 12 August work was commenced by a team of specialist stonemasons to assess the Leigh Memorial church building. This will involve further Saturdays and assist our property managers in addressing and maintaining the structural integrity of the church building throughout nearby building processes. Information will be duly disseminated regarding car park closures and the progress of investigations/repairs. Enquiries: Congregation Leaders.

Foster your faith this week

Gn 45:1-15 Ps 133

Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32 Mt 15:(10-20). 21-28

Kingdom Here—Kingdom Now

Seeking, Finding and Rejoicing in Christ the Healer and His Kingdom



Fri. August 18 (7pm-9pm) &

Sat. August 19 (9am-5pm)

(Including Healing Service @ 3.30pm open to the public)

Venue: St. Stephen's Uniting Church
197 Macquarie Rd., Sydney N.S.W.

Cost: \$60

(Includes Morning & Afternoon tea on Sat.)

Partial Attendance: Fri.-\$20, Sat.-\$50

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mike Endicott

Author of the "The Blind Healer" and "Rediscovering Kingdom Healing"

<http://www.simplyhealing.org>

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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 bicycle track is finished 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 5th September- Bus Trip

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

'We were saddened to hear the news of the death of John Bayliss, Rev Christine's father. Rev Christine has been with her family for the week, and is glad to be able to be with them all.

Rev Christine thanks all who have expressed condolences and especially all who have been praying for her, Scott and their family. The prayers have upheld them.



FIJIAN

- **Connect & Shake** groups meet on **Friday 18th August 7.00pm** @ The Coffee Shop. Feel free to invite your friends!
- **Vuli Sere** : Sota na 10.30am na mataka ni Siga Tabu ena MealsPlus
- Siga Tabu ni Tama **3 ni Sepiteba**
- GREEN SUNDAY Combine Service with Leigh on **10th September**. Rev. Dr Seforosa Carroll to speak on climate change/eco-theology
- Bula Coffee @Coffee Shop on **19th September, 6.30—8.30am**
- **Masumasu kei na lolo**. Vakauqeti na masumasu kei na lolo, me vukea na tubu ni noda bula vaka yalo
- Kerei me nanumi ena masu na Lotu, Parramatta Mission kei na veiliutaki, o ira na wekada era tiko leqa, tauvimate, sotava tiko na dredre. Vakavinavinakataki na bula vinaka kei na bula ni veiwekani

Marautaki na Lotu Vulavou ena macawa sa oti ni mai vakalougatataki ka masulaki na veiqaravi vaka Vuli Talatala nei Fil Kamotu, ka na mai yabaki dua na nona veiqaravi vei keda ena Parramatta Mission.
 ‘...Sa lagilagi sara na yavadra era sa tukuna nai tukutuku vinaka...’



DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION STEWARDS
13 Aug	Viliame Kamotu		S.Qata	M3		
20 Aug	Rooty Hill	S.Qata	A.Vocea	M1	M2	
27 Aug	Fiji Parish	A.Vocea	IFoiakau	M2	M3	

Uniting Church Forum on Drug Law Reform

"For every complex problem there is an answer that is clear, simple and wrong."

H.L. Mencken

Last April, our Synod took the bold step of supporting drug law reform, passing two resolutions aimed at reducing the harm caused by illicit drugs. Now, Uniting is leading a campaign to advocate for this.

Join us for this special Uniting Church event to learn more about the issue, the resolutions passed & how the campaign is progressing.

This is also an opportunity to ask questions and hear from experts in the field about why reform is needed.

When: 7pm - 9pm Monday 21st August

Where: Parramatta Mission Church Hall, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta

Register: To register for this free event please go to www.nswact.uca.org.au and click on Social Justice Forum → Drug Law Reform Campaign Page. You can also visit our Social Justice Forum Facebook page for a registration link or email socialjustice@uniting.org. Limited spots available!

Featuring special guests & speakers

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)

This event is brought to you by



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성령강림절 제11주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년08월 11일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 1 장 통 1 장 만복의 근원 하나님 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 43 장 통 57 장 즐겁게 예배할 날

새 149 장 통 147 장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마태복음 5:43-48

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 원수를 사랑하라(1)

봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)
새 570 장 통 453 장 주는 나를 기르시는 목사

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 31:25-54	새벽기도회 : 오전 5시 민수기 31:1-32:42
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Matthew 14: 22-33

22 After the crowd of five thousand families had been feed, Jesus compelled the disciples to get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 After he had dismissed the crowds he went up a mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. 24 The boat was already far away from the land, being harassed by the waves; for the wind was against them. 25 Then in the fourth watch of the night (between 3.00 and 6.00 am) Jesus came towards them walking on the sea. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were frightened, saying, "It is a phantom!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage; it is I; do not fear." 28 Peter, responded, saying, "Lord, if it is you, call me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid, and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me." 31 Immediately, Jesus stretched out his hand, took hold of him, and said, "O man of little faith; why did you doubt?" 32 When they got up into the boat, the wind dropped. 33 And those in the boat worshipped Jesus, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

Translation by Keith Hamilton

Reflections

Like the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus walking on water has entered our folklore. Sometimes the call to do a new thing is like being called to get out of the safety of the boat and walk on water. For Christians, this call of Jesus to step out into the unknown is a familiar experience. The stories of Parramatta Mission since 1821 bear this out. No less for today as then we step out boldly in response to the call of Jesus to "come." It is human to doubt the capacity of God to bear us up, to provide for what we need to fulfil the call to get out of the boat, but God is always faithful. In this is our confidence.



(Left): Here attending August birthdays at WSLARS 4 August. This included: Donna, Angela, Cyril and myself.

(Right): Here with a group including Geoff Lee, MP for Parramatta, and Amanda Chadwick, Administrator for the city of Parramatta, at the launch of Homeless connect, in Centenary Square.



Raising Hope 2017: Investing in the social heart of Greater Western Sydney. See elsewhere for details of the Gala on 8 September. Don't miss out on being part of this great event. As Parramatta expands and grows, bringing new development and opportunities to our doorstep, the social needs of Greater Western Sydney are changing also. In 2016 there was an increase in homelessness within our community of 20%. Together we all have a social responsibility to inspire the common good and serve those in most desperate need by making a difference by investing in and nurturing the social heart of Greater Western Sydney.



Last Saturday the Uniting Church went some way to righting a wrong when it held a service of thanksgiving for Rev Dr Clive Pearson for his years of service as principal and lecturer at Uniting Theological College, a position that concluded some three years ago. More than 15 people from PM were among a large congregation there to support Clive and Mary, and express our appreciation. Clive and Mary are both ministers in association of PM.

Thank you to the staff who helped make the Homeless Persons Memorial Service happen for 2017. This year the service was held in the Fellowship Centre Hall at the conclusion of lunch. The service was led by myself, Manas and Laurie and well attended by staff and clients, and people who work or volunteer in the homeless sector. Also special thanks to Jenny for your great work in organising much of PM's involvement in Homeless Persons Week.

Thank you to the large number of people from our congregations and staff who turned out to support our action in raising concerns at the Panel that determined the outcome of the DA for 3psq – the proposed building next door to the Fellowship Centre. It was noted by the Panel chair and others that Parramatta Mission was well represented and keenly interested in future buildings and design of Parramatta Square and the proposed Civic Link.

The marriage equality vote is not about left or right, it is about love over hate. It should have been politicians providing leadership, but sadly not so. No courageous leadership at a time when we desperately need it on this and other matters. Already hate speech is on the airwaves. I can't be quiet when I see and hear gay friends treated so horribly, nor when straight friends are abused for speaking in support of marriage equality. Our PM values: grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope shape the way I will vote.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Homeless Persons Week Memorial Service Parramatta Mission 10 August 2017

Below is a prayer Manas Ghosh wrote that was used as part of the homeless persons week service.

Prayer:

Loving God, whose heart is our refuge, our shelter and our home, we come to you this day in solidarity with those brothers and sisters of ours who live on the edge, who sleep under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or bus stations; who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime; whose families are broken because they could not afford to pay the rent; who have no relatives or friends who can take them in; who have no place to keep possessions that remind them who they are; who are violated, abused and afraid; who have fallen or been betrayed by our social safety net.

In this service of remembrance we join our hearts and minds with them, and mourn with them for those who slipped over the edge during the past year. We remember those mothers or fathers, sons or daughters, brothers or sisters or friends who died on our streets or in hospitals or in emergency shelters from illness or conditions directly related to their homelessness.

O God, your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus, whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable, who spent his childhood in a foreign country as a refugee, who spent his life mixing with the people who lived in edge of society, who died in the pain and isolation of the cross, and finally buried in a borrowed tomb, you know firsthand the pain and agony of homelessness and cold and uncertainty of life.

But you are the One who also heals those who are broken in heart, who mourn, and you alone can turn the sadness of the sorrowful to joy. So we pray please wrap all our friends who mourn, with your never failing love, grace and mercy.

Give them the confidence that in life and death, in having a home and not having a home, we are never separated from your love in Jesus Christ.

Bless these, our friends, with your strength and hope that grief may not overwhelm them but they can see the dawn of a new day filled with your love, hope, joy and peace.

And may we who have the comforts of our homes, may continue to join our hearts, hands and voices to work for the day when no one need ever lay down for the night on a wooden park bench because she or he has no home; no woman need ever tuck her children into the backseat of her car because she has no home; no child need ever wonder, "Where will I feel safe?" because she has no home; So that all those who wander and all who are in need, find the shelter and the peace they seek.

Remind us, O God, that we cannot rest fully secure in our homes each night until all your children are, at last, home. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

(Rev Dr Manas Ghosh)



Thank you to Rapid Relief Team AU for your amazing effort at Homeless Connect Western Sydney Monday serving over 1,300 burgers and hundreds of coffees to visitors at Parramatta Mission #WSHC17



We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Sydney Water's Local Community Support Grants Sydney Water for their helping hand towards Meals Plus.



Sausage sizzle at Bunnings, all proceeds going to Meals Plus. Great effort with \$1827.45 raised



We're successful recipients of the 2017 Parramatta Club Grants. The funding will go towards our Women's Services, Meals Plus services and Christmas Appeal . A huge Thank You to Parramatta Leagues Club for their funding and ongoing support. Together we will be able to continue improving our services in order to transform lives.

RAISING HOPE

investing in the social heart
of Greater Western Sydney

Announcing... Our guest speaker for the 2017 Raising Hope Gala



Dr Catherine Robinson

We are excited to be able to announce our special guest speaker for the Raising Hope Gala. Dr Catherine Robinson has a special interest in homelessness, place and belonging in Australia - in the experiences of homeless young people and homeless people with mental disorders. She was recently involved in the SBS series *Filthy Rich* and *Homeless*, which you can watch [HERE](#)

About Dr Catherine Robinson

Catherine is a social researcher, international scholar and national advocate on issues related to homelessness including complex trauma and violence. She is a sociologist by training and has a broad interest in social suffering, social care, compassion fatigue and ethics in research with vulnerable populations. Her current research focuses on the needs and experiences of highly vulnerable teens in Tasmania. Catherine returned home to Tasmania and joined the Social Action and Research Centre (SARC), Anglicare Tasmania after 13 years as an academic at University of Technology, Sydney. Her key publications on homelessness include *Beside One's Self: Homelessness Felt and Lived* (Syracuse University Press) and (with Chris Chamberlain and Guy Johnson) *Homelessness in Australia* (NewSouth Publishing). Catherine was also Co-Host (with Indira Naidoo) and Series Consultant on the *Blackfella* Film/SBS documentary *Filthy Rich* and *Homeless* which screened in June 2017.

Join us for an evening of entertainment, prizes and fun, all to help raise the funds needed to invest into the areas of homelessness, domestic violence, crisis support and accommodation services.

Further information, including partnership investment packages and group bookings, please contact us.

Email: raisinghope@parramattamission.org.au or phone: (02) 9891 2277

Date: Friday 8th September

Time: 7:00 pm till midnight

Venue: Parkroyal Parramatta

30 Phillip Street Parramatta

Dress: Black Tie

RSVP: www.humanitix.com/event/raising-hope

Tickets: \$200

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 Mt Hope LC Congregation.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Toa and Lee family, Seru family, Vosalotaki family, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Fil Kamotu as he starts field placement; Congregation seeking ministerial placement.*
- ♥ *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. Christine Bayliss Kelly and her family following the death of Christine's dad last week.*
- ♥ *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 Pacific islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanaky) and French Polynesia (Tahiti)*

Pastoral message for this week....

**The greatness of a nation is measured by its treatment of its poor
What does this say about us that 100,000 plus Aussies are homeless?
What can you do to change this?**

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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For all e-tree news follow the link below
<http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree>

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