



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

*OUR NEWS for 20th August 2017*

**LOVE ME WITHOUT  
RESTRICTION,  
TRUST ME  
WITHOUT FEAR,  
WANT ME WITHOUT  
DEMAND, ACCEPT  
ME FOR WHO I AM.**



*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*

**STONEMASONS @ LEIGH MEMORIAL** - Pictured below are the stonemasons inspecting Leigh Memorial via a cherry-picker last Saturday. One lane of Macquarie Street was blocked off to facilitate the work. Imagine the view! They made a number of valuable findings regarding the state of the building, which will assist in future preservation and/or repair efforts. Our very special old church is now 132 years old and a strong symbol of Christian care, inclusivity and community involvement in the heart of Parramatta's rapidly changing CBD. Efforts to preserve its structural integrity and spiritual worth in a changing environment are crucial. Further information will be provided re the progress of all investigations. Enquiries: Leaders team.



**CAN YOU HELP? JOIN A ROSTER!** - Each aspect of our congregational life needs support from a committed team. If you have an hour or two to spare on a monthly basis, every few months or even just a few times a year - let us know. **Every little bit helps!** Guidance and support for those new to a role will be provided.

**1-Stewards/welcomers roster** (see Robert)

**2-Worship roster** (bible readers, prayers, communion stewards etc)  
(see Malcolm)

**3-Events team roster** (inc. Peace Service) (see Manas/ the Leaders' team)

**4-Morning Tea roster** (see Helen)

**5-Library assistants** (see Neil)

**6-Giving lifts to church roster** (ie. Joan) (see Samantha)

**7-Nursing Home Visitors** (see Bruce S.)

**8-PA/Tech crew** (see Stuart)

LEIGH

**TOILETRIES DRIVE** - Thanks to everyone who has generously contributed toiletries items so far. Next Sunday morning is our final collection date. Enquiries: Liz & Mario.

**NEW! WOMEN'S DAY-TIME BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - If anyone is interested in forming/joining a Leigh Memorial women's bible study group (possibly on a Friday morning) - please see Samantha.

**FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN** (Australian Church Women) - Keep saving coins for this important, ecumenical fundraising project - and please see Margie if you'd like a little bag to collect your money!

# FIJIAN

- **Connect & Shake** groups meet on **Friday 25th August 7.00pm** @ The Coffee Shop. Feel free to invite your friends!
- **Vuli Sere** : 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 Caroll to speak on climate change/eco-theology

*Suguta, Sam, Tupou and I attended the **YOUthLEADership** training at Elenora Heights. It was a great weekend of reconnecting with old friends and connecting with new ones. We had conversations and shared ideas with the group from Centenary, and also Western Sydney Uni.*



*We zoomed into what PULSE is, our challenges and looking towards the future of youth ministry.*

*We look forward to share our learnings with our community.  
- Ofa Foiakau*



DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILIUTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION
27-Aug	Fiji Parish	A.Voce	IFoiakau	M2	M3	
3-Sep	Rev Keith Hamilton	Siga Tabu ni Tama				
10-Sep	Green Sunday. Lotu Cokovata kei Leigh 10.00am Rev Dr Seforosa Caroll					

## **HSC**

We pray for Alyssa who is sitting her HSC. May she be full of confidence and calm.

## **SYNOD SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM**

There will be forum on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> from 5.00-9.00pm at the Coffee shop in the Fellowship Centre at Parramatta. All are welcome to attend.

## **JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEES (JNCs)**

Please pray for 2 groups who are in the process of recruiting for 2 key positions. Firstly, the PM University Chaplain who will be based initially at Parramatta then will include the Westmead campus when it is redeveloped. Secondly, the Chaplain at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Applications have closed for this role and we are hoping to move to interview soon. Both of these roles interact with us as a Congregation and the ministry we offer here at Westmead. Please pray for God's Spirit to help us discern the right people.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Thanks to Rev Keith and Lena for leading the service when Rev Christine was with her family. Keith has indicated he will be preaching on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at Westmead. He will be here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Fil Kamotu will preach on the 1<sup>st</sup> October as Rev Keith and Rev Christine will be at the Synod meeting.

## **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. Rev Christine has managed to catch up with Jean, Flora, Betty and Phyllis over the last few weeks. They miss us but are feeling more settled. We pray Jean will continue to heal well from her fall.

## **UPDATE RE BUILDING AND ROADWORKS**

During the week we hope the fence and soft fall for the playground will be laid. The locks on the internal doors are being changed to help us be safer for small children. The lift is in the process of being installed. The fences and screened area around the playground are also being installed.

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. Please pray 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 5<sup>th</sup> September- Normal meeting

### **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

WESTMEAD

# 시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

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**성령강림절 제12주(Pentecost Sunday)** 2017년08월 20일 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 5:38-48**

**말씀**(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 원수를 사랑하라(2)

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

**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 35:1-21

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
민수기 33:38-시편89:18

## Matthew 15:21-28

21 Jesus withdrew from that place and went into the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And unexpectedly, a Canaanite woman from that vicinity came out and cried out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely demon possessed". 23 But Jesus did not answer her with a word. And his disciples approached him and begged him saying, "Release her, for she is crying after us". 24 But he answered and said, "I was not sent for any except the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and fell down and worshipped him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 But he answered her saying, "It is not good to take the bread of the children and throw it to the dogs". 27 And she said, "Yes Lord; but even the dogs eat from the crumbs falling from their master's table. 28 Then Jesus answered her and said to her, "O woman! Great is your faith; let it be to you as you desired". And her daughter was healed from that hour. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

### Reflection

The interaction between Jesus and the Canaanite woman is troubling. It appears to show Jesus as racist – he came for the lost of the house of Israel. Referring to outsiders as dogs, is strong language and not unusual then and even today. It appears that Jesus learns. He learns from someone who has everything going against her. In a culture where women were barely more than a possession, how dare she speak to the teacher? Demon possession was believed to be a curse upon not only the person afflicted but also the family. Canaanite people were regarded as the enemy.

This is a story about crossing boundaries. A person from the wrong gender, wrong culture and supposedly cursed of God, *has* faith. Jesus recognises her faith. The demon possessed child *is* healed. The enemy *becomes the friend*. There is something here about listening to each other at depth. Through carefully listening to the person who is different our eyes can be opened to value the other as a human, and even to discover the great depth of the other. Social inclusion does not come easy, but it is possible.



A group of staff of Parramatta Mission, including new staff on our engagement day visit to AWCE at North Parramatta. From the photo you cannot tell who has been at PM 12 years and who started last month.

The engagement day involves visits to a cross section of PM, at which the staff speak about their work, hearing from congregations, and focus areas of hospitality, community and mental health services. Each new member of staff on the bus, even those who started last week, also tell of their work at PM and offer highlights. It is for me a privilege to hear of the highlights of people speaking about clients or visitors or residents whose lives have been transformed. Someone sleeping in a car now has somewhere to live and something to do. Someone who had never been to a restaurant in their life attended one through a PM program. Someone learnt how to budget, or catch a bus, or to cook a meal. Someone literally bent over from their worries being straightened up through the hospitality of Time Out Café (TOC). Someone who has received distressing news at the hospital receiving pastoral care from staff at 175. Children with a sibling at the children's hospital receiving hospitality and space to play, and parents somewhere to relax.

A program for people and animals with anxiety that brings healing to both. A client who was closed off from receiving help, opening up to a support worker. A person on the street having a place where their phone is charged. A quiet place in the busy cbd to sit, meditate or pray. People who have been in institutions for many years assisted towards living in the community,



receiving enjoyment from walking Diggs or Shiloh. A room full of ideas as to what we could do to assist a group currently overlooked. A space to relax, have a cup of tea, receive training and be affirmed and receive respite for family and carers of all ages caring for a loved one with a mental illness. Taking a phone call, or initiating a conversation with someone at risk to keep someone safe for now. The daily evening visits by staff to people to check and encourage their daily medication. Advocating for people and situations and raising awareness of how to include people. These are countless little and not so little things that make a tremendous difference in the lives of people, and they are truly transformative.

It takes all of us to provide the space and opportunity and behind the scenes support so that one member of staff or volunteer can engage with one person in some transformative way. Thank you to all for being part of PM.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

# 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](http://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](mailto:socialjustice@uniting.org). Limited spots available!

## Featuring special guests & speakers

Dr Marianne Jauncey (Medical Director, Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre)

Marion McConnell (Canberra Region Presbytery and Family & Friends for Drug Law Reform)

Greg Denham (ex Police Officer and current Executive Officer of Yarra Drug & Health Forum)

Prof. Alison Ritter (Director, Drug Policy Modelling Program at UNSW)

Rev Myung Hwa Park (Moderator, Uniting Church Synod of NSW/ACT)

Rev Jane Fry (Acting General Secretary, Uniting Church Synod of NSW/ACT)

Former Moderator, Rev Niall Reid, will act as Chair for the evening

*This event is brought to you by*



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***Foster your faith this week***

***Ex1:8-2:10      Ps 124***

***Rom 12:1-8***

***Mt 16:13-20***

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

**Exclusion is based on fear  
Love overcomes fear  
Inclusion is love's work of a lifetime**



**Rowland Hassall School visited us with a donation  
of jackets, bedding and cash  
that they had collected for**

**Parramatta Mission**

**Thank You!**



# RAISING HOPE

investing in the social heart  
of Greater Western Sydney

We're excited to announce...

Our panel for the 2017 Raising Hope Gala

Marion McConnell, Ian Hoffman and Brett Kenny



**Marion McConnell** and her late husband are founding members of Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform which commenced in 1996. Marion is committed to raising awareness of drug issues, promoting evidence based drug policies and encouraging community leaders to search for better drug policies.

**Ian Hoffman** is a Consumer Representative for Parramatta Mission and has worked in Mental Health services for 16 years. Education, support and honest relationships are cornerstones of his work.

**Brett Kenny** is an Australian former professional rugby league footballer who played in the 1980s, and 1990s. Brett was a Five-eighth and Centre for the Australian National team and New South Wales Blues and the Parramatta Eels.

We are pleased to be able to have our guest panel of speakers, each of whom has personal experience with the services of Parramatta Mission.

You can read more about our panel on our event webpage  
<https://www.parramattamission.org.au/events/raisinghope/>

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.

**Don't miss out, purchase your tickets online today**

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](http://www.humanitix.com/event/raising-hope)

Tickets: \$200 Further information, including [partnership investment packages](#) and group bookings, please contact us.

Email: [raisinghope@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:raisinghope@parramattamission.org.au)

Phone: (02) 9691 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:*

- ♥ *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 Penrith Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Toa and Lee family, Seru 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, Rev Christine and family, Max, Mr and Mrs S.*
- ♥ *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 Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania*

# 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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