



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 1st October 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*

BAPTISM BLESSINGS

Below are photos from two of our recent baptisms at Leigh Memorial - for the Goodridge & Ayoub families. What a blessing to have such beautiful little ones joining God's family at Leigh Memorial this Spring! The first baptism in our church was that of John Wesley Booth, which took place in 1885. John went on to become a Methodist Reverend and lived to 100. Since then, multiple hundreds of baptisms have been celebrated at Leigh, with each baby and child becoming a cherished part of our church family. Blessings for all.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Warmest congratulations to Ailsa & Himmie as they celebrate a very special (we hear 60 years+...) wedding anniversary! Such a wonderful achievement for two of our dedicated senior members and dear friends.

SECURITY MATTERS - ALL GROUPS

Everyone is reminded to follow our site's security guidelines, ie. locking doors, cupboards and windows when departing, dealing with rubbish appropriately, including throwing out any un-used or out of date food, turning off lights and appliances, being careful with valuables and looking after personal safety in the car park etc. Do not 'prop open' doors and never loan keys to anyone other than those who are approved to have them. Please report any concerns to the congregation leaders, or to Coral. Thank you.

OCTOBER @ LEIGH: SOME KEY DATES

1 Oct - SPOW Lunch @ Merrylands Bowling Club - see Beverly

14 & 28 Oct - Saturday Night Youth Group @ Leigh - see Samantha

15 Oct - Sunday School returns for Term 4/ Music Team

22 Oct - 9.30am Baptism (Keith officiating)

25 Oct - Australian Church Women - World Community Day
(Salvos Parramatta) - see Margie

29 Oct - 'Reformation Sunday' (500th Anniversary) - Details to be advised.

** Please note that Leigh Memorial/Parramatta Mission will not be a 'host site' for this year's 'Parramatta Lanes' festival in October. Enquiries: Keith

LEIGH
Congregation

REMINDER - FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (FLC)

The Australian Church Women's 'World Community Day' event will be held on Wednesday 25 October (including the ingathering of FLC donations) at the Salvation Army, 34 Smith Street, Parramatta. Morning Tea will be at 10.00am/ the Service at 10.45am. All welcome. Enquiries and least coin donations - Margie.

FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP

On Tuesday 10th October the fellowship bus trip is happening. We will be going to Lynwood country Club. Cost \$30 which includes lunch and bus money. Please speak to Sue or Rev Christine to include your name. We will leave the church at 10.45, pickup from Helen St at 11.00 and Darcy Road at 11.15am.

SYNOD of NSW and ACT MEETING

The 4 days of Synod began Saturday 30th September. During this time Rev Christine will be at the Synod meeting. Please pray for all of the Ministers and Lay People who will be at the Synod meeting and for the decisions the Synod will make. The Synod is the State and Territory meeting of the UCA.

THANKYOU

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. We are very close to the work being completed and gardening is starting to happen. Special thanks to Karen and Debra who have done some more planting and watering.

HOLIDAYS

Rev Christine is having 3 weeks holidays commencing the 16th October. During this time the elders will be on deck to assist people as needed. Lena will be involved in leading worship across the 3 weeks. Please assist her and pray for her as she engages us using her gifts. Rev Christine will be back on deck for Monday 6th November.

NB No TOC for Tuesdays 3rd as both Rev Christine and Lorna will be away and 10th with the Bus trip.

WE S T M E A D Congregation

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

(NB No study for Monday 2nd October)

Fellowship- Tuesday 10th October for local bus trip.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm

(NB No TOC for Tuesdays 3rd and 10th Oct).

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

FIJIAN



- Daylight savings. Me a toso i liu na kaloko ena mataka ni kua
- Labour Day Monday 2nd October. Nuitaki ni na marautaki na vakacagicagi ka maroroi na bula
- **Bose ni Vale ni Lotu** - 7 ni Okotova 4pm ena Coffee Shop

- 9th October Back to School!
- **Vuli Sere** : 10.30am na mataka ni Siga Tabu ena Hall
- **Veisiko Ra** veisiko na marama vei Adi Akisi Allison, sa vakabulabula tiko ni oti na veiqravu vakavuniwai. Kerei me tomani tiko na



Koniferedi

- Na VAKAVINAVINAKA levu ena veivuke kei na dodoliga me qaravi vinaka kina na Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- Lewe 24 na lako ena Koniferedi, ka sa soli na yaca vei ratou na veiqravu mai Fiji Parish

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILIUTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION
8-Oct	A.Allison	I.Foiakau		Youth		
15-Oct	Rooty Hill	S.Tuiloma	S.Qata	M3	M2	
22-Oct	S.Qata		A.Voceia	M1		

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

15-40

성령강림절 제18주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년 10월01일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)	예배를 위한 묵상				
예배의 부름 (Calling)	인도자				
송영 (Gloria) 새 1장 통 1장	만복의 근원 하나님	다함께			
사도신경 신양고백 (The Apostle's Creed)	다함께				
찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)	다함께				
새 9장 통 53장	하늘에 가득 찬 영광의 하나님				
새 149장 통 147장	주 달려 죽은 십자가				
기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송 새 635장	하늘에 계신 우리 아버지	다함께			
성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)	요한복음 15:10-15				
말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사	친구같은 신양공동체				
성찬 및 봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)					
새 455장 통 507장	주님의 마음을 본받는 자				
나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)					
1. 봄철 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 (I)				
축도	전현구 목사				
QT나눔 & 성경공부 오후4:00	수요기도회 : 오후 7시 예레미야 9:17-26	새벽기도회 : 오전 5시 예레미야 8:18-11:8			

A theology of Parramatta Mission as a church: How a church organises itself expresses a theology, of what some might call a “discursive practice.” That is ‘practice’ is a public discourse which not only names a reality we might become, but also becomes that reality. It is very important to consider our nature as church in every discussion and work about organising ourselves. There are many examples of Uniting Church parish missions across Australia who have organised themselves in a way not consistent with being a church. Sometimes what seems like a good idea from well-intentioned people can in fact be contrary to being a church. At first the changes seem small, but over time the full import becomes apparent, and can be both unalterable and destructive. The Church Council has requested that over coming months I facilitate opportunities for members of the congregations to discuss the following draft statement, and amended it as fit.

1. A starting point for theological reflection about the nature of Parramatta Mission as a church is the critical distinction between an institution and an organisation. Organisations are human made creations. The church is instituted by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16: Jesus says to Peter, “On this rock I will build my church). It comes about through the call of Christ made upon those who follow. Organisations comprise multiple elements. The basis of an organisation might be its constitution, the basis of Parramatta Mission as a city church based mission is the Basis of Union, a theological document. The church comprises one – Jesus Christ. People through baptism are joined to God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and this is how people come into the church. It is not that the church is extended when more people are baptised because the church is already and for ever one in Jesus Christ; the church exists within a tension of what it is called to be (ought to be) and how it happens to be. The former refers to its theological foundation in Christ, in the purposes of God; the latter refers to how we practice our faith and ‘organise’ our life together for the sake of what the church is called to be in Christ.

2. Christ comes as Word. This coming to creation precedes the human response. It is a coming in both judgement and grace. Judgement in that all creation is found to be less than faithful, grace in that still Christ comes to all creation seeking to renew and enliven and providing the way through baptism and repentance and the ongoing life of discipleship.

3. A critical statement for the Uniting Church is that expressed in the Basis of Union, Paragraph 15, “One holy catholic and apostolic church worshipping, witnessing, and serving as a fellowship in the Spirit of Christ.

4. One holy catholic and apostolic church are the marks of the church. It is not that people are one, holy, catholic and apostolic, but Jesus is one, holy, universal (catholic), sent (apostolic) who now sends those who are joined to him to the end of the age. This joining to Jesus is through baptism and in faith; people become disciples of Jesus who are fed through the proclaimed word and participation in the eucharist. Oneness with Jesus transforms religion into worship, witness and service (John 4: Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well)

5. Worship, witness and service are functions of the church. These are the elements of mission established within the call to discipleship. Such mission is relational and responsive. They are not detached values. These three functions are not separated. Worship includes witness and service, witness includes worship and service, service includes worship and witness. Worship without service is like the Priest and the Levite who walked past the traumatised man, and contrasts with the Good Samaritan who stopped; service without worship is like Martha serving in the kitchen refusing to listen to Jesus and contrasts with Mary who listened (Luke 10:25-42: the commandments to love, the parable of the Good Samaritan and the narrative of Mary and Martha with Jesus).

6. Jesus gave his attention to people on the margins and included them; people such as the poor, widows, women, children, the sick, people in captivity and therefore the church as the body of Christ will also be with the people on the margins seeking to include and embrace them and their needs and their hopes. For Parramatta Mission, this means our worship, witness and service are given focus to hospitality, community and clinical/mental health services.

7. The organisational question for the church is if this is our theology, how do we live out our discipleship and organise ourselves, under the guidance of the Spirit, seeking to discern the mind of Christ.

8. Ministers of the Word are people who have been joined to Jesus through baptism, fed through the eucharist, and follow in the way of discipleship to Christ; they are formed and set aside for the continuing ministry of Jesus Christ, this ministry is one of preaching, celebrating the sacraments, proclaiming the gospel and representing the one holy catholic and apostolic church through their life of prayer, leadership, administration and pastoral care. The Minister of the Word has a representative function in holding worship, witness and service together and thus model for the church faithful Christian living.

9. In speaking about the different foci of Parramatta Mission, the distinction is not between the congregations and the services, but between focus on worship, or witness or service, even while recognising that all three functions are combined.

10. An outworking of the worship, witness and service of Parramatta Mission is the common good, defined as the love of God and neighbour such that people are able to thrive.

11. Loving neighbour and increasing in love of neighbour is through the movement of first going deeper into God through the work of repentance which is a work of unity, growing in holiness, broadening the horizon to universal, and responding in faithful discipleship as sent ones of Christ to the ends of the earth to the ends of time in an apostolic mission (Luke 24:44-49).

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



 CASTLEREAGH
UNITING  CHURCH
&
CASTLEREAGH
CHRISTIAN
CONFERENCE CENTRE

Warmly invite you
in the presence of

Mr Stuart McMillan
The President of The Uniting Church in Australia

To the Celebration of our
200th Anniversary

of the first official Wesleyan Chapel in Australia
297-305 Old Castlereagh Rd Castlereagh
8th October 2017

Morning Seminar Programme

Commencing at 10am

- 10am Guest Speaker - **Mr. Stuart McMillan**
- 10:30am Guest Speaker - **Aboriginal Elder**
- 11am Guest Speaker - **Rev Russell Davies**

at 11:30am you are invited
to the viewing of the Heritage site
"The Sacred Acre"

Followed at 12 noon a Lunch for Seminar participants

Afternoon Program

All are welcome to join the

Sunday Worship Celebration

2pm on the 8th October 2017

Afternoon tea will follow the Service,

RSVP by 1st September 2017

For enquires please contact Marcia or Barbara on:
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or PO Box 448 Cranebrook NSW 2749.



You are invited to a free seminar

Hosted by Northmead Parramatta Community Mens Shed, in conjunction with Beyond Blue and the Pastoral Counselling Institute.

Dealing With Depression and Anxiety

Thursday October 12

**Sausage sizzle lunch from 12.30pm
(donation appreciated)**

**Seminar begins 1.45pm
Northmead Uniting
Church hall**



3-7 Hammers Rd, Northmead

All are welcome to this informative seminar with guest speaker Jeremy Suggett from Beyond Blue.

For more information please phone 9890 5814.

For catering purposes for the sausage sizzle, please phone 9890 5814 by Monday October 9 if you would like to come.



1300 224 636

24 hours a day
seven days a week

online chat 4pm-10pm (EST) seven days a week



Australian Men's Shed Association
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Pastoral
Counselling
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Foster your faith this week

Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Ps 19

Phil 3:4b-14 Mt 21:33-46

Pastoral message for this week....

**YES or NO,
you are still loved by God,
and you are still welcome here.**

TO-DAY IS THE DAY

Are you going home to have lunch by yourself?
You are welcome to join the happy
SINGLE PEOPLE OF WORTH
people for lunch
At Merrylands Bowling Club.

Prayer Points

The Parramatta Mission congregations invite you to join in prayers for:

- ♥ For guidance for the decision to call a chaplain to link PM with the WSU campuses, and a chaplain to link Wesley Apartments and the children's hospital at Westmead.
- ♥ PM congregations at Parramatta and Westmead, and hospitality, community and mental health services that extend right across Sydney to Lithgow, Central Coast and Hunter Valley, and support service, and the residents, guests, visitors, consumers, clients whom we meet and journey with every day of the year. We also pray for staff (some who have been with us more than 10 years) and clients connected with HASI Western Sydney and Central Coast following the loss of those contracts, and the setting up of new HASI programs in the Hunter Valley.
- ♥ For guidance for the decision to call a chaplain to link PM with the WSU campuses, and a chaplain to link Wesley Apartments and the children's hospital at Westmead.
- ♥ PM Leigh Memorial: Joan, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Aunty Jo, Victoria & family, Vulawalu family, Mary, Liz, the Leaders' team, Youth Group & Sunday School children and families.
- ♥ PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Toa and Lee family, Seru family, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani,
- ♥ PM Westmead: Nancy, Jean, Michels, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia, 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, Sophie and her family, Mark and his family.
- ♥ UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.
- ♥ For the worship, witness and service of Smithfield—Maranatha-Arabic Congregation.
- ♥ We join with churches around the world to pray for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia



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



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