



Parramatta
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OUR NEWS for 29th October 2017



Celebrate with us
500 YEARS OF THE
REFORMATION



*Congregational life @ Westmead & Parramatta,
Hospitality, Community and
Mental Health Services across
Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter and
Mid-North Coast*

Our Vision

*A Community Transforming Lives
Our Values, Grace, Inclusion, Dignity,
Faith and Hope*

REFORMATION 500th ANNIVERSARY: COMBINED SERVICE

Starting at 10.00am, this Sunday's service will include contributions by the Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian congregations and a special acknowledgement of the internationally celebrated 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517–2017). Many thanks to all contributors!



LEIGH Congregation

HEALTHY CHURCHES EXPO

Next Saturday, 4 November - 10am - 4pm, the 'Healthy Churches Expo' will be held at the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta. This event includes a variety of workshops on topics of interest to UCA congregations and may be particularly helpful to new/young leaders or experienced leaders seeking some fresh inspiration. Enquiries & Registrations - <http://healthychurches.org.au/> - or **(02) 8838 8912**.

COMING SOON...THE MUSIC TEAM CONCERT!

Next Saturday night, 4 November @ 7.00pm, we're going 'Irish' (and all things Celtish...) at Leigh when the Music Team presents its annual concert. Entry will be by donation towards the work of Parramatta Mission. It's sure to be a great night out, so please come along & bring some friends! Supper is included.

LECTURE: "WHAT WAS LUTHER THINKING?"

A free lecture on Luther and the Protestant Reformation will be given by Clive Pearson at 'The House', 2 Buckingham Avenue, Normanhurst (Normanhurst UCA) on **Tuesday 7 November, 7.30 - 9.30pm**. Please RSVP by 5 Nov. to 9487-2467. Further details are available from Clive or the flyer in this newsletter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH UPDATE

Sunday School is well underway for Term 4 and focussing on the Parables of Jesus - plus our Youth Group is still going strong! Continued prayers for our HSC student Vili and Sunday School graduates Joanna & Nicole who are also doing their final exams. New kids/youth welcome. Enquiries: Liz, Samantha & Anne.

NOVEMBER @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

NB: Following is a list of some key dates for November. If any scheduled meetings or activities have changed, or if anything new has been added - please see Liz.

1 November-LEAP (Leave Everything & Pray), 7.30pm, Choir Vestry-see Manas.

4 November - 'Leigh Goes Irish' concert (Sat. 7.00pm) Enquiries: Mal.

5 November - SPOW (Single People of Worth) Luncheon - see Beverly.

6 November - Couples & Friends - see Marcel & Brian/ C & F team.

11 & 25 November - Youth Group, Sat. 5.30pm - see Samantha.

25 November - Saturday morning study with Clive: Gospel of Mark (10am, Choir Vestry)

26 November - First in Advent: Leigh Memorial 'Giving Tree' - see Sunday School.



EXTRACT FROM HANSARD PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

16 October 2017

Ms OWENS (Parramatta) (13:30): In the parliamentary break, Parramatta Mission hosted its annual interfaith prayer service to mark the International Day of Peace. I was invited to light the peace candle and I now would like to acknowledge the people of faiths who came together to pray for peace. Thank you to Pearl Wymarra from the first people of Australia; Nishan Basmajian from the Armenian Apostolic community; Satu Hessar-Amiri from the Baha'i community; Margaret Parker from the Brahma Kumaris community; Thubten Chokyi from the Buddhist community; the Very Reverend Father Robert Bossini from the Catholic community; Pandit Jatin Kumar Bhatt from the Hindu community; Neil El-Kadomi from the Islamic community; Bhupinder Jain from the Jain community; Kati Haworth from the Jewish community; Ganzibra Professor Doctor Brikha Nasoraia from the Mandaean community; Manjinder Singh from the Sikh community; Reverend Keith Hamilton from Parramatta Mission and the Uniting Church; and Dr Pheroza Daruwalla from the Zoroastrian community. A special thanks also to the students from Arthur Phillip High School, who contributed not with a prayer but with a haka; Dr Gorur Krishna Harinath for giving the occasional address; and Reverend Dr Manas Ghosh for presiding over the event. I live in a great community that is incredibly diverse, and it's important to champion our diversity of faiths and be thankful for our freedom. Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe.



Julie Owens MP
Federal Member for Parramatta

WESTMEAD Congregation

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY

Today is the fifth Sunday and there will be a service celebrating our international nature. This time we will have a morning tea for all so please feel free to bring something for morning tea from your culture (or borrow from someone else's).

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree is support for children who have a parent in gaol. We have begun collecting money to buy presents aiming to have the presents purchased, wrapped and ready to be handed out. If you have any questions, please see Karen.

MARKET MORNING

We have had some blanket, book and other materials for sale and we are planning another sale on Thursday 9th November. Plants, knitted goods and goods suitable for Christmas are being collected. If you are able to assist on the day please speak to one of the leaders.

HOLIDAYS

Rev Christine is having 3 weeks holidays which commenced 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. There will be no Bible Study whilst Rev Christine is away.

USED GLASSES AND SUNGLASSES

If you have used glasses and sunglasses, prescription or non-prescription, then please bring them in and give to Robyne. They are able to be reused to assist people in Papua New Guinea with eyesight problems or needing sunglasses to help protect their eyes.

LEAST COIN

Thanks to those who attended the World Community Day Services and handed in the money from 'the Least Coin'. We continue to collect 5c pieces for this cause across the whole of the year. Please look out for the box in the foyer or hand coins to one of the leaders.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study-Mondays 2.00-3.30pm **(NB - No study for 16th, 23rd and 30th Oct)**
Fellowship- Tuesday 7TH Nov 2.00pm

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00pm-3.30pm Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00am-11.00am



YOU CAN MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS **SPECIAL...**

As you know Christmas can be a difficult time of year for families in need. Presents, or maybe even a meal, being a luxury that some cannot afford. Each year Parramatta Mission collects food and gifts to provide hampers to individuals and families in our community.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Sponsor an individual or family hamper

[Donate online](#) to provide a hamper and gifts to individual or families.

2. Donate food items for our hampers

Donate individual items or collect as a group, the items on our list are ideal to fill a hamper. Please ensure that your items are donated before the end of November so that **they can be delivered in time for Christmas. The list of items for this year is...**

TINNED HAM, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, CUSTARD, PUDDING, LOLLIES, CHIPS, NUTS, COFFEE, TEA, LONG LIFE MILK, LONG LIFE JUICE, CHOCOLATE

3. Donate gifts

Gifts are needed for all ages and interests. Toys and games for younger children (no battery operated toys), linen, toiletry packs, backpacks and bags, sunglasses, watches, wallets, books. No second hand gifts please.

4. Volunteer your time

Help us to sort, pack and distribute hampers during November.

Volunteers are required Monday-Friday for a half day to assist in sorting out food and gift donations and filling hampers.

The start and finish times, address and other details for corporate volunteer teams can be arranged with our volunteer coordinator (Usually from 9.30am to 1.30pm)

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Rena by phone 02 9891 2277 or email volunteer@parramattamission.org.au

For more information please visit [our webpage](#).

Thank you

The Parramatta Mission Christmas Hamper Team



Fijian Congregation

- **Vuli Sere** : 10.30am na mataka ni Siga Tabu ena Hall. Kerei na nomuni veitokoni ena kena vulici ka lagati vinaka na sere ni SoKallou.
- **Veisiko**: Vakauqeti meda tomana tiko na veisiko vaka matamasumasu
 Sa na vakaitavi talega o Fil Kamotu ena veisiko ka tiki ni nona vuli
- **Masumasu**: Kerei meda yadrava ka tomana tiko na masumasu ena nodadui yasa ni koro
- **Bogi ni Veivanuyanu (Island Night)**: Ena vakayacori ena 24 November
 ena Hall ni vale ni lotu mai na 7.00pm—11.00pm, takete me dua na matamasumasu me rawata e \$300
- **Koniferedi**: 27 (15 Adults & 12 Children) na yaca sa soli mera gole,
- **Vakadonui me saumi na deposit** e \$2100
- **Tee Shirts**: Kerei o Fil Kamotu me qarava na taba ni tee shirts,
- **Solia nomudou size** kei na wiliwili vei ratou na komiti

“Sa mai cava na qaravi tavi a kacivi kina o Mosese na Parofita levu tadua vei ira na Isireli ia sa vakaraitaka vua na Kalou ni na sega ni butuka

na vanua yalataki, baleta na cava? Ni a talaidredre. Nanuma tiko ni da talaidredre sa na yaco ga na kena i sau, sa sega ni yaga meda cudru se yaloca, ia meda yalo malumalumu ga ka vaka io tikoga Vua na Kalou ni sa veidigitaki ka veitalai tiko meda yaga ena vukuna; me soli se laivi ga vua na Kalou na bula.”

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TUVAKARAU VEILIUTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION
12 Nov	F.Kamotu		A.Allison	Youth		
19 Nov	Rooty Hill	S.Qata	J.Foiakau	M3	M3	
26 Nov	Fiji Parish	J.Foiakau	S.Tuiloma	M1	M1	

성령강림절 제22주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년 10월29일 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 44 장 통 56 장 지난 이레 동안에

새 149 장 통 147 장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 고린도전서 6:1-11

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 그리스도인의 정체성

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 440 장 통 497 장 어디든지 예수 나를 이끌면

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 (1)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
에베소서 1:1-6

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
시편95:1~에베소서 2:10

Reflections

This week is the five hundredth anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg. There is much that could be said about Luther's thought and influence. In summary, Luther's action marked the reformation of the church and gave rise to the protestant churches of today. Luther identified that God's grace goes to all people; that what makes a person a Christian is not their actions, but the work of God; that what puts people right with God is God, and people take hold of this grace through faith. Luther said, "Sinners are attractive because they are loved, not loved because they are attractive." Today these views of Luther are held by all churches. Luther also pointed to the need for churches to be under constant reform. What follows are some quotes of Luther from his preface to the commentary of Paul's letter to the church in Rome. This preface by Luther has influenced many, including John Wesley who said that as he heard it read his heart was warmed, and he indeed received assurance of faith in God.

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a person would stake their life on it a thousand times. This confidence in God's grace and knowledge of it makes people glad and bold and happy in dealing with God and all His creatures; and this is the work of the Holy Ghost in faith. Hence a person is ready and glad, without compulsion, to do good to everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything, in love and praise to God, who has shown him this grace; and thus it is impossible to separate works from faith, quite as impossible as to separate heat and light fires. (Luther, preface, xvii)

At another point in the preface, Luther quotes Paul,

What did Abraham accomplish, then, with his good works? Were they all in vain? Were his works of no use?" He concludes that Abraham was justified by faith alone, without works; nay, the Scriptures, in Genesis 15, declare that he (Abraham) was justified by faith alone, even before the work of circumcision. But if the work of circumcision contributed nothing to his righteousness, though God commanded it and it was good work of obedience; then, surely, no other good work will contribute anything to righteousness. On the other hand, if Abraham's circumcision was an external sign by which he showed the righteousness that was already his in faith, then all the good works are only external signs which follow out of faith, and show, like good fruit, that person is already inwardly righteous before God. (Luther, preface, xx)

. . . no one, by his own works, can help himself out of sin into righteousness, any more than he can prevent the birth of his own body. (Luther, preface, xxi)



Above is a combination of current and new staff at the engagement day for new staff in Taree. The staff will journey beside people living with a mental illness.

Adam Brooks was a former consumer of HASI Plus



Adam had been in an institution, living with a mental illness from his teenage years. He came to HASI Plus in 2014, and was there until he obtained accommodation, sharing a house with others in Wollongong. Sadly, Adam died last week and we held memorial service for him at HASI Plus, attended by family, staff and former staff, consumers and friends. A chair has been obtained and located in the garden at 165 Pennant Hills Rd, as a memorial to Adam.



Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Pastoral message for this week....

The need for reform is a five hundred year old message from Martin Luther that still applies today



RYDE UNITING CHURCH: WEEKLY SEWING HUB

Christian Community Aid's **Boomerang Bags** sewing hub is looking for **new volunteers** to join us on Mondays during school terms, 10.30am -1.30pm. take donated material like curtains, doona covers or tablecloths and re-purpose them into re-usable shopping bags for the community. It saves fabric ending up in landfill, helps reduce the use of plastic bags, and provides a rewarding community-based project for you to learn a new skill or use your existing skills, plus meet new people. No sewing experience is required. All welcome and there is no cost.

Location: Ryde Uniting Church, [7 Maxim Street, West Ryde.](#)
Enquiries: Vanessa -9858 3222 / 0406 817 373
or email community.learning@ccas.org.au



Foster your faith this week

All Saints Day

Rv 7:9-17 Ps34:1-10,22

1Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12

Leigh goes IRISH



A Celtic Music Variety Family Concert

Date: Saturday 4th November, 2017. **Time:** 7:00pm

Venue: Leigh Memorial Uniting Church
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta

Cost: donation for the work of Parramatta Mission

Further information: phone 0425 391 152



On Monday 27 November, at the Centre For Ministry Parramatta Mission will be holding our SHOWCASE.

The showcase will bring together people from across Parramatta Mission. The primary purpose is to develop among staff the connection with all staff of Parramatta Mission, with each program and activity connected with all programs and activities, and secondarily,

but no less important, the essential connection between the programs and activities and staff with congregants and congregations of Parramatta Mission. There have been showcases held in the past at PM which showcased certain programs within certain areas of PM. This year is unique in that it will showcase all of the programs and activities of PM. It aligns with the work of developing one Parramatta Mission. People of PM will be able to have a table and display or showcase what they do. There will be two sessions, a morning and an afternoon session, both identical, to maximise the number of people able to attend. There is a strong recognition and appreciation that PM is a church and at the heart of PM are three congregations and a faith community. The congregations are invited to have a table as well as part of this showcase, recognising that it is to be held during work hours because the desire is to maximise the number of staff who attend. There is also recognition that many from the congregations will be unable to attend due to work commitments, but some might be able to attend, and staff a table, and so showcase to staff the specific role and work of the congregations. For example the table could include such things as information about baptism, worship, eucharist, pastoral care, memorial and funeral services, bible studies, exploration of faith, prayer groups, TOC, interfaith activities, play groups, youth groups, fellowship groups, history, talks and public lectures, upcoming events, advent and Christmas plans, and Lent and Easter 2018 plans, and the list goes on. To best make it work would require having a few people from the congregations/pastoral teams on the congregation table.

Staff will have the chance to come and pop in to the Showcase, chat to staff of Parramatta Mission and learn about our great organisation.

Currently there is a Working Group who will be in contact with managers of programs and support services shortly to ensure that we have representation from across all areas of Parramatta Mission.

In the meantime, please save the date in your diaries:

Date: Monday 27 November 2017
Time: TBA – during usual business hours
Place: The Centre for Ministry – 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta Auditorium

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Mental Health Awareness Training

Out of our brokenness comes compassion

**On 3rd & 4th November between 9am & 4:30pm Parramatta Centenary
Uniting Church will host a 2-day Mental Health Awareness training led
by Rev. Miriam Parker-Lacey**

This Standard Mental Health First Aid course teaches people first aid skills for helping people experiencing a mental health crisis, mental health problems or the early stages of a mental illness

By completing the course you will receive a manual and be issued with a certificate that qualifies you to be a mental health first aider for 3 years.

As an end of year special the course is being offered at the reduced cost of \$100 for employed persons and \$30 for volunteers or students.

To register please contact Rev. Danielle Hemsworth-Smith on 0432 924 626 or email minister@centenaryunitingchurch.org.au



After Hours GP Service

After hours GP service available

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

5pm to 9.30pm

LikeMind, Suite 4, 197 Prospect Hwy, Seven Hills NSW 2147

Walk-ins welcome

Appointments can be booked by calling LikeMind

(02) 8806 3800

What was Luther thinking?

An evening on the Reformation with Rev Prof Clive Pearson



**An ecumenical
evening looking at
our common roots**

**Tue, 7 November
7.30-9.30pm**

**"The House", 2
Buckingham Ave
Normanhurst**

**normanhurstuniting
church.org.au**

This evening with theologian Clive Pearson and representatives of Sydney's Danish, German and Swedish Lutheran communities constitutes part of Normanhurst Uniting Church's celebration of 500 years of the Reformation.

A New Zealander who earned his PhD at Cambridge University Dr Pearson has lived in Sydney for many years. Formerly Principal of United Theological College, the Uniting Church's main teaching institution in NSW, he was responsible for introducing the subject of eco-theology to its curriculum. These days he is a Research fellow with the strategic research centre for Public and Contextual Theology at Charles Sturt University. He is one of the founding figures of the Global Network of Public Theology and is the editor of the International Journal of Public Theology. He has played an active role in the South Pacific Association of Theological Schools. Dr Pearson is committed to nurturing the relationship between the Christian faith and the

Muslim community in Sydney and has taken a lead in working with the Korean church at home and abroad.

The evening will take the form of a paper from Dr Pearson, followed by responses from representatives of each of the Lutheran churches answering the question "What are you thinking today about what Luther was thinking?" Dr Pearson will reflect on these responses, and there will be a short Q & A session followed by supper. The supper will include offerings from the various northern European cultures represented!

RSVP by Sunday, 5 November to:
Rev Dr David Reichardt
dreichardt@gmail.com
0419 164 329

or
Normanhurst Uniting Church Office
Thursdays, Fridays, 9am - 2.30pm
Mrs Tracey Rumbel
office@normanhurstunitingchurch.org.au
9487 2467

Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *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, Mid-North Coast, and support services, 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 and Mid-North Coast.*
- ♥ *Aaron, who is a member of staff at HASI Plus, whose mother died in WA last week. Family and friends of Adam, former consumer of HASI Plus, who died last week.*
- ♥ *For work of calling a chaplain to link PM with the WSU campuses, and a chaplain to link Wesley Apartments with the children's hospital at Westmead.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: the Owen family, Joan, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Auntie Jo, Victoria & family, Liz, our HSC students, the Leaders' team & congregation group leaders, Sunday School & Youth Group.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Toa and Lee family, Seru family, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Nancy & Jean Mitchell, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, 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 St Marys Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for The Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives.*



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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Leigh Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277

Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588

Leigh Memorial Church, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta

Westmead Congregation: Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly 0409 925 607

Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

Senior Minister/Group CEO: Rev Keith Hamilton 0417 487 446

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

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