



Parramatta  
Mission



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*OUR NEWS for 5th November 2017*



Today we celebrate that it is not our works but God's grace that makes us part of the communion of saints.

*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*

## **ALL SAINTS DAY – SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

This Sunday, 5 November during the 9.30am service @ Leigh, we will be holding our annual time of remembrance for loved ones, including the lighting of candles.

## **THANK YOU MUSIC TEAM – “IRISH EYES ARE SMILING”!**

This weekend we'll be enjoying the Music Team's annual concert at Leigh Memorial, which takes us this year through a night of musicianship and singing about all things Irish and Celtish – plus a few surprises! Many thanks Malcolm for your leadership of this event and for the many creative contributions and other gifts that you've shared over the years - which are highly valued by all. Thanks also to Alan, Robyn, and all of the regular team plus some very special guests for their wonderful contributions to the concert and throughout the year. Thanks also to the Couples & Friends for their role in the evening's success and to everyone who donates to Parramatta Mission.

## **CONGREGATION GROUP LEADERS: CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

Congregation groups holding Christmas parties or other 'end of year' events are asked to send their details to Liz for inclusion in our Calendar of Events for Advent 2017. Dates, times, venues etc will be helpful by 19 November to emccder4@gmail.com.

## **HERITAGE DONATION**

The PM Heritage Committee recently took receipt of a generous donation of items from past Moderator and author of 'Currency Lass' and other writings: Margaret Reeson. Items given to our archival collection include books and research materials relating to early Methodism in Parramatta, notably the history of Rev. Walter Lawry and Mary Lawry (nee Hassall). Next year we will be celebrating 200 years since Walter Lawry's arrival in Parramatta and 197 years since the building of our first chapel.

## **SPOW NOTICE**

There is NO luncheon meeting of SPOW (Single People of Worth) on Sunday, 5 November, but the group will be meeting in December. Enquiries - Beverly.

LEIGH Congregation

## **LECTURE: WHAT WAS LUTHER THINKING?**

This free lecture on Luther will be given by Clive Pearson on Tuesday night, 7 November at Normanhurst Uniting Church. RSVPs by 5 November to 9487-2467.

## **ADVENT - SATURDAY MORNING STUDIES**

On Saturday 25 November & 9 December, Clive Pearson will be hosting studies on the Gospel of Mark, starting at 10.00am. All welcome. Enquiries – Clive.

## **ADVANCE NOTICE: ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Advent is just a few weeks away - so let's start thinking about gifts for those being assisted in Parramatta Mission programs via our Giving Tree! Enquiries – Liz.

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

Best wishes to Pat and Arrabella on your recent milestone birthdays! Thanks for your very warm & generous contributions to our congregation over many years.

## **HERITAGE NOTICE: BEERSHEBA CENTENARY 2017**

It may be of interest to members aware of recent stories in the news that one of Leigh Memorial's young men, Clive Wooster, was laid to rest at Beersheba, Israel in 1917 - following his death in Palestine, fighting with Australia's Light Horse. He was only 21. Clive is remembered along with three other young men in Leigh Memorial's WWI memorial windows and his story featured in the PM Heritage Committee's 2015 pamphlet: 'We Will Remember Them'.

### **Living Adventurously**

The season of Advent is just round the corner. It's nearly Christmas time but don't panic: the gospel of Mark has no Christmas story! On the first Sunday in Advent we change gospels for the year from Matthew to Mark. It can be a fascinating thing to explore how one gospel at a time tells the Jesus story. Clive Pearson will lead 2 studies before Christmas that will give us an introduction to Mark's understanding.

**Saturday, 25 Nov: 10 – 11:30am: Choir Vestry:  
What no Christmas! (Reading One Gospel at a Time).**

**Saturday 9 Dec: -10 -11:30 am: Coffee Shop  
"Who do you say that I am?" (Mark's secret).**

There will be 2 further studies on Mark during Lent as we prepare for Easter. We also plan to do a reading of Mark, beginning to end.



### **COUPLES & FRIENDS NOV MEETING**



All are invited to the next Couples & Friends Group meeting "A Pearl of an Evening " This interesting meeting will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. A DVD on the pearling industry in Broome will be shown and ladies are invited to wear their pearls and gentlemen to wear their pearl cufflinks or tie clips. Of course, a delicious supper will complete our meeting.

## WESTMEAD Congregation

### **INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY**

Thanks to all who helped at our International Sunday. The morning tea went well and it is always good to share some time over food and a cuppa. Special help to those who always help behind the scenes.

### **REV KEITH**

Thanks to Rev Keith for preaching today and for Lena for leading worship.

### **MARKET MORNING- on Thursday**

We have had some blanket, book and other materials for sale and we are planning another sale on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November selling from 10.00am. Plants, knitted goods and goods suitable for Christmas are being collected. Extra help needed. Please see Robyne, Karen or Lorna if you are able to help.

### **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.

### **HOLIDAYS**

Rev Christine is back on deck tomorrow the 6<sup>th</sup> November. Bible Study will recommence and we pray Rev Christine and Rev Scott have had a good break.

### **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.

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

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.00pm

### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm NB Market Day on Thursday

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

성령강림절 제22주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년 11월05일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 3 장 통 2 장 성부 성자 성령께 찬송 다함께

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

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 42 장 통 11 장 거룩한 주님께 예배

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 23:29-36

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 건강한 분노 건전한 비판

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn) 새 436 장 통 493 장 나 이제 주님의 새생명 얻은 몸

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 봉철 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  
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
에베소서 4:1-16

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
에베소서 3:1~5:7

## **Matthew 5:1-12**

5 Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up into the mountain and when he sat down his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and he began teaching them saying, 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the land. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for to them shall mercy be shown. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when you are reviled and persecuted and all kinds of evil is spoken against you falsely because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven; for so people persecuted the prophets before you.”

## **Matthew 23: 11-12**

11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

## **Reflections**

There have been multiple commemorations this past week. On 31 October it was 500 years since Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the church in Witrternberg, that marked the start of reform movement across the world which today includes every church and that goes to the heart of the Christian faith that people are put right with God, not through human effort or activities, but through God alone. This being put right, or justified, is received through faith. Behind this is the realisation that God’s grace precedes everything, that God chooses or elects in freedom to engage with the whole of creation. Our response in faith is to draw on that grace of God in our relationship with God’s creation, in what Jesus set out as commandments to love God and love our neighbour. This action requires humility on our part which mirrors the action of God humbling God’s self in Jesus to become one among us, and so we do that with others. Not surprisingly, a major feature of the first part of worship in any church is humbling ourselves, through the prayer of confession, which culminates in the act of forgiveness which amounts to God’s grace coming to us and declaring, “Your brokenness is being made whole.” 1 November was All Saints Day, a reminder to people that the church is the communion of saints, not because of any self-merit, but because God is at work in the church. And 2 November is All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed, when the church remembers gives thanks for those who have lived the Christian faith and have now died, and with whom the church believes are connected with the communion of Saints, with whom we share the hope of the resurrection.



Some of the anniversary celebrations and cake cutting at Rooty Hill Fijian congregation last Saturday when they turned 20. They began with 6 families and today have 45. There was a special service of celebration and thanksgiving to God that included dancing, singing, speeches, carva, and plenty of food



I'm here with staff and members of WSLARS at Café Leisure the other week. The place was decked out in Halloween imagery. The night included food and disco dancing. Halloween comes to us from both Celtic pagan practices, and also the Christian practice of hallowing, that is making holy before All Saints Day.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

## ***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 SoKalou.
- Veisiko: Vakadonui ena bose sa oti me sikovi ira qo o Fil Kamotu: Adriu Rooimuri, Niko Balavu, Rita Naivalu, Akisi Allison, Vere & Vilimoni, Jo & Natalie Delana, kei ira na cauravou ni Nadroga .
- Ke dua o ni nanuma e gadreva na veisiko Vakai Talatala (Pastoral Care) qai tukutuku mai.
- PM Show Case: Me vakayacori ena 27 Noveba e UTC, kerei me dua noda teveli; ke so e galala ka rawa ni vakaitavi kina qai tukutuku mai
- Masumasu: Kerei meda veivakauqeti ena noda matamasumasu
- Gone Vuli: Sa totolo sara na toso ni gauna, voleka ni mai cava dua tale na yabaki, vakanuinui vinaka veikemuni kece na Gone Vuli.
- Gauna Ni Lotu: Levu tiko na bera kerei meda totolo mai me tekivu na Lotu ena veimama ni tinikadua (11.30am)

*“O koya ena vakalevulevui koya ena vakamalumalumataki, ia o koya ena vakamalumalumutaki koya ena vakalevulevui.” (Maciu 23: 12)* Oqori nai vakarau ni tamata dauveiqaravi se ko koya e guta me dua nai liuliu vinaka, ka lomani mai vei ira na tamata, me vaka a mai vakaraitaka ko Jisu e nona bula voli vakatamata e vuravura.

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TUVAKARAU VEILIUTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION
3 Dec	Rev K Hamilton		S.Toa	M2		I.Foiakau/ A.Voce
10 Dec	I.Foiakau Mult Cul Worship		A.Allison	Youth		
17 Dec	S.Tuiloma		F.Kamotu	M3		

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

Yes or No  
You are still loved by God  
and always welcome here.

### ***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](mailto:community.learning@ccas.org.au)



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

***Jos 24:1-3a, 14-25 Ps 78:1-7  
1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13***

**Edmond Atalla, Member for Mount Druitt, read the following into Hansard in State Parliament the other week.**

## **GETTING AHEAD IN A JUST-GETTIN'-BY WORLD PROGRAM**

**Mr EDMOND ATALLA ( Mount Druitt ) ( 12:52 ):** It is with great pleasure that I draw to the attention of the House the program Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By World that is run by the Bidwill Uniting Church, which is one of the first organisations in Australia to run this innovative program. Last year the Bidwill Uniting Church completed its pilot program, with encouraging results. The Getting Ahead program comes from the broader framework of Bridges Out of Poverty, which is based on the work of Dr Ruby K. Payne and Philip E. DeVol from the United States. The program is aimed at helping people to move out of generational poverty, which is poverty that has been present in a family for two or more generations.

The Getting Ahead program helps people to identify and develop the material and non-material resources they need to move themselves and their communities out of poverty. In April I attended a graduation celebration for the participants who completed the pilot program. I was very impressed with the way the graduates spoke about their experience with the program. There is exciting news. Bidwill Uniting has secured funding to run this program for the next five years and has engaged Associate Professor Margaret Rawsthorne from the University of Sydney to conduct a longitudinal study of the program outcomes. This partnership with the University of Sydney will provide solid long-term data on the effectiveness of the Getting Ahead program and the progress of the investigators once they finish the program.

Getting Ahead calls the participants "investigators", empowering them to explore the causes of poverty in their own lives and the broader community. Investigators discover that there is a range of causes of poverty, and many systematic and structural barriers to moving out of poverty. The learning and development of resources gives investigators the confidence they need to see a brighter future for themselves and their families, and to explore what is needed to move towards that future. Investigators also explore important knowledge about the hidden rules of different groups in society: the way language is used, how our families influence us and how we need to operate differently in different settings where there are different expectations. Bidwill Uniting is excited to offer this program on a long-term basis and looks forward to seeing further positive outcomes for the Bidwill community.

# 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.*
- ♥ *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, Aunty Jo, Victoria & family, Liz, our HSC students, the Leaders' team & congregation group leaders, Sunday School & Youth Group.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, University and High School students sitting exams, presenting papers and assessments.*
- ♥ *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 Picton/Tahmoor Unitng Church. Joint efforts with Picton UCA to expand our church to Wollondilly wide church. Kim Stace as she seeks to help us with community programmes Members who are on our sick list Connecting to community through our markets, Mens' shed and Community Garden*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda*

# 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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