



Parramatta  
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

*OUR NEWS for 26th November 2017*

HOW DO WE CHANGE  
THE WORLD?

"ONE RANDOM ACT OF  
KINDNESS AT A TIME."

*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*

# Advent @ Leigh Memorial – 2017

Leigh Memorial Uniting Church, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta



*O Little Town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie,  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by...*

**Sundays 26 November, 3 & 10 December: Leigh Memorial 'Giving Tree'**

\* Gifts (unwrapped) or children, teens & adults – 9.30am services

**Saturday 2 December: Peace Dinner & Congregation Celebration**

\* RSVPs essential by 26/11 to Liz. Enquiries: Leaders' team

**Sundays 3, 10, 17 & 24 Dec: Advent Wreath & Candle Lighting**

\* 9.30am services, Leigh Memorial

**Sunday 3 December: SPOW Christmas Lunch**

\* 12.00pm, Merrylands Bowling Club. Enquiries: Beverly

**Monday 4 December: Couples & Friends Christmas Meeting**

\* 7.00pm, Coffee Shop. Enquiries: C & F Leaders

**Saturday 9 December: Youth Group Christmas Party**

\* 6.00pm, Choir Vestry. Enquiries: Samantha

**Sunday 10 December: Sunday School Prize Giving & Party**

9.30am, Church & Hall. Enquiries: Liz/Samantha

**Saturday 16 December: Advent Study with Clive**

\* 10.00-11.30am, Coffee Shop @ Leigh Memorial

**Sunday 17 Dec: Carols Service, 9.30am + 'Blue Christmas', 7.00pm**

**Thursday 21 December: Carols in Centenary Square, 6.00 -7.00pm**

**Sunday 24 December: Christmas Eve Service, 9.30am**

**Monday 25 December: Christmas morning service, 9.00am (\*\* new time \*\*)**

Enquiries: Leaders' team @ Leigh, Group Leaders, or Coral, 9891-2277.

## A SPECIAL VISIT

On Friday 17 November, we had a couple of very special visitors at Macquarie Street. **Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove** came to help serve lunch at 'Meals Plus' and to offer encouragement to the Mission in its outreach programs and supportiveness throughout the community. Along with Rev Keith, Rev Manas and others from our congregation and staff, Leigh Memorial's most senior and longest serving member, **Col Gray**, was on hand to welcome His Excellency to our site (see photo below). Col has been continuously attending and supporting Leigh Memorial, the Mission and the community for all of his 81 years. Thank you Col for your many contributions and for your generous service and leadership.



Above: Col welcoming His Excellency

## STARTING TODAY - THE LEIGH MEMORIAL GIVING TREE!

Our 'Giving Tree' will operate during morning services on **26 November, and 3 & 10 December**. Practical gifts are a great option for kids, teens, men & women, inc. caps/sun hats, sunglasses, wallets, toiletries, watches & socks. Wrapping paper & sticky tape are also needed. Kids' toys must meet safety standards and not require batteries. Enquiries – Liz/Sunday School.

## RSVPs DUE ASAP...PEACE DINNER!

If you are planning to attend next Saturday night's event, please give your RSVP to Liz by Sunday 26/11 ([emccder4@gmail.com](mailto:emccder4@gmail.com) or 0409395916). NB: If you would like to make some mini Christmas puddings for the dessert, please see Samantha. Enquiries: Manas/Leaders

## ADVENT @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Next Sunday, 3 December, marks the start of the Advent season at Leigh. Each Sunday during the 9.30am services, we will have our traditional Advent wreath and the lighting of our Advent candles. Please note that the congregation's **2017 'Advent Calendar'** will be available soon. For details of individual events, please consult with group leaders.

## PM SHOWCASE

The Leigh Memorial Congregation will be part of a 'Congregations' table at the Parramatta Mission 'Showcase' event at the CFM on Monday 27/11. Enquiries: Callum.

## CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPERS

Mission hamper donations should arrive at PM by 30/11.

To offer further assistance this Christmas, please enquire via [volunteer@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:volunteer@parramattamission.org.au) - or - phone 9891-2277.

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## **PARRAMATTA MISSION SHOWCASE**

Parramatta Mission is holding a showcase where the congregations and hospitality, community and mental health programs will engage with people about what we do and who we are. It is on Monday 27th November at the Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta from 10.00 until 3.00 with lunch from 12.00 to 1.00pm. All are welcome to attend or assist with the displays. Please see Rev Christine for further information.



Thank you for all your support and generosity.

## **PARRAMATTA MISSION CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**

The annual appeal of food for hampers has commenced. Please see the noticeboard for further information or speak to Rev Christine.

WESTMEAD Congregation

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

## ***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: Kerei meda tomana tiko na veisiko Vakamatamasumasu. Ke dua e gadrevi me sikovi ena loma ni nomudou wasewasw qai soli mai na yacana me vakadewataki vei Fil Kamotu ..
- 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
- Supply Minister: Meda vakanananu tiko yani ena ulutga qo me vaka a vosa kina o Talatala qase Keith
- Veiqaravi Vakaitalatala: kerei meda veitainoa tiko ena ulutaga qo me vaka a vosa kina o Talatala Keith
- Masumasu: Kerei meda veivakauqeti ena noda matamasumasu
- Gauna Ni Lotu: Levu tiko na bera kerei meda totolo mai me tekivu na Lotu ena veimama ni tinikadua (11.30am)
- Toso na bogi ni veivanuyanu ki na 1st December

*“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           |
|----------|--|------------|---------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 3rd Dec  | RevK.Hamilton<br>Vulavou/Holy<br>Communion |            | S.Toa         |                      |            | I.Foikau/<br>A.Voce |
| 10th Dec | I.Foikau (M/<br>Worship)                   |            | A.Allison     | Youth                |            |                     |
| 17th Dec | STuiloma                                   |            | FKamotu       | M2                   |            |                     |

## Matthew 25:31-46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 And before him will be assembled all the nations, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. 34 Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, those who have been blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom that has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was a foreigner and you welcomed me, 36 naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me’. 37 Then the righteous will answer him saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a foreigner and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And answering the king will say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did to one of the least of these my sisters and brothers you did it to me’. 41 Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who have been cursed into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I hungered and you gave me no food to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43 I was a foreigner and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, ill and in prison and you did not visit me’. 44 Then they will also answer saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungering or thirsting or a foreigner, or naked, or ill or in prison and did not minister to you?’ 45 Then he will answer them saying, ‘Truly I tell you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me’. 46 And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

## Reflections

It is the last Sunday of the church year, and the message is about the end. What ultimately counts is love in action. Marriage has been in the news a lot of late, and that is very important. It is the marriage more than the wedding that matters, which is not to diminish the wedding, but to elevate the ongoing marriage. The focus of this parable ought to be less on the judgement and more on the inspiration and encouragement to love. Love as a verb.

It was Ghandi who said that tyrants rise and for a time they seem invincible, but they always fall, always. This week we saw the falling of Robert Mugabe, the dictator of Zimbabwe. Eventually the people rose up and in a largely non-violent way, got rid of the dictator. There is a message in this.



Hope Hostel turned 40, and a morning tea was held with staff and some clients. A large celebration is planned for February 2018.



Some of our staff from One Hotels and Apartments, joined Ian and Margie, Julie and Keith at the State NSW Business Awards last week. Following our win in the social enterprise category at the WSABE's we were a state finalist. While we did not win, we did receive an award for being a finalist, and an opportunity to promote the work of 175 and Wesley Apartments.



The Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove came to visit and serve meals in Meals Plus last week.



Here you can see Lady Cosgrove conversing with Col Gray, long time member and one who was involved when Meals Plus was first established as the Kitchen in the early 1990's. The Governor General was keen to be among the people and hear people's stories. The presence of the Cosgrove's, serving meals to people at risk of homelessness, was of great encouragement to the people.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

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

**May we be people of light  
And imagine the best for ALL people  
As we are judged by our actions**

### ***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***

***Is 64:1-9 Ps 80:1-7,17-19***

***1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:24-37***





Serving the community  
Governor-General Peter  
Cosgrove and  
wife Lynne visited  
Parramatta Mission  
on Friday.

Picture: Isabella Lettini

There were two extra pairs of helping hands and listening ears for those who are doing it tough at Parramatta Mission last Friday.

Governor-General Peter Cosgrove and his wife Lynne were in town to see firsthand the help the service provides to people who need it the most.

They served lunch for the Meals Plus community outreach program and looked right at home as they chatted to clients, staff and volunteers.

Governor-General Cosgrove and his wife first visited Parramatta Mission two years ago to assist in handing out Christmas food and gift hampers to those who would otherwise face a bleak Christmas.

A retired senior Australian Army officer, he became the 26<sup>th</sup> Governor-General in 2014.

NSW Governor David Hurley and his wife Linda also visited Parramatta Mission earlier this year.

“We have a busy visit program across NSW, which consists of four days each month,” General Hurley told the *Sun* at the time.

“We looked the schedule and felt that we could be doing more in western Sydney. One of those four days per month is now dedicated to western Sydney. Part of my job is going around NSW to support organisations doing good for the community.”

성령강림절 제25주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년 11월26일 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 66 장 통 20 장 다 감사 드리세

새 149 장 통 147 장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 하박국 3:17-18

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 신앙인의 참 감사

봉헌 송(Offerory Hymn) 새 5488 통307 장 공중 나는 새를 보라

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 여름철 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  
시편 5:1-9

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
에스터 9:20~스가랴 1:21

# Prayer Points

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

- ◆ *PM congregations at Parramatta and Westmead, and hospitality, community and clinical/mental health services that extend right across Greater Sydney to Blue Mountains, 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. The establishment of the 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, Auntie 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: Eamonn, Nancy, Jean, Michels, 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, Col, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, Lena, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Max, Mr and Mrs S, Sophie and her family, Mark and his family.*
- ◆ *Rev Alan and Laurette Jackson and family following the diagnosis of terminal cancer in Laurette.*
- ◆ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks – today holding the closing service for Rev Phil Swain after 14 years, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ◆ *For the worship, witness and service of Windsor Uniting Church.*
- ◆ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger*

# 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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