

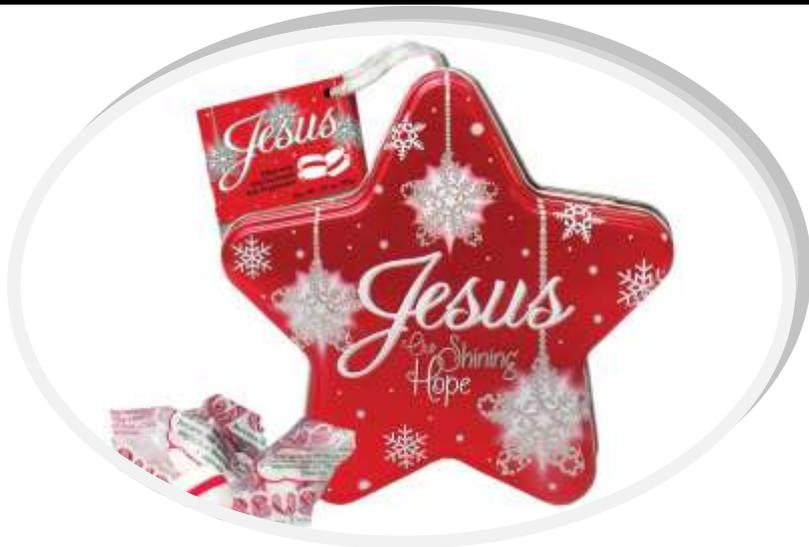


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OUR NEWS for 17th December 2017



*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*

CAROLS SERVICE: JOY TO THE WORLD!

Sunday 17 December will be our annual Carols Service at Leigh, starting at 9.30am. Thanks to all contributing musicians and singers - and to all the great voices within our congregation!



CAROLS IN CENTENARY SQUARE

If you have an hour to spare on Thursday 21st December, 6.00-7.00pm, come along and sing with us at the Parramatta Mission Carols in Centenary Square! The more voices the better!

LEIGH Congregation

WHAT IS 'BLUE CHRISTMAS'?

'Blue Christmas' will be held at Leigh Memorial this **Sunday, 17 December from 7.00pm**. It is a communion/'tarry time' service for those seeking a time of sanctuary, prayer and quiet contemplation - plus caring support - in the lead-up to Christmas. Although a celebration, Christmas can be an especially challenging time for those grieving, sick, anxious, lonely or afraid, separated from loved ones or feeling overwhelmed by the pace and expectations of the season. Come to church tonight and rest a while...all are welcome.

Enquiries: Manas.

REMINDER...CHRISTMAS DAY

@ LEIGH MEMORIAL – NEW TIME!

**Our Christmas Day service this year will be at the
new time of 9.00am.**

**We look forward to seeing you and your family & friends on this
special morning. Enquiries: Manas/Leaders or 9891-2277.**

THANK YOU: GIVING TREE, PM CHRISTMAS APPEAL & TEAR FUND

Many thanks to members who have given generously this year to the Leigh Memorial 'Giving Tree', the Parramatta Mission Hampers appeal and the TEAR fund. Each donation is greatly appreciated and will soon be on its way to make a positive difference in someone else's life.

CHRISTMAS @ LEIGH 2017

17 December – Carol Service, 9.30am & Blue Christmas communion, 7.00pm (Manas)

21 December – Carols in Centenary Square, 6.00-7.00pm. All Welcome. (Keith)

24 December – Christmas Eve service, 9.30am (Manas)

25 December – Christmas Day service, 9.00am (Manas) ** new start time **

ADVANCE NOTICE – JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2018

January services (9.30am): 7th - 14th - 21st - 28th (Evening Congregation arrangements to be advised). NB: Many Leigh Memorial groups/activities will be on a break during January.

Thursday 1 February: Future Directions meeting (Clive)

Sunday 4 February: Sunday School Returns/ SPOW (Beverly)/ Leaders meeting

Monday 5 February: Couples & Friends (C & F leaders)

Friday 9 February: 'Food Safari' Dinner Outing (Moses)

Sunday 11 February: Pancakes Morning Tea (Sunday School)/ Worship Committee meeting

Saturday 24 February: Introductory 'Safe Church' Workshop (Rev. Christine)



**Come to the evening
service where
we have fun!
It's
Theologically Stimulating,
Spiritually Nurturing,
and
Missionally Challenging.**



Foster your faith this week

2 Sm 7:1,11,16 Lk 1:46b - 55 or Ps 89:1-4,19-26

Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38 Ps 89:1-4,19-26

PARRAMATTA MISSION CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A small number of copies of the last Church Council minutes are available from the Stewards. A copy of the minutes can also be obtained by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or robert.key@parramattamission.org.au

ELECTIONS

The Westmead Congregation holds elections every December for Elders whose term is nearly completed and for Congregational Representatives. We have 2 Congregational Rep positions which need filling. We also have 2 Elders whose term is completing at the end of 2017. Nomination forms are available in the foyer. Please consider who you would like to be leaders of the congregation for 2018. The elections will be today Sunday 17th December. We will remain in the worship space for the meeting then move out for the food!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Congregation's Christmas lunch will be today Sunday 17th Dec (the day we elect new leaders). You are invited to stay and enjoy our celebration.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to all who have assisted with all the Christmas celebrations. We are sure everyone has enjoyed themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS

Wed 13th saw the 25th anniversary of Rev Christine's ordination. There will be cake to celebrate following our service today.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Monday 18th 11.00am- Carols and Lessons service followed by a light lunch.
5.30pm - Remembrance Service- for those who have lost someone.

Sunday 24th 9.45am - Carols and Lessons

Monday 25th 9.00am- Christmas Day

WESTMEAD Congregation

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship - Tuesday 6th Feb 2.00pm

Resumes 5th Feb

Next Meeting 6th Feb

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

Resumes 30th Jan

Resumes 31st Jan

Dec resumes 2nd Feb



Na vakanuinui vinaka Samuela Sadrata ni sa tauri na koroi ni vuli ni Bachelor of Theology e Charles Sturt University. Sa masu ni Lotu me veiliutaki tiko o Jisu Karisito ena veisiga vinaka sa tu mai liu.

Kidavaki tiko nai **Talatala Waisea Kania** ni mai vakaitavi ena lotu ni kua.

Veituvatuva eso

21/12 Lotulevu. 6.00pm Laga Sere ni Siga ni Sucu, Centenary Square

24/12 Siga Tabu 11.15am. Lotu Vakaviti Vunau : Viliame Kamotu.

25/12 Lotu ni Siga ni Sucu. **9.00am**. Lotu Cokovata kei Leigh

27/12 Vukelulu. Picnic Day ni Sunday School

29/12 Vakaraubuka 8am-4pm Bunning Sausage Sizzle

31/12 Siga Tabu. 11.15am So-Kalou ka vunau o Fil Kamotu

7/1 Lotu Vula Vou kei na Vakayakavi ni Turaga. Rev Viniana Ravetali

21/1 Sigatabu 11.15am Veidigidigi ni tutu ni veiqaravi

25-28/1. Koniferedi Vakaviti e Salvation Army Collaroy Centre, Collaroy

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; 3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. 4 they shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. 8 For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 Their descendants shall be known among the peoples; all who seek them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. 10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. NRSV

Reflections

It is noteworthy that Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1-3 at the commencement of his ministry (Luke 4:16-30). There is a theme of joy because God comes to the rescue of those who are suffering, though not magically “fixing” everything, but making a difference nonetheless. The late Rev Dr Gordon Moyes said, “This is a great insight: if you are looking for God you can find him among the poor. His care for the poor is expressed by His dwelling among them.”



Professor Patrick McGorry speaking at a forum organised by PM's headspace last week. Professor McGorry is a leading international researcher, clinician and advocate for youth mental health reform. He is a Professor of Youth Mental Health at The University of Melbourne, and a Director of the Board for headspace the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. Parramatta Mission is working closely with Professor

McGorry and his team at Orygen on the headspace Youth Early Psychosis Program (hYEPP). The hYEPP program is an early intervention program for young people who had had the first episode of psychosis. This life transforming program has been proven to help reduce the number of people who go on to develop a severe and lifelong mental illness.



This past week staff joined our new Newcastle staff for an engagement day at West Wallsend. Our enthusiastic staff, led by Phoebe, are working out of new offices at Charlestown and Maitland, providing HASI services to people with a lived experience of mental illness in the Hunter New England area.

The pastoral team met in Centenary Square this past week. Like Easter, Advent and Christmas is the busiest time of the year for the pastoral team. Amelia Koh Butler and Sarah Bishop are joining this team in the New Year.



The happy recipients of the Getting Ahead course completion at Bidwill. Getting Ahead is a great program in which people investigate for themselves the causes of poverty and resources to get ahead from poverty. The participants made speeches of how the course has transformed their life. Also present is the local member Edmond Atalla (right) and the local Councillor Brad Bunting (left). It was an inspiring night.



The staff and volunteer Christmas party was a great night, attended by over 200 people. Well done the staff from the Central Coast who came together in a Limo. Also congratulations to those who received staff awards on the night, including Paul Fung from headspace who was staff employee of the year.



Five hundred and forty people attended the Meals Plus WSLARS Christmas Party this past week. It was a wonderful event.

Thank you to all who have provided support for the redevelopment plans for our Macquarie St site. This coming Monday, the Land and Environment Court will attend 99-119 Macquarie St to view the location and the plans. The visit will commence from 9:30 and

conclude about 11 am. If staff and members of the congregations are available to be present as a sign of support, that would be most helpful.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



대강절 제3주(3rd Advent of Sunday) 2017년 12월 17일 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 105 장 **통 105 장** 오랫동안 기다리던

새 151 장 **통 138 장** 만왕의 왕 내 주께서

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **요한복음 7:14-18**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **신앙인의 인생관**

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)
새 122 장 **통122 장** 참 반가운 신도여

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
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
이사야 9:1-7

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
스가랴 14:12~골로새서1:23

**You are invited to...
Christmas with us here @ Leigh Memorial**

Leigh Memorial Uniting Church: 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta

**Join us for a celebration of God's love and hope
this Christmas! ALL are welcome!**



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

Christmas Carols @ Leigh Memorial
9.30am, Sunday 17 December

'Blue Christmas' Communion
7.00pm, Sunday 17 December

Carol Singing in Centenary Square
6.00-7.00pm, Thursday 21 December

Christmas Eve Service
9.30am, Sunday 24 December

Christmas Day Service
9.00am, Monday 25 December

Enquiries: 9891-2277



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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 & Jackson families, Joan, Marcel, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Aunty Jo, Victoria & family, our Leaders team and Sunday School/ Youth teams.*
- ◆ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani,*
- ◆ *PM Westmead: Sushila and Ariam, 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.*
- ◆ *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 Baulkham Hills (St Matthews) Uniting Church Congregation*
- ◆ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo*

Pastoral message for this week....

**May the light of Christ be the
“STAR”
of your Christmas preparations.**

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

Contacts

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Leigh Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277

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

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Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

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

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