



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS for 14th January 2018

*Love
always
Wins!*

*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*

SUMMER BREAK

Most of our regular Leigh Memorial groups & programs, including Sunday School, C & F, SPOW & Music Team, are currently on their annual break. Keep an eye out for return dates, and please contact group leaders for further information or assistance during the 'down time'. Pastoral care matters: Rev Manas, phone: 0429 892 548 or the Leaders' team. Prayers for safe travels, restorative holidays, catch-ups with friends and fresh inspiration!



LEIGH Congregation

A Summer Prayer

Open our eyes, Lord,
as we walk through this summer,
feeling the wind and the heat,
and seeing the majesty of creation
unfolding before our eyes.

Help us to see you
this summer season and always.

Amen.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY @ LEIGH

Remaining January services (9.30am): 14th, 21st & 28th (Evening arrangements to be advised).

Thursday 1 February: Future Directions meeting (Clive)

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

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)

REMINDER – ALL USERS: HOLIDAY SECURITY

Please remember to turn off lights, fans, air con & other appliances plus lock doors and pack-up neatly when using the premises. Security or property concerns should be directed to the office: 9891-2277 or the Ministers/Leaders.

ADVANCE NOTICE: SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP 24 FEBRUARY

A full day (9.15 – 3.30pm) Introductory Safe Church Workshop (for those who have not undertaken a previous workshop) will take place at Westmead Uniting on Saturday 24 February. For further information/registration details, please see Rev. Christine or go to Uniting Mission & Education at safechurch@nswact.uca.org.au. Leigh Memorial queries can sent to Liz. NB: Attendance is necessary by all leaders – and those within our congregations who are working with children and other vulnerable people. This is both a church and legal requirement.



AUSTRALIA DAY PARRAMATTA



Calling for Volunteers

to help out on Australia Day at the Tethered Balloons site.

It's an early start, but well worth the view and atmosphere!
Please contact Donna Kelly either by
Phone: 9891 2277 or
Email
donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au
if you would like to volunteer...

Do you want
to make a
difference in
the life of a
child?



Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people who can provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0 – 18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.

Carers needed in the following Local Government Areas: Lithgow, Blue Mountains, Penrith, Hawkesbury, St. Marys, Mount Druitt, Blacktown, Parramatta and Auburn.

If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, call (02) 9354 1800 or please email

Carer.Support-NBM&WS@fac.s.nsw.gov.au



Family &
Community
Services

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

WESTMEAD Congregation

WAYS FOR GIVING

At Westmead many people like to use envelopes for their giving to the church. These are now available for 2018. Each Sunday is marked to enable you to be organised and regular in giving. However, others can use Direct Debit and there are some instructions of how to do this. The Direct Debit enables a regular giving that is not dependent upon you being at church which enables us to come closer to meeting our budget.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

During January Rev Christine will be at the church from 9.00-12.00 and anyone who would like to come and have a cuppa or a chat or play scrabble (the scrabble die-hards will be there)- are most welcome.

CLEAN UP

Special thank you to Georgie, Sue and Lorna who helped out on Wednesday to help retrieve Rev Christine's office from being a store room, and to help sort and organise the upstairs room which has storage for the congregation. More work will be done on Monday. It is a big job reorganizing our 'stuff' in preparation for the commencement of Play Group.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS TRAINING

Saturday 24th Feb is a training day for all who are leaders or on church council AND for anyone who would like to attend and find out more about how we can make our church a safe place for vulnerable people. It will be held in the chapel space. More information to come!

SINGLE PEOPLE OF WORTH (SPOW)

Every second month people gather from Leigh Memorial and Westmead congregations for lunch following worship. You are most welcome to attend. Please see Margaret or Christine for details.

두 번째 주현절 (2nd Epiphany of Sunday) 2018년 01월 14일 오후 1시30

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 29 장 통 29 장 성도여 다 함께

새 148 장 통 142 장 영화로우신 주 예수의

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마가복음 1:4~11/ 이사야60:1-5

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 기뻐하고 기뻐하라

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 518 장 통 252 장 기쁜 소리 들리니

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 새해 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
사도행전 7:54-8:3

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
사도행전 7:17-8:40

John 1:43-51

43 The next day Jesus decided to go into Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one of whom Moses and the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him and said, "Look at this person, an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." 48 Nathanael said to Jesus, "How do you know me?" Jesus said, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God, you are the King of Israel." 50 Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because I said I saw you underneath the fig tree? You shall see greater things than these." 51 And he said to him, "Truly, truly I say to you, you shall see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflection

This text alludes to the Jacob story. Jacob who was the deceiver, and who had the dream of the ladder reaching up to heaven, upon which angels were ascending and descending.

John is using this story to demonstrate to his readers that God is present in the world, through his angels – the Holy Spirit. There is also an element about truth and deceit in this, noting that in John, Pilate says what is truth, and earlier Jesus has been declared as the way and the truth and the life.

This is another call story, and the one who is called can trust the truthfulness and genuineness of the one who calls.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Paul (case Manager) has obtained three new fans and a bain-marie for the Meals Plus service in the hall for lunch and breakfast meals.



Last week I met with some of our staff at the Chatswood Hub. Over a snack, team spoke of their highlights of 2017. In the forefront of the thinking an behaviour of the staff is unconditional positive regard for all people, even people with complex issues and challenging behaviours.

Some highlights:

- a person had uncontrollable diabetes and obesity, and a mental illness. It was their last opportunity to live in the community as there was concern the person might suddenly die. Through the course of 2017 the staff and other partner groups worked with the person, and at the end of the year, they were still in their own home and their health improving.
- Have seen some reduction in the hospital visits by a number of consumers, indicating that the work of staff is bearing fruit..
- Two new programs commenced: Karrikin and Warekila
- Karrikin works with young people 12-25, and has had 60 referrals since September and December 17
- Warekila is an adult mental health service for people 18 and over living with complex mental health issues
- Christmas Eve: staff took the consumers to a restaurant for Christmas lunch.
- CLS (Community Life Support): Have started a Sunday activity that includes bowling, fishing and BBQ. New friendships are forming.
- Putting together a book club: people will meet up and discuss the book.
- Some of the best engagement with people is incidental conversations. One person took to a park to kick a soccer ball and this led to a discussion.

Do you want to know a secret?

The gospel of Mark can be divided into two halves. The first has to do with his ministry in Galilee and its immediate surrounds. Everything happens at a bewildering pace – ‘now’, ‘then’. From chapter 8 onwards things change. We are now on a journey, on the way, to Jerusalem. The narrative seems to flow more evenly – and even time slows down.

At the heart of this gospel is a secret. Forget for a moment how in John’s gospel Jesus is forever saying “I am” – the good shepherd, the way, the truth and the life, the resurrection etc. This gospel is different. Time and time again when Jesus heals someone he tells them to go away and tell no one. His parables are like secrets that require special sessions with the disciples to explain what is their message. Following the transfiguration Jesus tells the disciples to tell no-one what they have witnessed.

There is an obvious interest then in who this Jesus is and what does he represent. The two halves of the gospel are held together by two familiar questions Jesus puts to his disciples: “who do ‘men’ (people) say that I am?” and “who do you say that I am?” It is sometimes said that the whole of the Christian faith depends upon how we answer these questions – and so they deserve some time for us to think about them and how we might respond in a way that is sensitive to the world in which we find ourselves.

The disciples respond to the first question by drawing upon what they have heard from people around them. There are a range of options – Elijah, John the Baptist etc. Those are not likely to be the responses we would hear in Centenary Square, Parramatta or 175 over at Westmead or, indeed, in the new university complex just along the road from us. Think then about the way in which different kinds of people may speak about Jesus in our current society. What are you hearing? What would you like to ‘report back’? Take your time. to your congregation?

Now turn to the other question. What would your personal response be to that question, “who do you say that I am?”. No doubt you might say “Jesus Christ” but what else would you say? It has sometimes been said that this question ‘haunts’ us throughout our lives. The way in which we answer that question now is likely to be rather different from what you thought some years ago. What you have experienced will inform any changes in your understanding.

And now for another secret. In English the word “you” can refer to me as an individual person or us as a group. The New Testament was written in Greek, however. They have different words for “you”. The word used for “you” in the question Jesus put to the disciples is plural. We might say that the question is not so much asking ‘you’ as an individual who you think Jesus is; it is asking the whole congregation, indeed, the mission, what are we to make of this Jesus. Who do “we” say he is – this stranger from the first century about whom so many extraordinary claims have been made.

There is some work to be done here. Maybe we need to find a way of gathering up our responses to what people beyond the church are saying about Jesus. Maybe we then find ways of helping one another share our own individual understanding of who Jesus is for “me”. And then the critical task: now is a time of much change. Perhaps we need to set in place a process whereby the members of our congregations and the mission staff also have some understanding of who “we” think Jesus is. What we then do in Christ’s name will be informed by our collective response to the ongoing question: who do you say that I am?

Clive Pearson



Foster your faith this week

Jon 3:1-5,10

Ps 62:5-12

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

Veituvatuva eso

21/1 Lotu Siga Tabu 11.15am . Vunau Sosi Toa.

Veidigidigi ni tutu ni vei qaravi

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

Kerei me sa saumi mai nai curucuru e \$150 ena gauna totolo

4/2 Lotu Vulavou kei na Lotu ni Vakatikori ni tutu Vakalotu

Commissioning Service. **Vunau Rev Keith Hamilton.**



Mai tekivutaki na yabaki 2018 ena Lotu ni Veiyalayalati ka mai vei qaravi kina na marama i Talatala Viniana Ravetali. Veivakauqeti na tukuni yalo nei Grace, ka bolebole vei ira na taba gone kei nai tubutubu.

VEISIKO Ke o ni gadreva na veisiko, ni solia na yacamuni vei Fil Kamotu. Ka nuitaki ni sa tekivu na vei matamasumasu.

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, Auntie Jo, Victoria & family, our Leaders team and Sunday School/ Youth teams.*
- ◆ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, PM Westmead: Tanzida, 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 Blacktown Uniting Church Congregation*
- *We join with churches around the world to pray for Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden*

Pastoral message for this week....

There are always winners and losers

But the love of God is always a winner

Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Open Church in recess until 22nd January 2018

Sunday

9.30am

Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh

9.45am

Westmead Congregation @ Westmead

11.15am

Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh

1.30pm

Korean Faith Community @ Leigh

7.00pm

Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh



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

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