

OUR NEWS
18th February 2018



Our Vision

A Community Transforming Lives

Our Values, Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope



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

Parramatta Mission acknowledges that all of our work and our
36 sites are on the land of traditional owners.

We pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land on
which we gather, and acknowledge Elders past and present,
and emerging leaders.

LEIGH Congregation

LENT EVENT 2018: 'FAITH IN ACTION'!

Uniting World's 'Lent Event' at Leigh this year is being coordinated by the Sunday School. Donations can be made at any time. Focus projects for 2018 are **Women's Rights, Overcoming Poverty & Standing with our Pacific Neighbours** in their fight to save their island homes. Please note that last week's 'Pancakes & Pikelets' morning tea raised **\$60.00!!** What a great start!! Thanks to everyone who contributed to our table of goodies.



SURVEYSAs part of 2018's 'Life & Witness' & 'Vital Ministry' consultations, members are being asked to fill out a survey. It's crucial that everyone completes one. Support & assistance is available, so don't hesitate to ask! See the Leaders' team with any queries and please return your surveys by Sunday, 25 February. Thank you very much for everyone's time and participation in this important process.

KEY DATES – EARLY MARCH

1. **World Day of Prayer** - Friday 2 March, 11.00am, Northmead Uniting Church, Hammers Rd; Northmead. All welcome! Enquiries: Beverly & Ruth
2. **Lenten Studies with Clive** – Saturdays 3 & 24 March, 10.00-11.30am, Vestry, Leigh Memorial
3. **SPOW** – Sunday 4 March, Lunch @ Merrylands Bowling Club. Enquiries: Beverly
4. **Couples & Friends** – Monday 5 March (pm). Enquiries: Marcel & Brian
5. **'Parramasala' Worship + Brunch** – Sunday 11 March – 9.30am @ Leigh. Please bring a plate .

REMINDER: 'SAFE CHURCH' INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

It's not too late to register for this important workshop (9.00am – 4pm next Saturday, 24 February @ Westmead UC). **Attendance is vital for all congregation leaders** and those working with vulnerable people in the life of our church. ** Please contact Rev. Christine on 0409 925 607 or register at safechurch@nswact.uca.org.au.

LENTEN STUDIES

Clive will be leading Lenten studies on Saturdays 3 & 24 March, 10.00–11.30am, in the Choir Vestry @ Leigh Memorial. All welcome!

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS @ LEIGH

The Worship Committee is currently formulating new Stewards, PA & Open Church rosters for 2018. If you would like to help, even for an hour here or there, please let Robert or Liz know asap.

LEIGH MEMORIAL CAR PARK – SAFETY GUIDELINES

Let's be safe! No "double parking" is allowed in the car park at any time. Please also check for children - and be aware of other drivers & vehicles. Thank you.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE SNIPPET: LAWRY'S LETTER

Following is a transcription from an original, hand-written letter by **Rev. Walter Lawry (the second Wesleyan Methodist missionary to Parramatta, arrived 1818)** – addressed to Governor Lachlan Macquarie (Governor of NSW, 1810-1821). It acknowledges an earlier, in principle, grant of land to Parramatta Mission in 1818 (200 years ago) - and refers to the site still occupied by the Mission in Macquarie Street, Parramatta, to this day. This also became the site of our first Chapel, which opened on Good Friday, 1821 (now the site of the Leigh Memorial car park). Interestingly, Lawry's letter reveals that it was him – and not Macquarie as previously assumed - who selected the exact site on which the Chapel would be built – Liz, for the PM Heritage Committee (NB: Letter sourced from the State Library of NSW, 2018).

To His Excellency Governor Macquarie, December 13, 1820: *Sir, You having kindly given me my choice of a piece of building ground in this town, I take leave to apprise Your Excellency that I have settled upon a central spot in Macquarie Street, between the allotments of Mrs. Poole and Mr. Kennedy, which I am informed by Mr. Meehan is not allocated. I have bricks and other materials ready for immediate commencement of the work, but waiting Your Excellency's approval, which when obtained will soon be followed by a third public building and neat Chapel appropriated for the purposes of religious worship in Macquarie Street, there being one already in Sydney and one in Windsor. This is a tribute of honour for the obligations which Your Excellency has been graciously pleased to pour upon the Wesleyan missionaries in this colony. I have the honour to be Your Excellency's most grateful and humble servant, **Walter Lawry.***

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE
CLOSURE OF MINISTRY SERVICE OF

Rev Dr Clive Pearson

AS RESEARCH FELLOW IN PUBLIC THEOLOGY

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY | 2:30PM
ST STEPHENS UNITING CHURCH
197 MACQUARIE ST, SYDNEY NSW 2000

Please RSVP to Anna Calliffe by 22 February



Uniting Church in Australia
ASSEMBLY

Coming soon !!

World Day of Prayer
Friday, 2nd March, '18
At Northmead Church
11am



Did you notice in last week's "Advertiser" a large item titled "Sweethearts reunited after lifetime apart"?

Well - Eric Tweedale (about whom the article was written), and his deceased wife, Phyllis, were former very active members of our Church. Eric was the Manager of the many Life Line shops operating at the time. He played Rugby for Parramatta, and in 1946 was selected to play in the Wallabies New Zealand tour. He also played for Australia, travelling to Britain, France and Canada. And, how-about-that, was a member of Our Church!

WESTMEAD Congregation

THANKS

Special thanks to Jan and Lorna who are assisting in bringing worship together while Rev Christine is away at Newnes.

PARRAMATTA MISSION CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Today there is a survey available for people in the three congregations. When completing the survey please fill in as many questions as you are able and feel free to leave those you don't feel you can answer. For those people who are not confident in completing the survey there will be time following the service on Sunday 25th. Likewise for people who attempt to complete the survey but have questions arising from the survey there will be opportunity to talk about it with Rev Christine on that Sunday. The Church council wishes to have as many people as possible give some feedback as part of the life and witness process.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

We have been inundated with people wanting to join Play Groups. This is wonderful and shows how important it is to support families in Westmead. For those who are interested in assisting a current Working with Children Check is required. If you are interested in helping out from time to time, please see Rev Christine.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer is on Friday 2nd March 2018 at Northmead Uniting Church. The focus will be on Suriname, a country in the North part of South America. All are welcome to attend and for those needing transport please place your name on the list in the foyer. For further information please speak with Lorna or Rev Christine.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS TRAINING

Next 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 from 900 until 4.00pm.

SAVE THE DATES

The next Bowls day is Wednesday 28th February. All are welcome to attend.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship- Sundays

9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 6th Feb 2.00pm

Next Meeting 6th Mar

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.00-10.30am

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am



Sa tekivu na macawa bibi ni Lent. Sa gauna me da vakatikitikitaka na yaloda ka vakanamata vua na Vu ni Bula.

It's a special time to be still and be prayerful.



For Faith in Action during this time, its not too late, you can go to

<https://www.lentevent.com/>

and sign up.

Sunday School, Helpers, Support Team

If you're interested in Kids Camp Out, please give your names to Levi and Sireli Tuiloma. Sa kerei vei kemuni nai tubutubu mo ni veitokoni ena nodra keba na lewe ni Sunday School. Contact Levi for more information.



Sydney KCO 2018
Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th March 2018

WHAT IS KIDS CAMPOUT?

Kids Camp Out (KCO) is an annual event run by a team of people from the NSW/ACT Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia. The aim of KCO is to provide an opportunity whereby children can experience the wider church family through fun, worship and learning.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Tu Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali	Communion
18-Feb	Rooty Hill/Campbelltown	A.Vocea Campbelltown	V.Kamotu	M1	M1	
25-Feb	Fiji Parish	V.Kamotu	S.Tuiloma	M2	M2	
4-Mar	Rev K. Hamilton Vulavou/Holy Communion		S.Foiakau			S. Toa S.Tuiloma
11-Mar	I.Foiakau(M/Worship)		A.Allison	Youth		
18-Mar	Rooty Hill/Campbelltown	S.Tuiloma Rooty Hill	S.Toa	M3	M3	

여섯 번째 주현절(6th Epiphany of Sunday) 2018년 02월11일 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 410 장 통 468 장 내 맘에 한 노래 있어

새 151 장 통 138 장 만왕의 왕 내 주께서

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 이사야 26:1-9

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 평화 평화 평화

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 412 장 통 469 장 내 영혼의 그윽히 깊은데서

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
사도행전17:16-34

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
사도행전 16:19-19:7

Mark 1:9-15

9 The time arrived when Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. 10 And immediately when he came up out of the water he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit like a dove descend upon him. 11 And a voice came out of heaven, "You are my beloved son, in you I have taken delight". 12 And immediately the Spirit cast him out into the desert. 13 And he was in the desert forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. 14 After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God, 15 and saying, "The time has been fulfilled and the kingdom of God has drawn near; repent, and believe in the Good News." (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The stand out for me in the scripture above is the image of Jesus in the wilderness being ministered by the angels. In the Bible angels are metaphor for the Holy spirit of God. For me it is a reminder that even in difficult places, they are not barren, because God is there, and there will be God's 'angels' ministering to us. Often it seems God ministers to us through the most unlikely of people, who seem to be there just at the right time.

The middle of PM week was marked by the Ash Wednesday Service, held on the day that this year coincided with Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday Service begins the start of Lent, when people prepare to celebrate Easter. The 6 weeks involves introspection of one's life and relationships with God and others. The service draws its name from the Ash that is placed in a sign of the cross on the forehead of the worship, as a reminder and a sign of humbling oneself to acknowledge our failures in relationships and commitment to follow in the way of Jesus Christ.

Built around PM week was the 40th celebration of the opening of Hope Hostel, the annual Pancake Day race, the thank you breakfast for volunteers, Missionmates and supporters, the Gloster Udy lunch and the unveiling of the new refurbished 175 motel at Westmead.

Pictures tell the story.....



Hope Hostel 40th Celebration



Louise and Donna
Two EA's



With Coral



Hasi Plus



Headspace



Parramatta Police



Both Arthur Philip High Teams.



WSLAIS



Hope 103.2 FM



Thomson Automotive



Headspace



Headspace

Youth



One Hotels and Apartments



Likemind

*On your Marks
RACE*



Congratulations!

*Winners
PANTASTic*

TUESDAY'S VOLUNTEER AND MISSIONMATE

Thank You breakfast



Ash Wednesday Service



Gloster Udy Lunch.



Kathi Boorman, Director of Community and Clinical Services, spoke about the work of PM, as well as snow in Hobart, and going to school with Princess Mary.



Unveiling of the New 175 Hotels & Apartments ended our PM week

You can view more photos on the PM website

There are many people who made this week happen, thank you to all. Thank you to all who organised the events. Special thanks to Jo, Rena and Jenny from Fundraising, Marketing Volunteering and Development team, who coordinated the week as well as organised some of the events.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



What a Day – What a Race!

Thank you to all the supporters of the Parramatta Mission
Golden Pancake Race Day.

It was a fantastic turn out. So wonderful to see so many teams and
supporters and we look forward to a follow up in 2019...

Check out some photos from yesterday's race on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/Parramatta-Mission-712250745462647/>

Additional events running through PM week will be posted
each day also.

Please like and share...



Thank you to everyone that helped
make this day possible.

#GoldenPancakeRace #Enthusiasm #winners



SAVE *the* DATE

**RAISING
HOPE**

07 SEPTEMBER 2018

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Mark it in your calendar! Our Annual Fundraising Gala will be held again this year at the Parkroyal Parramatta on September 7th.

Tickets and information will be available through our website www.parramattamission.org.au/raisinghope

Email raisinghope@parramattamission.org.au to find out about sponsorship and how you can be involved.



Candice and Gillian from our Property Team celebrated their birthdays last week with staff from the Fellowship centre

Gillian was presented with a beautiful bunch of flowers for her "Milestone" birthday

Congratulations Ladies



Pastoral message for this week....

Do not be tempted to do nothing!
When all around us is tough,
let God help us to do something.

SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP – 24 FEBRUARY
Introductory Safe Church Workshop

A full day (9.15am – 3.30pm)

(for those who have not undertaken a previous workshop)
will take place at Westmead 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.

Foster your faith this week

Gn17:1-7, 15-16 Ps 22:23-31

Rom 4:13-25 Mk 8:31-38

Prayer Points

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

- ♥ *PM congregations at Parramatta and Westmead, and the hospitality, community and clinical/mental health services that extend right across Greater Sydney to Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Hunter Valley, Mid-North Coast. This includes programs, activities, support services. Prayers for congregants, staff and volunteers, also for the residents, guests and patients; consumers, clients, and members; callers and visitors, whom we meet and journey with every day of the year.*
- ♥ *For PM's WSU Chaplain, Amelia, and Westmead Children's Hospital Chaplain, Sara, as they form foundational relationships and serve in their new communities. For international students as they start arriving at 100 George St or enrolling at 169 Macquarie St.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: The Owen & Jackson families, Joan, Marcel, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Auntie Jo, Victoria & family, Jolame, our Leaders team and Sunday School/ Youth teams.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Justice and family, Aravind and family, Tanzida, Sushila and family, Eamonn, Nancy, Jean, Angela, 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.*
- ♥ *Members of staff grieving the death of family members.*
- ♥ *Staff : new program initiatives, "back room" support services*
- ♥ *Volunteers : recruitment and training*
- ♥ *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 Campbelltown Regional Mission*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Germany And France*

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



Contacts

Leigh Memorial Congregation: Rev Dr Manas Ghosh 0429 892 548

Leigh Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277

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

Leigh Memorial Church, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta

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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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PM WSU Chaplain : Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler 0427 955 157



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

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