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.
THANK YOU CLIVE
Many thanks to Rev. Clive, who will be leading our 9.30am worship services over the next three Sundays (4, 11 and 18 Feb) while Rev. Manas is on leave. Clive will also be leading our Ash Wednesday service at Leigh Memorial on 14 February and our Lenten studies on 3 & 24 March.

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH!
A very warm welcome to our kids, youth & parents as we commence another Sunday School year & another school year! Thank you to our teachers & helpers for their re-commitment as leaders this year - and prayers for our students from Primary to High School age as they commence their new classes & studies.

NEXT SUNDAY, 11 FEB – ‘PIKELETS & PANCAKES’ MORNING TEA
Congregation members are warmly invited to bring a plate of ‘pre-Shrove Tuesday’ pikelets or pancakes to share at morning tea next Sunday after worship. The Sunday School will supply some too, plus all the extras: butter, maple syrup, jam, lemon & sugar. YUM!! ** Gold coins will be collected for Lent Event **

LENT EVENT 2018: ‘FAITH IN ACTION’ – STARTS 14 FEBRUARY
Uniting World’s ‘Lent Event’ at Leigh this year will be coordinated by the Sunday School. Donations can be made at any time - or – the conclusion of Lent. Please consider what you can ‘give up’ for the six weeks and how you can contribute to this crucial fundraising effort!

CONGREGATION SURVEYS
As part of 2018’s Life & Witness & Vital Ministry consultations, members will shortly be asked to complete a survey. Further information will be forthcoming. Enquiries: Bruce & Liz

PARRAMATTA MISSION ANNUAL REVIEW
Copies of the PM Annual Review for 2016-2017 are now available in the Leigh Memorial vestibule. The Reviews contain detailed information regarding Mission programs and planning, plus that of the congregations.

EARLY FEBRUARY @ LEIGH
4 February        Sunday School starts/SPOW Luncheon/Leaders Meeting
5 February        Couples & Friends (Marcel & Brian)
6 & 20 Feb        Community Visitors (Bruce S)
7 February        LEAP (arrangements to be advised)
9 February        ‘Food Safari’ dinner outing (Moses)
10 & 24 Feb       Youth Group (5.30pm, Choir Vestry) (Samantha)
11 February       Worship Committee meeting (Clive)

LEIGH MEMORIAL CONGREGATION CALENDAR 2018
In addition to regular newsletter reminders, a hard copy of the Congregation Calendar for 2018 is now available in the Coffee Shop. Please consult the Leaders Team & group/activity leaders for confirmation of all details. Please advise us of any events which need to be added or removed – Liz/ Leaders team.
DEDICATION OF WESTMEAD LEADERS
Towards the beginning of each year we try and take time to dedicate the leaders of Westmead. Today we dedicate our leaders and elders for 2018. Please continue to pray for these people who are willing to offer their time in service of the congregation working as a team with Rev Christine. Please pray for Karen, Jan, Lorna, Robyne and Mere (Elders) and Margaret, Pandora and Naomi.

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
Our first Play Group commences on Wednesday 7th. A second one will start on Monday mornings in the near future. Rev Christine is seeking people who are willing to go on a roster to assist with cutting up fruit, and dishwashing for the Play Group. One person per day would be helpful. A current Working with Children Check is required. If you are interested in helping out from time to time, please see Rev Christine.

BOWLS DAY
Wednesday 7th sees our first Bowls day for the year. 1.00pm – 3.30pm. Board games will also be available. All are welcome.

YEAR OF PRAYER
2018 is a year of prayer for Westmead congregation. Prayer supports all that we do and breaks open new possibilities. Please pray for our leaders, for the ministries we currently have and that we might hear the leading of God’s Spirit. Each person is encouraged to pray in whatever way you are able. Please contact Rev Christine or Robyne should you have any specific prayer requests that can be sent around our prayer chain.

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!

SAVE THE DATE
Friday 16th February sees the celebration of all the work that has gone into the refurbishment of ‘175 one hotels and apartments,’ and the new playground. You are invited to attend the evening. 6.00pm until 8.00pm. All welcome but please see Rev Christine for RSVP for catering purposes.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship
Sundays 9.45am
Bible Study - Mondays 2.00 - 3.30pm       Resumes 5th Feb
Fellowship - Tuesday 6th Feb 2.00pm       Next Meeting 6th Feb

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Time Out Café (TOC) - Tues/Thurs 11.00 am - 1.30pm
Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00pm - 3.30pm
Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00am -11.00am
Pastoral message for this week….

In the rush back to work and to study
Remember the light of the son continues to shine on you.

COUPLES & FRIENDS
FEBRUARY 18 MEETING

On Monday 5th February Couples & Friends will be holding their first meeting of the year. As well as being our Annual Election of Officers a night of fun and fellowship is promised. As usual we will be commencing the year with a meal so please bring a plate of food to share for the main course or for sweets and a bottle of drink. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Centre at 6.30 for 7.00p.m.

S P O W

Our first LUNCH for the year!
Merrylands Bowling Club
After this morning’s service, 4th February

Having lunch by yourself?
Like to come? Need a lift
Have-a-chat to Beverly

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 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
Is 40:21-13; Ps 147:1-11,20c;
1 Cor 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39
Pastoral update:
Richard Manton has moved to respite care in Mittagong and has a new address and phone number. Anyone wanting to contact Richard is welcome to see Liz for the details. Continued prayers and blessings for Richard, who gave many decades of service to Leigh Memorial, Westmead and Parramatta Mission as whole. We are thinking of you Richard!

LEAP (Leave Everything and Pray) will be taking place at 7.00pm on Wednesday 7 February in the Choir Vestry. Please see Bruce with any prayer requests or enquiries, or call 9891-2277.

Prayer for Camden Country Uniting Church:

1. Unity within our Church and common focus.

2. Prayer for our Elders and leaders that they earnestly seek and hear from God in the area of direction going forward for our Church.

3. Prayer for increased understanding and sensitivity to the presence, power and leading of the Holy Spirit.

4. Upcoming Events: a) Pancake Night on Tuesday 13 Feb for the community at Orangeville. About 100 people attend from the rural community. Pray for good connections and conversations that are a step in connecting them with Jesus. b) Harvest Festival Service and Auction on Sun 18/Mon 18 Feb. Please pray for the Glenmore rural community - for a great time of celebration of God's provision.

5. Praise for opportunities with children and their families and that we will be diligent in building relationships and providing excellent opportunities for children to learn about Jesus.

6. Prayer for a movement of God in our Church, community and nation.

Again, thank you for praying for us,
Warm regards, Robyn Leech (Pastor)
Isaiah 40: 21-31

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; 23 who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. 24 Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. 25 To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. 30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; 31 but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (NRSV Translation)

Reflections

The above words of encouragement from Isaiah were written to a people who were in exile in a foreign land.

Staff on the PM engagement day at HASI Plus, Carlingford.

Some of the highlights: The transformation in a couple where one with various medical ailments found support though Time Out Café, that led to further engagement with the Westmead congregation in some of the other activities including Sunday worship that opened the way for further support and a change in their couple’s ability to face the future with hope. The support offered by staff of 175 over a period of time to a family with one younger member going through increasing medical difficulties, yet whose demeanour inspires the staff.
The donation from one particular donor of many Christmas food items, bon bons and kitchen cook ware including a Microwave and cook top to Wesley Apartments, bunches of flowers, and Christmas stockings to assist the families at Wesley Apartments celebrate the recent Christmas. The impact on the men arriving at Hope Hostel to discover that they have their own room, the tone, feel, light and quality of the building, and the inclusion of food regularly brings men to tears at the realisation that they are valued, included and treated with dignity, and how the work in such a place transforms the staff as well as the clients. Four people who have been institutionalised for decades, and after a short time at our congregant care at HASI Plus, are about to move out into their own accommodation. Diggs, our therapy dog who has been treated for anxiety is recovering well, and becoming more gregarious. The work through enhanced Headspace with youth having their first episode of psychosis is a treatment that can in a high number of situations, led to no further episodes; a truly life-changing work. At Meals Plus, 100 people are regularly accessing the staples food hampers through meals plus that enables people to buy about $80 worth of fresh food for $20, which assists people living on a low fixed income. The person who lived on the steps of Parramatta station for months who was engaged by PM staff, trust built, and now is in accommodation and having requisite care for her mental illness and physical ailments. The changes to the Youth Hub that have made it more youth friendly and welcoming. Aunty Anna sowing up items in WSLARS with the members. The CLS on the central coast providing weekly social activities for people who have been socially isolated. Two clients of Hope Hostel over the years have included a barrister and university professor. The evident passion of the staff in every place we visited was inspirational.

Hand prints on the wall of WSLARS in celebration of the 25th anniversary last year.

All this seems to me to be the work of people living out their faith and hope providing strength to those who are weary to rise up and live, even to fly.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton
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PARRAMATTA MISSION IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE NOW AN NDIS PROVIDER.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability, or living with a lifelong mental illness. The NDIS is the insurance that gives us all peace of mind. Disability could affect anyone and having the right support makes a big difference.

Parramatta Mission can provide you with support in the following areas under the NDIS:

Develop Life Skills 09-007-0117-6-3
Group/Centre Activities 04-107-0136-6-1
Group Centre Activities 04-111-0136-6-1
Therapeutic Supports 15-044-0128-8-1
Group/Centre Activities 04-110-0136-6-1

To become a NDIS participant, a person must; have a permanent disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities be aged less than 65 when they first enter NDIS be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or Protected Special Category visa where NDIS is available.

If you have an NDIS plan, or would like to know if you qualify you can talk to your key worker at WSLARS / D2DL or contact NDIS 1800 800 110 www.ndis.gov.au

Our registered NDIS provider number is 4050008357.
Thank you to all the Volunteers
(some captured on camera)
who attended the Australia Day
tethered hot air balloons.

The day was a big success
and we look forward to being involved in 2019

Donna Kelly
Ash Wednesday @ Leigh Memorial

When? 7.00pm
Date: Wednesday 14 February, 2018
with Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson

Where? 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta
* The service will be followed by a light supper *

All are welcome!
Enquiries: The Leigh Memorial Leaders’ team via 9891 2277

HOPE HOSTEL is celebrating 40 years!
You are invited to join us for afternoon tea as we celebrate this milestone of our men’s crisis accommodation.

Hear about Hope’s journey and how we have spent decades assisting men in need.

Monday 12th February 2018 at 4pm
Hope Hostel
2B Fleet St, North Parramatta

RSVP by 1/2/2018
To Jenny or Rena 9891 2277
or fundraising@parramattamission.org.au

Parramatta Mission

Golden Pancake Day Race
Tuesday 13th February 2018 11.30am

Cruise and savoury treat Tuesday with the Parramatta Mission Annual Golden Pancake Day Race, join us with your friends, family and colleagues for this fun event, while supporting the essential work of Parramatta Mission - helping transform the lives of thousands of people in need in our community.

RUN in the Golden Pancake Day Race for your chance to win the golden pan trophy! To enter your team of four runners, please contact Dianna on 9681 1270 or email dianna.belly@parramattamission.org.au

INVEST in the social heart of Parramatta and make a donation on the day or online at www.parramattamission.org.au

SUPPORT the event on the day by cheering them on at the finish line in Constitution Square from 11.30am.

See You There!

* The mission is supported by

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FIJIAN Congregation

Qaravi oti nai tavi ena
Fiji National Conference 2018
‘Your Will Be Done’

Commissioning Worship Sunday 4th Feb
Tutu ni vakaveiqaravi ena yabaki 2018/2019

Chairman  Sosi Toa
Vakatawa  Josefa Foiakau
Tuirara  Emosi Rogoimuri, Vilimoni Matasawalevu
Dauniyau  Anare Vocea, Steven Vosalotaki
Vunivola  Taito Dovibua, Sireli Tuiloma
Vakatawa ni Vale ni Lotu  Suli Sadrata, Ronald Tuiloma
Tuirara ni Gunu Waini  Sainiana Vute, Suguta Rogoimuri
Liuli ni Sere  Mele Dovibua
Youth Worship Leader  Joseph Tuicakau
Sunday School Leaders  Leviana Tuiloma, Sireli Tuiloma
Youth Leaders  Milise Foiakau, Samu Sadrata
Liuli ni Marama  Maca Toa, Marica Sadrata
Technology  Milise Foiakau, Luisa Vosalotaki
Camera Team  Jiosivini Sadrata, Anare Seru
Matamasumasu #1  Anare Vocea

Committee Representatives
Church Council  Sereima Vosalotaki, Emosi Rogoimuri, Sosi Toa
Heritage /Presbytery  Inise Foiakau
Future Directions  Sereima Vosalotaki, Inise Foiakau, Sosi Toa
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 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, Jolame Ratumaiwai our Leaders team and Sunday School/ Youth teams.

- PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Adru Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani.

- PM Westmead: 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.

- 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 Camden Country Uniting Church Congregation

   We join with churches around the world to pray for Ireland, United Kingdom
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 Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277
Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588
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Westmead Congregation: Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly 0409 925 607
Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead; 9891 9354
Senior Minister/Group CEO: Rev Keith Hamilton 0417 487 446
Church Office: 9891 2277 Email: wecare@parramattamission.org.au
Children’s Hospital Chaplain: Sarah Bishop
PM WSU Chaplain: Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler 0427 955 157

For all e-tree news follow the link below
http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree