

OUR NEWS 2018
4th March 2018



Parramatta
Mission

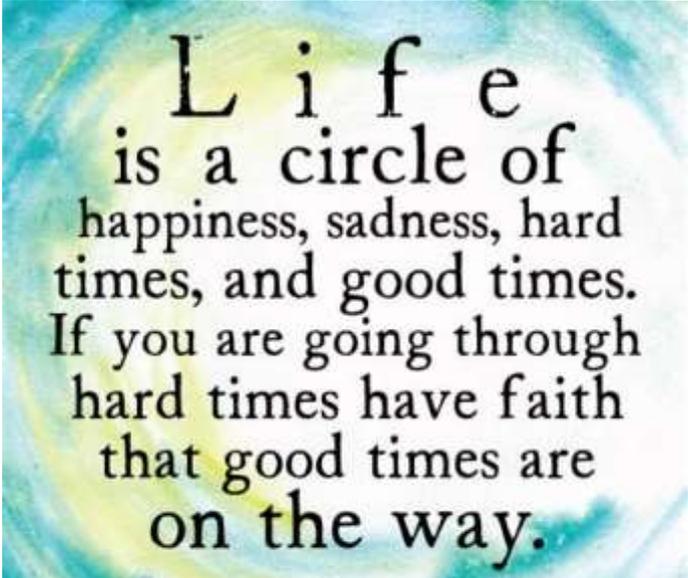


uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

Our Vision

A Community Transforming Lives

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



Life
is a circle of
happiness, sadness, hard
times, and good times.
If you are going through
hard times have faith
that good times are
on the way.

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

IMPORTANT: CHANGES TO OUR COFFEE SHOP

Between **Monday 5 March and Wednesday 7 March**, welcome upgrades will be taking place in our Leigh Memorial Coffee Shop. These will include demolition of the wall between the Coffee Shop and the previous convenience store, plus new carpeting and painting. For their 5 March meeting, the Couples & Friends will use the Hall (enquiries: Robert). Please see the Leaders' team will answer any further questions regarding the renovations.

'PARRAMASALA' MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY @ LEIGH COMING NEXT WEEK

On **Sunday 11 March**, we'll be having our annual 'Parramasala' service at 9.30am, followed by a multicultural morning tea. Everyone is invited to bring a plate of food to share, and/or to wear some clothes traditional to their culture. During the service we'll celebrate the diversity of our congregation and share Parramasala's message of unity, peace and understanding with the rest of Parramatta! Enquiries – Manas & the Leaders' team.

LENT EVENT FUNDRAISER CAKE STALL – NEXT WEEK

As part of Parramasala Sunday, the Sunday School will be holding a fundraising cake stall for Lent Event. Please bring some coins to make your cake stall purchases, which will include 'take home' options.

CONGRATULATIONS LEONA!

Last Sunday, Leona from our Junior class at Sunday School @ Leigh received her Year 3 'Good News' graduation bible from the Couples & Friends. The presentation was made by President Robert, who also officiated at Leona's baptism. Leona was congratulated by her Sunday School friends and used her new bible in class for the first time.



CONGREGATION SURVEYS

Please return surveys ASAP. Thanks to everyone for your assistance with this process – the Leaders' team.

MARCH & APRIL DATES @ LEIGH

- **Parramasala Sunday** – 9.30am, 11 March @ Leigh, followed by a multicultural morning tea
- The **Congregation Meeting & Leaders election** scheduled for 18 March and the Leaders Dedication scheduled for 8 April, have both been postponed until May.
- **Lenten Study with Clive** – Part 2: Choir Vestry, 10.00 – 11.00am, Saturday, 24 March.
- **Palm Sunday** – Sunday 25 March: 'Palm Walk' in Centenary Square, 9.30am + Worship, 10.00am (Combined). ** Please bring a plate for morning tea & some palms/greenery from home **
- **Full Reading of the Gospel of Mark** – 5.00-6.30pm, Palm Sunday, 25 March @ Leigh Memorial.
- **Maundy Thursday** - 29 March: 'Tenebrae' @ Leigh. Includes a light supper. RSVPs to the Leaders' team for catering purposes by Sunday 25 March.
- **Good Friday** – Friday 30 March – 9.00am service @ Leigh (Combined Service).
- **Easter Sunday** – Sunday 1 April – 9.30am service @ Leigh.
- **Life & Witness Workshops** – Saturday 7 April (am) and Saturday 5 May (am). To be confirmed.

COUPLES & FRIENDS MARCH MEETING

An invitation is extended to all to attend our next meeting on Monday 5th March 2018 at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Our guest speaker is Detective Chief Inspector Gary Raymond APM, OAM (Retired) Dip. Vet (Diploma in Vocational Education & Training).

Gary is a uniformed member of The Salvation Army and is Chaplain to the Police Post Trauma Support Groups, NSW, and among his many responsibilities he is also Chaplain & Senior Consultant to the Risk, Response & Rescue Organisation. Gary has been involved in many well known traumatic events including the Hilton Hotel Terrorist Bombing, the Luna Park Ghost Train Fire, the Granville Train disaster and the Newcastle Earthquake to name just a few.

All are welcome to join us to hear and meet this very special man on Monday night. His inspirational talk of his work as God's servant in action will be followed by a delicious supper.



WESTMEAD Congregation

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to Jan Robson and her family as they mourn the death of David who passed away on Wednesday afternoon. We are thankful the family had the opportunity to be with him across the week and although there is relief that he is not suffering, his death brings sadness to all.

Details of the funeral will be made available once known. Please pray for Jan and her family, and give thanks to God for David's life. He is now at peace and with God.

PARRAMATTA MISSION CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

Today is the last day to complete a survey. If you have not done one can you please do so. 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. The Church council wishes to have as many people as possible give some feedback as part of the life and witness process. If you have any questions about the survey please speak with Rev Christine.

LAST WEEK

On Friday we had the World Day of Prayer in the morning and the commencement service for Amelia as PM Western Sydney University Chaplain and Sarah as Chaplain to the Children's Hospital at Westmead. It was good to have people from Westmead at both events.

LENT EVENT

Unitingworld raises money each year to assist with projects overseas, especially with people who are vulnerable. There are brochures on the table in the foyer.

WESTMEAD WHISPERS

Please feel free to take the March issue of Westmead Whispers which gives more information about some things for the congregation. Please feel free to take an extra one and pass it on.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 6th Mar 2.00pm

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.00-10.45am

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm



BREAKFAST BUFFET AND COFFEE CART

The new Breakfast Buffet and Coffee Cart in AJs have commenced and everyone is welcome to be customers of either the Buffet or the coffee cart. The Coffee cart operates from the verandah and it was great to see some people from the congregation enjoying breakfast on Wednesday morning. Please come and support these ventures and say hello to the new staff. Lisa, Nicole, Rebecca and the team have done a great job in getting things ready



Exodus 20:1-17

1 Then God spoke all these words: 2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3 you shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, 6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 You shall not make wrongful use of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. 8 Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10 But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. 12 Honour your father and mother, so that your days may be long in the land that Lord your God is giving you. 13 You shall not kill. 14 You shall not commit adultery. 15 You shall not steal. 16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 17 You shall not covert your neighbour's house; you shall not covert your neighbours spouse, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. (NRSV)

Reflections

The Hebrew Scriptures, what some call the Old Testament, are the sacred writings shared by both Jews and Christians. They speak of God, and relationships with God's good creation. In these writings are commandments and teaching about living in right relationships. Naturally they cannot cover every eventuality, and particular teaching in one time needs to be interpreted for its application in another time, noting that interpretation does not equal dismissing the teaching. The teaching can provide an ethical framework in which to live. It is always dangerous of course to take 20 verses from one place and make them stand alone and thus read them out of context. An important consideration is that the Bible starts with God and ends with God, and in speaking about God speaks of God taking the initiative – coming in grace and hospitality. Noteworthy that the first part of this teaching above focusses on relationship with God, beginning with an action by God, before the teaching turns to human relationships with others. The pivot point is the teaching on the Sabbath, which is extensive. The reality is that humans cannot go on working for hours without a break, and days without rest. We need 6-8 hours' sleep a night, and a 'weekend' off. Maybe we don't get 8 hours sleep every day, but should most days, and if not a weekend every week, then most weeks. Of course for some of our staff and ministers, the weekend might be mid-week, particularly where programs are providing 24/7 support. There is nothing like having 2 days' rest. It is interesting to note that the Anglican church has said its ministers will only work 5 days per week – they have to work out which

five – and thus be refreshed and also model for the church healthy living. Sabbath rest is not only physical rest, it is acknowledging that it is God's creation, not ours, and no matter how hard nor long we work, we cannot control every eventuality. We need to rely on and live in divine grace. Hence grace is the first vale of Parramatta Mission. An expression of grace is hospitality.



Last week at St Stephens UC, Sydney, the closure of ministry service was held for Rev Dr Clive Pearson, as the Research Fellow in Public and Contextual Theology for the Assembly of the UCA. Here Clive is with Colleen Geyer, General Secretary of the Assembly. In the lower right corner is Mary Pearson, Clive's wife. Both Clive and Mary are ministers in association of Parramatta Mission.

Amelia, our new PM WSU chaplain, sang a solo and led the singing at the closure of ministry service for Clive.

Much has been said this past week about the late Billy Graham, world renowned evangelist. One memory I have is when he was asked to criticised the theology of a prominent minister he instead spoke of that person's good ministry, and on another occasion said "if you have nothing good to say, say nothing," and on another words to the effect of find something good to say before finding something wrong. My wife, Julie, speaks of two stars and a wish – two things to compliment before one thing you wish could be done better. Worth a thought.



Blessings, Keith Hamilton

세 번째 사순절(3rd Lent of Sunday) 2018년 03월04일 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 42 장 **통 11 장** 거룩한 주님께 예배를

새 494 장 **통 188 장** 만세 반석 열리니

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 창세기 17:1-7 ; 15-16

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 아브람에서 아브라함으로

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)
새 455 장 **통 507 장** 주님의 마음을 본받는 자

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

- 매일 건강과 마음의 평강을 위해 함께 기도합니다
- 매일 성경 말씀 묵상으로 주님과 친밀한 교제의 시간을 누리며 승리하시기 바랍니다
- 기도제목: 전도와 선교에 앞장서는 하나님의 자녀로 살아갑시다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) **새502장** **통 259장** 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 담임목

QT나눔 & 성경공부

오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시

사도행전26:19-32

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시

사도행전 25:13-:27:44

Sunday School

Hope your forms are back with the **Levi and Sireli Tuiloma**. Leaders and parents, please let Levi know **at the earliest** if you're going.

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



WHAT IS KKKI CAMPOE?
Kiki Campo Oia (KCO) is an annual event run by a team of people from the nōvū(ACT) Synod of the United 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.

PALM SUNDAY on 25th of March, walk and wave palm fronds from Centenary Square at 9.30. Combine service with Leigh at 10.00a.m

Youth Program for Connect and Shake on Friday Night at the Coffee Shop at 7pm. *Contact Ofa and Samu if you need transport.*

Multicultural Service, 11th March at 11.15am. Sa kerei me da na vakasigalevu vata.

Confirmation classes will commence on Monday 26th March to Saturday 31st April from 5:00pm until 9:00pm. Its open to ALL members, youth and adults alike. *Please contact Fil or Vakatawa if you're interested.*



Ena mataka ni siga Vakarauwai sa oti era veisiko na marama vei Talatala Veitinia, ka lai roqoti talega na makubuna o Carmen Finefeweki. Totoka na draki ni sota vata.

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Tu Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali	Communion
11-Mar	Multicultural Service		A.Allison	Youth		
18-Mar	Campbelltown	S.Tuiloma Rooty Hill	S.Toa	M3	M3	
25-Mar	Combine Palm Sunday Service Leigh 10.00am. Walk from Centenary Square at 9.30am					

Pastoral message for this week....

If you love God
it is easier to love others
even when the loving is tough.

Foster your faith this week

NM 21:4-9 Ps 107:1-3,17-22
Eph 2:1-10 Jn 3:14-21

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2018

Where: Gallery Space, Northmead
Performing Arts High School,
26 Campbell Street, Northmead
You cannot turn right from Windsor R
Special Opportunities

1. Invite one of us to talk about the
exhibition before or during your
services.

2. Group Visits With Guide: Doug
Purnell or another guide
(cost: \$2 per head)

3. Official Opening: Thursday 22 March – 7PM

4. Leaders Day with the Moderator, Rev Simon Hansford

Friday 23rd March - MT - 9.30, then 10.30am - 3pm. Cost \$15.00 for Lunch

5. Quiet Morning with the Stations – led by Bethany South, from Eremos
Australia Saturday, March 24, 10am-1pm

6. Good Friday Service – (at the School) 30 March – 9.00am - Led by the Rev
Niall Reid



Station 16 - Jesus comes to Warmum
today - Benetia Everitt

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: Adriu Rogoimuri, Emosi and family, Senitiki Qata and family, Sainiana Vute, Akisi Allison, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani.
- ♥ PM Westmead: Jan and her family, Justice and family, Aravind and family, Tanzida, Sushila and family, Eamonn, Nancy, Jean, Angela and Cornell, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Caroline and David A, Col, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, 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 Castle Hill Uniting Church.
- ♥ We join with churches around the world to pray for Myanmar, Thailand

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



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