

OUR NEWS 2018
8th April 2018



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & AC

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.

LENT/EASTER PROGRAM – THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our Lent/Easter program this year – from those who gave generously to Lent Event - to everyone who did the 'Hosanna' palm walk on Palm Sunday or attended 'Tenebrae' and Easter services, including hosting last week's special inter-faith guests from the SAI community. Thanks also to Charlotte, Liz & Mario's daughter, who provided the beautiful artwork for last Sunday's 'Easter Hope' cards - which included a lasting Easter thought from Clive, "He came singing hope, He died singing hope, He arose in silence, For the hope to go on - We must make it our song, You and I be the singers." Ongoing thanks to our PA/Tech team, stewards, those providing morning tea and everyone who contributes on a weekly basis!



SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH – SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK

Sunday 8 April will be our final morning of classes for Term 1. We'll be back for Term 2 on 6 May. New children and youth are always welcome! Thanks to our dedicated teaching team. Enquiries: Liz, Samantha & Anne.

SAVE THE DATE: Life & Witness/ Vital Ministry Consultations Workshop

Please keep the morning of Saturday 5 May free for our PM congregations' workshop at Westmead. This gathering – to which all members are invited - will discuss feedback from the recent surveys and move the process forward. Enquiries: Ian & Robert.

LEIGH Congregation

CALENDAR DATES: APRIL @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

- 8 April** Leaders' Meeting/ SPOW Lunch – enquiries: Beverly
- 13 April** Food Safari dinner outing – enquiries: Moses
- 3 & 17 Apr** Community Visitors – enquiries: Bruce S.
- 7 & 21 Apr** Youth Group – enquiries: Samantha
- 22 April** ANZAC commemoration during 9.30am service
- 29 April** Combined Multicultural Service, start time: 10.00am

THANK YOU & FAREWELL GRAEME

It is with great sadness that we convey the news of Graeme Hayes' sudden passing.

Graeme has worked faithfully as a church steward at Leigh Memorial for many years, including up until a couple of weeks ago. In decades past, he was a leading member of our church's over 21s group, plus a Sunday School teacher and children's/youth leader. Graeme also met his wife Gloria here at Leigh.

In addition to his longstanding association with Leigh Memorial, Graeme grew up and served in many roles at the Northmead Methodist Church and has been a valued member at West Epping Uniting in recent times.

Graeme stayed in contact with Leigh and served as a steward due to his abiding loyalty and affection for our church and its members. As expressed in his own words: "I look forward to helping out every month and keeping in touch with friends I've known for many years."

He was also a dedicated member of the Mission's 'Gloster Udy Society' and a supporter of the Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee. In all such involvements, Graeme's warm smile and genuine greetings to friends and strangers alike – and his high standard of service in all areas – added positively to the life and witness of our congregation and the Mission. He will be greatly missed.

Our love and prayers are extended to Gloria and Graeme's family and friends at this time. "Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant."



Foster your faith this week

Acts 3:12-19 Ps 4

1 Jn 3:1-7 Lk 24:36b-48

WESTMEAD Congregation

SINGLE PEOPLE OF WORTH (SPOW)

We will be having lunch at the Merrylands Bowling Club today following the worship service. If you would like to attend please speak with Rev Christine.

WESTMEAD LEADERS' MEETING

The Leaders will meet on Tuesday 10th at 2.30 at 5.00pm.

WRITERS WANTED for next edition of 'POWERFUL MOMENTS'- "This is my story".

People are invited to write something of their own stories for inclusion in the next edition of "Powerful moments"- edited by Rev Noreen Towers. For more information please see Rev Christine.

BOWLS DAY

There will be another bowls day on Wednesday 11th April. 1.00-3.30 pm. All are welcome.

STUDY LEAVE

Rev Christine will be on Study leave from 14th April until the 28th. Bruce Bennetts will speak on the 15th and there will be a creative reflection on the 22nd. During this time please contact any of the Elders should you need any assistance.

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY

There will be a multicultural service on Sunday 29th April. Please bring something from your culture to share for morning tea, and wear something from either your own culture or borrow from another culture on the day. We celebrate our diversity and everyone is welcome.

FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP

The Next bus trip is Tuesday 1 May – 11.00 am to 2.00 pm – lunch \$20, bus \$5. Please place your name on the sign in sheet in the foyer if you wish to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 5th will be a day when we have a workshop as the congregations of Parramatta Mission. All are welcome to attend. More details to follow.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 3rd April 2.00pm

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

NB No Open Door Wed 25th April

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

Confirmation & Baptism Service: Qaravi rawa vakavinaka na Lotu ni Vakadeitaki (Mereseini Vocea, Pasepa Vocea, Semiti Vocea, Julia Foiakau, Milise Foiakau, Anare Seru, Tupou Kamotu & Josua Toa) kei na Papitaiso (Etonia Kamotu & Josua Cama) ena Siga ni Tucake Tale na Siga ni Qaqa; muria na vakasigalevu totoka ena Parramatta Park. Vinaka vakalevu Talatala V.Ravetali & Fil Kamotu na veituberi ena loma ni dua na macawa, sega ni guilecavi oi kemuni na Tubutubu kei na Weka ni solia nomuni gauna kei nai yau mera qaravi ka tokoni kina na Luveda. Ratou lewe ono mai Campbelltown kei na dua mai Rooty Hill, era tiko rawa ena vuli.



Bose ni Vale ni Lotu: Sa toso na bose me na qai vakayacori ena 14 April 2018 ena 3.30pm me rawa ni tiko kina o Talatala Clive Pearson. E sa vakadonua na Church Council me veiqaravi vaka Supply Minister ena Vavakoso Vakaviti o Talatala Clive me yacova ni sa kune e dua na Talatala Tudei.

Joint Nominating Committee (JNC): Sa vakadonua talega na Church Council me sa tekivu sota tale na JNC me tomani na kena vakasaqarai e dua na Talatala. Sa kerei meda masulaka tiko na sasaga oqo.

Fijian Congregation

Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm.
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
15-Apr	Rooty Hill	S.Toa	S.Foiakau	M1	M1	
		Campbell.				
22-Apr	S.Foiakau		V.Kamotu	M2		
29-Apr	Lotu Cokovata kei ira na Valagi					
6-May	Rev K.Hamilton		S.Foiakau			I.Foiakau
	Vulavou H/Comm					A.Vocea

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

16-13

부활후 두번째 주일 (2nd Easter of Sunday) 08 / 04 / 2018 오후 11시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 전현구 목사

송영 (Gloria) **새 1장** **통 1장** 만복의 근원 하나님

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 64 장 **통 13 장** 기뻐하며 경배하세

새 149장 **통 147장** 주 달려 죽은 십자가

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

주기도문송 **새 635 장** 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 창세기 12:1-5

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사 모든 족속이 너를 통해 복을 받으리라!!

성찬 및 봉헌 찬송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 546장 **통 399 장** 주의 약속하신 말씀 위에서

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

- 할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다
- 성령충만함으로 주께서 주신 사명 잘 감당하는 건강한 교회로 세워지길 기도합니다
 - 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
 - 한 영혼을 구원하는 건도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
 - 부활의 주님과 함께 동행하는 기쁜 한 주간이 되시길 축복합니다.

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn) **새 502장** **통 259장** 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction) 손종란 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
주일 오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
에스라 7:11-28

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
에스라 6:18~9:8

RAISING HOPE

investing in the social heart
of Greater Western Sydney

Your invitation to join us at the 2018 Raising Hope Gala.

We would like to invite you to join us for the 2018 Raising Hope Gala.

As our city continues to expand there are increasing social needs that together we must address. Parramatta Mission seeks to serve the social heart through the provision of over 70 services to meet the desperate needs within our community.

Many of these essential services are otherwise unfunded.

By attending, supporting or partnering with us in this event, you are directly investing into the areas of homelessness, domestic violence, crisis support and accommodation services.

FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2018

7:00 PM TILL MIDNIGHT

PARKROYAL PARRAMATTA
30 PHILLIP STREET PARRAMATTA

DRESS: BLACK AND WHITE

Join us for our black and white gala to support the services of Parramatta Mission in our community.

Tickets are now on sale at <https://www.humanitix.com/event/raising-hope-2018/>

For further information or should you have any questions,
email raisinghope@parramattamission.org.au

You may also be able to contribute by donating items for our raffle or auction or become a gala partner. Please contact raisinghope@parramattamission.org.au

Thank you



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John 20: 19-31

19 When it was early evening of that day, the first of the week, and the doors having been shut where the disciples were because of fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you". 20 After saying this he pointed out his hands and side to them. Then the disciples, rejoiced, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then he said to them again, "Peace be with you. Just as the Father has sent me even so I send you". 22 After saying this he breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit" 23 "if you forgive the sins of any they have been forgiven. If you retain the sins of anyone they have been retained". 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, the one being called the twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 Therefore the other disciples told him "We have seen the Lord". But he said to them "Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails and put my hands into his side, I will not believe". 26 And after eight days, the disciples were again indoors and Thomas was with them. The doors having been shut, Jesus came out and stood in their midst and said "Peace be with you". 27 Then he said to Thomas "Reach out your finger here and see my hands and reach out your hand and put it in my side, and do not become faithless but believe". 28 Thomas answered and said to him "My Lord and my God". 29 Jesus said to him. "You have believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed". 30 Indeed Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples. 31 But these things have been written in order that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that believing you might have life in his name.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections



Last Sunday, Easter Day, is not the only day but the traditional day for baptisms and confirmations in the church

Our Leigh Fijian congregation held confirmation classes during Holy Week and then on Easter Day conducted 2 baptisms and 6 confirmations. The celebration continued with lunch in Parramatta Park.

The March Church Council meeting of PM decided that during April the congregations in their worship would include specific prayers for aspects of Parramatta Mission. This week we focus on the HASI programs commenced in 2017 in the Hunter, New England and Mid-North Coast. This included new offices at Taree, Charlestown and Maitland. HASI is designed to support people with a persistent and severe mental illness to live independently and maintain stable housing. Supports are provided via a 'flexible hours' approach, meaning consumers are provided with varied levels of support determined by the individual's current needs. Support may include:

- Assistance with daily living skills including self-care, personal hygiene, cleaning, shopping, cooking and transport
- Support provided within inpatient units to prepare for discharge and ensure a smooth transition to community living
- Attending appointments and complying with medication requirements and other aspects of clinical care
- Supporting in maintaining tenancies or finding suitable accommodation
- And support participating in social, leisure and recreation opportunities (Notes from the PM web site)

Here are some highlights thus far.

- Maitland have initiated a Wellness Group of 2-6 consumers every week going to the local indoor pool for a swim - with the aim of eventually participating in a HASI Wellness Group which will include Cooking Classes.
- Charlestown staff, consumers and family members of staff have together painted an indigenous painting for the Charlestown office to represent the local area.
- Charlestown and Maitland both have a consumer who have recently commenced University Studies!
- A recent successful outing at which a consumer who doesn't normally join outings attended, and won our Easter Egg guessing game and took home the prize!
- Charlestown have had another consumer who used to get anxious in crowds regularly join our social outings and walking groups.
- Maitland team have received two thank you cards from consumers following recent successful social outings.
- Maitland team have been part of the successful transition of a consumer following a 2 year stay in Morisset hospital who has now moved to independent living.
- Maitland team have been supporting a consumer to learn how to cook – who in turn has been teaching another consumer how to cook!



PM Prayer

God of new beginnings,

We pray for the new Parramatta Mission programs in the Hunter Valley, New England and Mid-North Coast, an area that extends from beaches and the large city of Newcastle, to smaller cities, rural towns and hamlets of the Upper Hunter, New England area and Mid-North Coast;

An area with employment that includes fishing, viticulture, tourism, mining, manufacturing, agriculture, health and education, as well as unemployment and retirement;

An area undergoing rapid change with reduction in manufacturing, changes in agriculture, an increase in tourism and retirement living, and an expanding population.

We give thanks for the opportunities for Parramatta Mission to journey with people, providing various supports.

We celebrate the transformation experienced by many, with whom we have provided support.

We pray for all the people engaged through the Parramatta Mission HASI programs.

We pray for staff able to contribute to the lives of people living in their local district.

We pray for the ongoing work of setting up the offices, involving Property, I.T. and Finance, the recruitment processes involving People and Culture, and management extending their reach, and all who have contributed to the establishment of these programs.

We pray for the continuing work of building trust and relationships with local partners, as well as with consumers and their families.

In this season of Easter, we celebrate the risen life of Jesus, whose Spirit works in and through the church and which is a sign of the kingdom of God breaking into the lives of people from all walks of life, bringing light and peace.

We pray for all who are part of the Parramatta Mission community, some who work or volunteer here, others who worship and then go to places of employment, education, family and leisure.

Breathe your Spirit of life and peace on us all, and may we all bring joy to you, through Jesus we pray.

Amen



In an average week at Parramatta Mission's Meals Plus program we provide



364 Breakfasts



21 Showers

701 Lunches



8 laundry loads



According to Census Australia 2016 12.3% of Greater Western Sydney households are in housing stress due to paying more than 30% of household income on rent.



According to homelessness Australia there are 105,237 people in Australia who are homeless with a 20.4 % increase in NSW alone higher than any other state.



Around 24% of homelessness is due to domestic and family violence, higher than any other cause.



74.8 % of homeless people are male and 25.2% female.

Western Sydney population is estimated to hit four million by 2050, meaning the issues of homelessness will grow if we don't act now.

Parramatta Mission projects supported in the Uniting Church

Please pray for:

Living as a multicultural church.

Ministry with people in prison.

Ministry with hospital patients living with a mental illness.

Hospital chaplaincy with patients, staff & families.



Parramatta Mission Umbrellas

We will soon have available a number of Parramatta Mission umbrellas. Price will be around \$30, please contact fundraising@parramattamission.org.au if you are interested.



Do you know of anyone caring for a person living with mental health conditions?

If you do, would they be interested in joining a support group?

The Transcultural Mental Health Centre's Carer Support Program has established and facilitated a number of language-specific carer support groups for families and carers from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, who live with or care for a family member or friend with a mental health problem. Some of these mental health problems are severe depression, eating disorder, anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and all childhood disorders.

The support groups offer information, support and educational activities to carers who are from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. The groups meet on a monthly basis in different suburbs across the Sydney metropolitan areas.

For further information or referral, please do not hesitate to contact relevant Bilingual Group Leaders (BGLs) or the Program Coordinator listed below.

Language	Where	When	Bilingual Group Leaders (BGLs)
ARABIC	Liverpool Seminar Room No. 1 Education Centre, Liverpool Hospital Corner Elizabeth & Goulburn Streets	1 st Friday 10am – 12:30pm	Ms Lilian Sedrak M) 0424 411 426
	Harris Park MaroniteCare Our Lady of Lebanon Community Centre Level 1 Discussion Room, 40 Alice Street	2 nd Tuesday 10:30am – 1:00pm (Unless the guest speaker cannot come on 2nd Tues)	Ms Lilian Sedrak M) 0424 411 426
ASSYRIAN	Fairfield STARTTS (new office) Level 2, Room 204, 25 Smart Street	2 nd Tuesday 2:00pm – 4:30pm	Mrs Carolin Thomas M) 0433 263 304
CHINESE	Kogarah (Mandarin) Medical Centre Suite 3a, 4 Belgrave Street	2 nd Sunday 10am – 12:30pm	Mr Noris Ma M) 0433 110 263
	Campsie (Cantonese) Metro Migrant Resource Centre Level 2, 59-63 Evelyn Street	2nd Monday 10am -12.30pm	Irene Ku M) 0404 790 433
	Hurstville (Cantonese) Suite 4, 600 Railway Parade	1st Friday 10am-12:30pm	Irene Ku M) 0404 790 433

Language	Where	When	Bilingual Group Leaders (BGLs)
	<u>Parramatta (Mandarin)</u> Parramatta Migrant Resource Centre Level 4, 1 Horwood Place	3 rd Monday 2pm – 4:30pm	Miao Shen M) 0410 468 726
DARI/FARSI	<u>Granville</u> Nabi Akram Islamic Centre 37 Cowper Street	2 nd Saturday 10am – 1pm	Nabila Moshref M) 0427 842 469
FARSI	<u>Hornsby</u> Willow Park Leisure Centre 25 Edgeworth David Avenue	3 rd Monday 11:30am – 2:30pm	Ms Behnaz Nesvadarani M) 0417 175 155
KHMER	<u>Carramar</u> Fairfield Community Health Centre 53-65 Mitchell St, Carramar	3 rd Tuesday 9:30am – 12:30pm	Ms Sonia Parmegiani M) 0423 432 117
MACEDONIAN & SERBIAN	<u>Cabramatta</u> ACL, 2 Hughes Street	1 st or 2 nd Saturday 10:30am - 1:00pm <i>Will change a meeting day if room is not available</i>	Ruza(Rose) Micevska M) 0403 732 308
SPANISH	<u>Fairfield</u> Fairfield Community Centre 25 Barbara Street	3 rd Monday 10am – 1:00pm	Carmen via Ramy Var Ph) 8838 2120
VIETNAMESE	<u>Cabramatta</u> (for parents and families of childhood disorders) Cabramatta Bowling Club Corner of Cabramatta Rd & Fairview Rd	1 st Tuesday 10am – 12pm	Ms Hanh Tran M) 0424 724 899
	<u>Cabramatta</u> (carers of mental health problems) Cabramatta Bowling Club Corner of Cabramatta Rd & Fairview Rd	1 st Tuesday 12:30am – 2:30pm	Ms Hanh Tran M) 0424 724 899

For other inquiries, please contact:
Ms Chanboramy (Ramy) Var
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 Transcultural Mental Health Centre
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 Updated on 22nd February 2018*

TODAY

SPOW
Single People Of Worth

 Celebrating Our
16th
 Anniversary 

Lunch at
Merrylands Bowling Club
Check with Beverly if you need a lift.

Pastoral message for this week....

It's not fake news – Christ is risen

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.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: The Owen & Jackson families, Joan, Marcel, Hazel, Betty, Wilhemina, Col, Aunt 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: Silvano, Jinky, Isabella and Gerard, Keith and Noela, Mary, 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*
- ♥ *For congregants and staff of the PM community grieving the death of family members.*
- ♥ *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 Emu Plains Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam*

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

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

Westmead Congregation: Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly 0409 925 607

Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

Senior Minister/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



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