

OUR NEWS 2018
15th April 2018



Parramatta
Mission

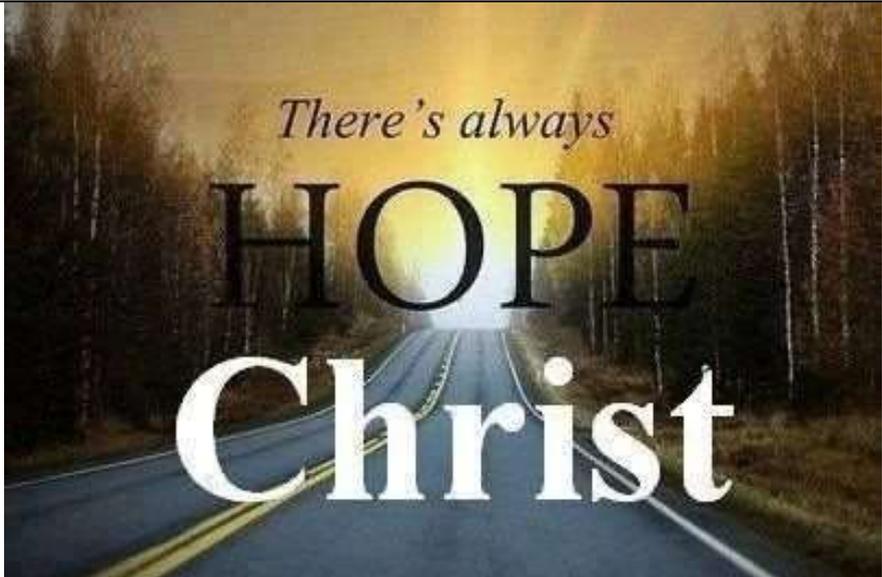


uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

Our Vision

A Community Transforming Lives

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



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.

PASTORAL CARE

Please continue to pray for Jolame, Joan, Robyn & Karen's Mum & family, Marcel, Betty, Jo, Col, Wilhemina, Hazel, the grieving Hayes, Jackson, Gray and Owen families and those in our congregation who are either acutely or chronically unwell at the moment - or missing loved ones, feeling lonely or needing additional support. Please also pray for programs such as Open Church and our Youth Group. Contact Rev. Manas with prayer requests and the Leaders' team if you need a lift to church or any other practical assistance. We're happy to help. Thoughts & blessings for those concerned and a warm "hello" from all of us. Manas, ph: 0429 892 548/ 9891-2277.



APRIL @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

- 17 Apr** Community Visitors – enquiries: Bruce S.
21 Apr Youth Group – enquiries: Samantha
22 April ANZAC commemoration during 9.30am service
29 April Combined Multicultural Service, start time: 10.00am

PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES IN MAY:

WORKSHOP: LIFE & WITNESS/ MINISTRY CONSULTATIONS

Please keep **Saturday 5 May** free for our PM congregations' workshop at Westmead. All members are invited. Enquiries: Ian & Robert.

FOOD SAFARI

April's 'Food Safari' has been postponed until **Friday 11 May**. Please meet at Leigh Memorial at 6.30pm to share a meal and good company!
Enquiries: Moses & Bruce.

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NSW SERVICE

This special service will be held on the evening of Tuesday 15 May. All welcome. Details to follow.

CONGREGATION PICNIC

There will be a Leigh Memorial Congregation Picnic Lunch (BYO) after church on **Sunday 20 May** in Parramatta Park. Further details to follow: Leaders' team.

LEIGH Congregation

Masumasu: Nuitaki ni tomani tiko na sota vakamatamasumasu ena noda veiyasa ni koro.

Veisiko: Kerei meda veisiko vakamatamasumasu vei ira era tu voliti keda. Ke so ni kila e gadreva na veivuke/veisiko ni qai veitaratara mai vei Vakatawa se Chairman.

Youth: Sota ena kena gauna ena Coffee Shop, yakavi ni Vakaraubuka (if you need a lift contact Ofa, Samu or Chairman - vinaka)

Sereki na Vuli: Vakananumi vei keda na tubutubu na sereki ni vuli ena siga Vakaraubuka qo, 13 April mera qarauni na luveda ena gauna ni sereki.

Vuli Sere: Na kena lagati vakavinaka na sere e dua na gacagaca ni SoKalou e laveta cake nai vakatagede ni noda Bula Vakayalo, sa kerei kina meda dau yaco totolo mai ena mataka ni Siga Tabu (10.30am) me rawa ni vakadre vinaka na Sere.

Life & Witness Workshop: Na tuvatuva e koto me vakayacori na workshop ena mataka ni Siga Vakarauwai – 5 Me 2018, kena tukutuku matalalai eso e na qai vakadeitaki malua yani.

Supply Minister (Clive Pearson): Tekivu nona veiqaravi vaka Supply Minister o Talatala Clive Pearson ka tiko rawa ena bose ena noa.

“Sa qai vakararamataka na lomadra ko koya mera kila rawa nai Vola Tabu.” (Luke 24:45)

E yaco na veika oqo ni oti nona mate ka sa tucake tale mai na mate ko Jisu. Na taro e koto sai koya na cava na vuna e sega ni “vakararamataka na lomadra” na Tisaipeli ko Jisu ena gauna a se bula vata voli kina kei ratou? Sa dri yani veikemuni na lewe ni veimatamasumasu.

Fijian Congregation

Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm.
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
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
13-May	S I G A	T A B U	N I	T I N A		

WESTMEAD Congregation

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Karen Banfield who graduated with her Master of Arts (Chaplaincy) through the Sydney College of Divinity. We are so proud of the work she has done and the ministry she offers in the Gaols. Congratulations Karen.

STUDY LEAVE

Rev Christine will be on Study leave from 14th April until the 28th. Thanks to Bruce Bennetts for preaching today and to Karen for leading the service. There will be a creative reflection on the 22nd. During this time please contact any of the Elders should you need any assistance.

TOILETRIES NEEDED

Deodorant, shampoo and conditioner are needed for people coming through Meals Plus and the PM office. If you are able to donate any of these- for men or for women (or both) then please bring them in across the next 2 weeks.

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.

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.

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

return Term 2 on Monday 30th

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm **NB No Open Door Wed 25th April**

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

부활후 세번째 주일 (3rd Easter of Sunday) 15 / 04 / 2018 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 진현구 목사

송영 (Gloria) 새 6장 통 2장 찬양 성부 성자 성령

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 29 장 통 29 장 성도여 다 함께

새 260장 통 194장 우리를 죄에서 구하시려

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 누가복음 17:1-19

말씀 (Preaching)- 진현구 목사 감사와 믿음

성찬 및 봉헌 찬송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 435 장 통 492 장 나의 영원하신 기업

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님의 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다

- 성령충만함으로 주께서 주신 사명 잘 감당하는 건강한 교회로 세워지길 기도합니다
- 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
- 한 영혼을 구원하는 진도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
- 주님과 함께 동행하며 주님의 사랑을 증거하는 한 주간 되시길 바랍니다

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

축도 (Benediction) 손종란 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
주일 오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
시편 104:1-18

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
에스라 10:1-시편 105:23

Dear Parramatta Mission Community,

Parramatta Mission notes the increasing number of people sleeping rough including the increasing number of women facing homelessness.

Parramatta Mission is committed to a holistic approach to raising hope for people facing homelessness.

Parramatta Mission is appealing the decision by the land and environment court that rejected the DA for the inSpire the common good development of our properties in Macquarie Street Parramatta.

There are a number of matters in the judgement by the land and environment court that Parramatta Mission wishes to address in the appeal. This includes the social benefit and impact of our development that directly helps people facing homelessness, people living with a mental health issue and people facing crisis.

Parramatta Mission, as part of the Uniting Church, has been providing continuous worship and service to the community for nearly 200 years from this land.

Parramatta Mission remains resolute as to the importance of the church having an active vibrant community presence that addresses the needs of some of the most marginalised people in the centre of Australia's next great city.

The redevelopment is for the purpose of enhancing the ability of Parramatta Mission to attend to the issues facing the most vulnerable people in our society.

We will keep you informed of the latest developments.

Grace and peace,

Keith

Keith Hamilton
Senior Minister / CEO



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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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Luke 24:36-48

36 Jesus stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you". 37 But they were startled and terrified thinking they were seeing a spirit. 38 And he said to them, "Why are you troubled; and why do questions arise in your hearts? 39 See, my hands and my feet, it is I myself. Feel me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see me having." 40 And when he had said this he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they yet disbelieved for joy and wondering, he said to them, "Have you any food here?" 42 And they gave him a piece of grilled fish; 43 and taking it, he ate before them. 44 Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you while I was with you, that everything having been written about me in the Law of Moses and the Psalms must be fulfilled. 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. 46 And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things." (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The early church was keen to affirm that the resurrection of Jesus was real and was bodily. It was not a myth, not a mirage nor a spirit or ghost. It was real and tangible. Why was this important? Among other things, If Jesus' resurrection was in a bodily form, then there is hope for us in God's promises of God's kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven.

The executive were greatly encouraged by the visit to the Hunter last week, here gathered at the Charlestown office. Of interest, next door to our office in Charlestown is Wesley Mission Sydney Employment.



The staff at this office are mostly in their late twenties, and include people of Indigenous background and this is helping in connecting with indigenous consumers. They are about to commence a wellness program for consumers that will extend over 8 weeks



Some of our staff at the Maitland office, including Jarrod, the team leader. There are six staff based in this office, with 60 consumers

extending from Taro and Beresfield to Wollombi and Cessnock, and Singleton. They are about to commence weekend support to be able to take consumers to community events in Cessnock. They are also looking to commence computer activities for the consumers.

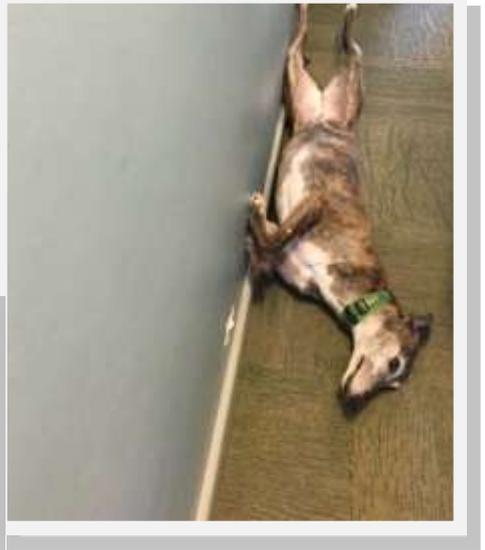


Views from our Maitland office.



Left: Over the past six months adorning the walls in all our services (this one at HASI PLUS) are the PM vision, mission and values.

Below: A typical pose of Shilloh who just loves lying on her back with her legs up the wall.



Left: Staff meeting Diggs at HASI Plus on our engagement day last week.

At right: 175 lift at twilight

The congregations are planning a day together on Saturday 5 May, 9-3 pm. This will be a day to sit together to think, dream and talk about the aspirations of what our congregations will give energy to in coming years. A few years ago, we did this in a workshop and number of gatherings that lead us to prioritise calling the PM WSU chaplain, establishing a playgroup and a community garden at Westmead, opening-up the space of the coffee shop at Leigh to be available for art and music events. These and more have been achieved or well on the way to completion. What next? Come and be with your friends as we plan the next part of our journey together.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



The March Church Council of Parramatta Mission requested the congregation leaders and ministers to include in worship each Sunday in April particular prayers for the programs of Parramatta Mission.

God of new beginnings,

We pray for staff who have commenced employment at Parramatta Mission in recent months,

particularly for staff in newly established programs at North Sydney that include Karumba which cares for the needs of young people 12 to 25, and Warakila which provides adult mental health services for people 18 years and over with complex mental health issues;

we pray for the development of the new HASI in the Hunter, New England and Mid-North Coast, based in our new offices in Maitland, Charlestown and Taree;

We pray for the staff and consumers in Community Living Support programs on the Central Coast that provides a holistic approach to consumer assistance incorporating mental health, physical health, drug and alcohol, as well as community and vocational participation 365 days per year;

we pray for the new staff in the reorganised Likemind program at Seven Hills that works to provide a comprehensive intake and assessment of consumers' needs and provide recovery-orientated goals;

and we pray for staff in Western Sydney assisting consumers transition to NDIS.

May Parramatta Mission provide not only employment but also a safe working environment that brings fulfilment and enables staff to use and develop skills and experience to thrive and with our congregations to provide hospitality, community and clinical mental health services to many people every day.

We pray for members of our congregations and staff and external advisors working on the redevelopment plans for Epworth House and the Fellowship Centre in Parramatta.

Give to all of us at Parramatta Mission, grace, perseverance, insight and unconditional positive regard for the other.

We pray this prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Foster your faith this week

Acts 4:5-12 Ps 23

1 Jn 3:16-24 Jn 10:11-18

Pastoral message for this week....

Easter Show Over
Easter Eggs Eaten
Easter Hope Ongoing

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.

Digging Mark

Workshop for Lay Preachers and those who want to go deeper into the Bible.

Rev'd Dr. John Hoskin will lead us in a fascinating exploration into the world of Jesus and archaeology and how it shapes our understanding of Mark's Gospel.

John believes that "Mark's Gospel is more relevant than ever in our 21st Century world"

DATE: Saturday 28th April

TIME: 9.00am - 2.30pm

WHERE: Blacktown Uniting Church

COST: \$15.00 (includes light lunch)

Register: Blacktown UC - 9831 4142 or

Email - laurel.barr2@gmail.com

“Searching and Researching: engaging with contemporary Christian topics”

Today, as in every field of endeavour, there is intense research into the Bible and religion. Yet how long does it take for ideas being debated passionately by experts to reach the pews? Here is a chance to savour some of those debates while still fresh.

Eastwood Uniting Church has invited two experts from United Theological College to each speak on two current research topics of their own choosing:

1. Monday 23rd April, 8.00 to 9.30pm

Dr Anthony Rees, Lecturer in Old Testament, will address current research on:

- Our violent Biblical heroes; and
- Keeping it in the family - what happens when Christians and Muslims read together?

2. Tuesday 22nd May, 8.00 to 9.30pm

Dr Jeff Aernie, Lecturer in New Testament, will address current research on:

- Grappling with Grace –the idea of “gift/grace” in the NT and thinking about the connection between salvation and virtue; and
- Reading the NT in Context – how the NT engages with ideas and topics prevalent in the ancient world, with a particular focus on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion following the talks.

Both sessions will be held at the Eastwood Uniting Church, 16 Lakeside Road. There is parking beneath the building and in the street.

For those coming directly from work, the building is adjacent to Eastwood Railway Station (Northern Line). Eastwood has many eateries with a variety of cuisine.

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: Mrs E and family, Mary and Aloy and the boys, 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 Galston Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan*

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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