

OUR NEWS  
22nd April 2018



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

## Our Vision A Community Transforming Lives



***Lest we forget***

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.

## **ANZAC COMMEMORATION 2018**

Leigh Memorial gratefully acknowledges the sacrifice of over 150 of our members who served - and 9 who died - in the First and Second World Wars and subsequent conflicts. We acknowledge the service of women of our congregation in the scientific, nursing and military support services during World War 2 and in the spheres of community aid, family support and fundraising during both global conflicts. We also solemnly acknowledge the service and sacrifice of many within our local community - and those families still suffering from the impacts of war and the loss of loved ones. We pray for peace in our world and a cessation of hostilities - and for God's love and forgiveness to influence the actions of world leaders and the conduct of nations and communities. Thank you to all those who contributed to our commemoration as part of Sunday worship. A wreath on behalf of PM/local Uniting Church congregations will be laid at the Parramatta cenotaph on ANZAC day.



### **RECOMMENDED VIEWING**

Beverly has sent through the link for a youtube clip of a meaningful ANZAC song called '1915 on Christmas Day' by Celtic Thunder: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JG3I-OBdcPI>

### **COURTYARD MURAL: LOVE**

Many thanks to Ken Morgan for his latest addition to our 'Hope' and 'Faith' murals in the courtyard – this time, featuring the word 'LOVE'.

### **NEXT SUNDAY 29 APRIL – COMBINED MULTICULTURAL SERVICE @ LEIGH**

Our combined service (Leigh Memorial + Leigh Fijian) will commence at 10.00am and be followed by a combined morning tea. Please bring a plate of food to share.

### **SURVEY RESULTS FORMS**

Results from the recent PM congregations' survey have been released. Copies are available in the Coffee Shop during morning tea. Enquiries: Leaders' team.

LEIGH Congregation

## **PM CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP & LUNCHEON**

Please keep **Saturday 5 May** free for our PM congregations' workshop at the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta, 9am – 3pm. All members are invited. Further information to follow. Enquiries: Ian & Robert.

## **LEIGH MEMORIAL 'FOOD SAFARI'**

April's 'Food Safari' has been postponed until **Friday 11 May**. Please meet at Leigh Memorial at 6.30pm to share dinner at a restaurant in Parramatta and some great 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.

### **Funeral Service**

Joan Smith ( mother of Robyn, Karen and Ross)

Service to be held on Monday 23rd April

at 11.00am

The Chinese Presbyterian Church  
Corner Albion & Crown Street  
Surry Hills

Our prayers are with the family

### ***Apology note from N/A regarding Maundy Thursday***

The leaders of the N/A group that convened on Maundy Thursday are sincerely apologetic for the incident that occurred.  
Please see following their official apology:

*“We are really very sorry for the rudeness and inconvenience to the Holy Week attendees on the night.*

*We have decided that for the Holy Week next year we will find another temporary venue.*

*We appreciate everything you do for N/A and we will make sure that this will never happen again.”*

# WESTMEAD Congregation

## STUDY LEAVE

Rev Christine will be on Study leave from 14<sup>th</sup> April until the 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Bruce Bennetts for preaching today and to Karen for leading the service. There will be a creative reflection on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 week.

## MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY

There will be a multicultural service on next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## WESTMEAD WHISPERS

Please remember to let Rev Christine or Lorna know if you do NOT want your birthday published in the Westmead Whispers.

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

*NB No Open Door Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April*

**Life & Witness Workshop:** Siga Vakarauwai 5 May, vakayacori ena Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta mai na 9.00am – 3.00pm

**Youth & Sunday School:** Vakacagicagi ena gauna ni sereki, sota tale ena 4 May & 6 May 2018

**Vuli Sere:** Bogi ni siga Vakaraubuka ena 8.00pm ena Coffee Shop kerei meda yaco mai vakalewelevu.

**Bula Coffee:** Totoka na katalau vakarautaki ena mataka ni Siga Vakarauwai – 14 May 2018 me baleti ira na Gone Vuli mai na veiyasai vuravura (International Students) era vakarautaki tiko ena University of Western Sydney. Vinaka vakalevu Talatala Amelia kei kemudou na Marama vakakina vei ira na Young Adult.

Fijian Congregation



Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm.
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
29-Apr	LOTU COKOVATA	KEI	IRA NA VALAGI			
6-May	Rev K.Hamilton		S.Foiakau			I.Foiakau A.Vocea
	Vulavou H/Comm					
13-May	S I G A	T A B U	N I	T I N A		
20-May	Campbelltown	V.Kamotu	A.Vocea	M3	M2	
		Rooty Hill				

The March Church Council of Parramatta Mission encouraged the congregation leaders and ministers to include particular prayers for PM in the church services during April. This Sunday the focus is on the PM Chaplaincy to Western Sydney University

Note: Our Chaplain, Amelia is coordinating staff and students to host an ANZAC Day exhibition on 23-24 April. It features materials from the War Memorial, rosemary baskets, videos about indigenous service people and nurses in conflict zones, wreath-making, ANZAC biscuits, a presentation and prayers for peace around the world. (Please come in and have a look! Amelia would also appreciate any volunteers who might like to help host the space for 30-60 mins to give her a break. Also, anyone who would like to help make ANZAC biscuits most welcome!)



Gracious God

We give thanks for the commencement of the new chaplaincy ministry of Parramatta Mission to the Western Sydney University.

We give thanks for the encouraging response from staff and students at The College (WSU International, pre-university) from 100 George St, the international students at The Village (Parramatta accommodation on Victoria Rd) and PSQ1 (Macquarie St campus) to the International Breakfast hosted by Leigh Fijian congregation members.

We give thanks for the good connections with international students and recent picnic day to Parramatta Park, after stopping in at Leigh Memorial Church on the way and lighting a candle!

We pray for students who are deeply troubled by the ongoing conflicts in Syria, that has distressed many students who are now homesick as they worry about family and friends in the region.

We pray for the two students with mental health concerns who have recently been in and out of hospital (accompanied by our Chaplain).

We pray for a staff person with a child who has behavioural concerns.

We pray for an end to Cyber-bullying, which has been evident on one of the student Facebook groups, and for the implementation of the code of conduct that has been developed with assistance from the chaplain.

We remember in prayer our Chaplain, Amelia is coordinating staff and students to host an ANZAC Day exhibition on 23-24 April. It features materials from the War Memorial, rosemary baskets, videos about indigenous service people and nurses in conflict zones, wreath-making, ANZAC biscuits, a presentation and prayers for peace around the world.

Gracious God, continue to bless this new work and also the work of all who are part of the Parramatta Mission community.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen

## Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (NRSV translation)

Once upon a time - not that long ago actually – the pastoral image of the good shepherd would have made immediate sense. Now our churches Westmead and Parramatta find themselves surrounded by extensive building lots. The lie of the land is giving way to high towers. There is never a sheep to be seen in the normal course of events. In a cityscape of migrants and settlers from many places an increasing percentage of us and our neighbours have had no face to face (i.e. direct, hands-on) experience of sheep at all. Our exposure to them is confined to the supermarkets, our diets and the occasional news item that reports the scandal of so many sheep dying in transit in trade.

Once upon a time Parramatta was known for its sheep. The Australian wool trade dates from 1797 when John Macarthur and Samuel Marsden imported Spanish merino sheep. In times to come it would be said of Australia that it lived 'off the back of the sheep' rather than a mineral boom or some other source of wealth.

The biblical images of sheep, pasture, flock and good shepherds is rather removed from this business model. It is a story of care, nurture, protection, 'ownership', sacrifice, and the occasional going astray – "each of us has turned to our own way" (Isaiah 53:6). It is a very common cluster of themes. In that biblical world, of course, the shepherd 'knew' his sheep; even without the benefit of MRI scans and modern neuroscience these sheep 'knew' the voice of their 'owner'.

In today's new Parramatta and new Westmead there are many voices that lay claim to our attention. There are so many images, signals, messages being directed our way. It can be hard to know with changing lifestyles how this traditional pastoral image fits in to the life of faith without a lot of back knowledge and negotiating. It is not always easy these days to know how to offer pastoral care and support. That is why some congregations have special training sessions and workshop in this territory. And yet ... there it stands... this image of sheep and shepherds: the words of John's gospel remain and will continue to do long after we are gone.

Here "we" are the sheep. Sometimes we might wander off the beaten track; sometimes we might think the grass is greener with that way of looking at life or how we use our time. Sometimes we might long for a change of feed. The voice of the good shepherd nevertheless remains.

Clive Pearson.

Rev Danielle Hemsworth-Smith and Ian Gray will represent and lay a wreath on behalf of Parramatta Mission and the Uniting Church Congregations of the Parramatta area at the 4:30 am Anzac Day dawn service this Wednesday morning.



Two weeks to go for our three congregations to gather to dream, discuss and plan our future strategic directions together. We meet at the Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta, on Saturday 5 May 9-3 pm. We will celebrate what we have achieved in recent years. We will discuss what we want to do in the next number of years. We will have lunch together and a chance as three congregations to meet together. Now is the opportunity for you to have your say in what we give priority to in coming years. Don't miss out.

RSVP for logistics and catering purposes please email [donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au)

## “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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# 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

## ***Foster your faith this week***

*Acts 8:26-40 Ps 22:25-31*

*1 Jn 4:7-21 Jn 15:1-8*

## ***Pastoral message for this week....***

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me.

Psalm 23 V4A



### **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](mailto:fundraising@parramattamission.org.au) if you are interested.

부활후 네번째 주일 (4th Easter of Sunday) 22 / 04 / 2018 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 전현구 목사

송영 (Gloria) 새 6장 통 2장 찬양 성부 성자 성령

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) ..... 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 33 장 통 69장 온 천하 만물 우리러

새 260장 통 194장 우리를 께에서 구하시려

기도 (Prayer) 새 635 장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 시105:24-45

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사 심판의 주, 구원의 주

성찬 및 봉헌 찬송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 201장 통 267장 주의 확실한 약속의 말씀 듣고

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 전도에 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) Rev. Hyun Goo Jun 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
주일 오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
시편 108:32-48

새벽기도회 : 오전6시  
시편108:1-108:13

Your Invitation to

# RAISING HOPE

Friday 7th September 2018  
7:00 pm till Midnight  
Parkroyal Parramatta  
30 Phillip Street Parramatta  
Dress: Black and White  
Tickets \$200 each

Further information, tickets  
or partnering opportunities, please visit  
[www.parramattamission.org.au/raisinghope](http://www.parramattamission.org.au/raisinghope)  
Phone: (02) 9891 2277



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## PARRAMATTA MISSION COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK BOARD

The Parramatta Mission Community Care Network Board has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A copy of the minutes of the April Board meeting may be obtained by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or [robert.key@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:robert.key@parramattamission.org.au)

## 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.



# 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, Auntie Jo, Victoria & family, Jolame, our Leaders team and Sunday School/ Youth teams, The Hayes Family, Robyn, Karen and family.*
- ♥ *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 Glenbrook (St Andrews) Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Djibouti, Somalia*

# 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

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**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

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**Children's Hospital Chaplain :** Sarah Bishop

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



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