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.
SUNDAY 6 MAY
Today, Sunday School @ Leigh returns after the school holiday break – welcome back kids & teachers! The May SPOW (Single People of Worth) Lunch will also take place at Merrylands Bowling Club. Please see Beverly.

PM CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP
Thanks to everyone who participated at the workshop on 5 May at the CFM – and special thanks to Ian, Clive, David, Robert, Keith, Donna and everyone who worked hard behind the scenes.

FOOD SAFARI
Come and enjoy a pleasant evening meal in Parramatta with a friendly group of people! Our next ‘Safari’ will take place on Friday, 11 May. Please meet at 6.30pm at the church. Enquiries: Moses & Bruce.

MAY @ LEIGH MEMORIAL
Sat 5 May PM Congregations Workshop @ CFM, 9am–3pm
Sun 6 May Sunday School commences for Term 2/ SPOW Lunch
Mon 7 May Couples & Friends, 7.00pm
Fri 11 May Food Safari, meet 6.30pm @ Leigh
Sat 12 May Youth Group, 5.30pm
Sun 13 May Mothers’ Day Service, 9.30am
Tue 15 May Ecumenical Council of NSW service, 7.00pm
Sat 19 May Sunday School/Youth Progressive Dinner, 5.30pm
Sun 20 May Pentecost / Music Team Service + Congregation Picnic
Thu 24 May Future Directions meeting, 7.30pm
Sun 27 May Couples and Friends Annual Service, 9.30am

WALTER LAWRY 200th ANNIVERSARY MONTH
Throughout May, we’ll be celebrating the 200th anniversary of Rev. Walter Lawry’s arrival at Parramatta Mission in May 1818 as our second Minister after Samuel Leigh. Next Sunday, 13 May - we’ll be releasing an anniversary book, titled ‘Lawry’, which includes a tribute to his young wife, Mary Lawry (nee Hassall). Enquiries: Liz.

OUR CONGREGATION PICNIC – 20 MAY
As our ‘Hospitality Month’ event for 2018, we’re heading to Parramatta park on Pentecost Sunday, 20 May! We’ll be having a picnic together straight after morning worship. It’s BYO/Come & go as you please. No rsvps needed. Further details will be supplied – all welcome. Save the date!

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
Last Saturday, a full inspection of Leigh Memorial’s stained glass windows took place. The last evaluation was conducted twenty years ago - and some of the windows are now over 130 years old. A report will be submitted with recommendations for their ongoing care and protection. Rick, the stained glass expert, commented on the beauty of our church and its good state of preservation and heritage significance.
ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NSW SERVICE
You are warmly invited to this very special service, to be held at 7.00pm at Leigh Memorial on the evening of Tuesday 15 May. Guest speaker will be Rev Dr Prof Sang Chang, World Council of Churches President for Asia who was also the first woman PM of South Korea. Helpers needed.
Enquiries: Manas/Leaders.

Pastoral message for this week….

It can be easier to love friends.
Befriending others is what God wants...
“Love one another”
Jesus

Ecumenical Worship Service
Tuesday 15th May 2018
Celebration
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Leigh Memorial Congregation
Parramatta Mission
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW 2150

Key Note Speaker:
The Rev. Dr Sang Chang,
World Council of Churches Asia President
“Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace – the Korean Peninsula”
7.00pm to 8.00pm
Followed by Supper
RSVP by Tuesday 8th May 2018
Email: nswec@ncca.org.au
Phone: NSW Ecumenical Council on 8259 0819
Throughout this month, we’ll be celebrating the 200th anniversary of Rev. Walter Lawry’s arrival at Parramatta Mission in May, 1818, as our second Minister after Samuel Leigh.

Rev. Lawry was a remarkable man, and an astute and dedicated contributor to the future life and witness of Parramatta Mission. He and wife Mary Cover (née Hassall), funded both the building of our first chapel at Macquarie Street, which opened in 1821, and the opening of the first Wesleyan Sunday School in Parramatta – which reached out to the town’s most disadvantaged children.

Walter and Mary Lawry were the first Methodist missionaries to Tonga and Lawry also became President of the New Zealand Conference – which included Tonga, Fiji and New Zealand.

As part of this month’s special anniversary, a book titled ‘Lawry’ will be released on Mothers’ Day. Enquiries: Liz/ Heritage Committee of Parramatta Mission.
WESTMEAD Congregation

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.

A most enjoyable time was had by all who attended the concert on Tuesday. David played both organs and the piano and was very entertaining.

Thanks for those attending the workshop on Saturday. There will be more information to follow.

Our thoughts and prayers are with John Hollands who is unwell and been in hospital. Please pray for John and the staff of no. 28.

There will be another carpet bowls day later in May. Date to be confirmed.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship
Sundays 9.45am
Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm
Fellowship- Tuesday 1st May- Bus Trip

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
John 15:9-17

9 Just as the Father has loved me, I also loved you, remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love; just as I have kept the commandments of my Father and I remain in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you in order that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be complete. 12 This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, than a person lay down their life for their friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I no longer call you slaves; because the slave does not know what their Lord does. But I have called you friends because all the things which I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you in order that you should go and bear fruit – and your fruit should remain – so that whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give you. 17 This I command you: love one another. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The congregation of any church is a community of reconciliation. A community created by God in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. At the core is the love of God, which both models and compels members to love in the same practical way. As we are embraced by the love of God, so we embrace others with that same love. Where members of congregations are unable to show such love in action, there is damage, hurt, enmity, destruction, abuse and an unsafe place, and is a clear sign of not being at one with God. It becomes a sign of the failure of a prayer life, of worship, and points to the need for humility, confession, repentance, and seeking God’s ways and God’s strength to be in God’s ways. Such action of humility and openness to God leads to transformation and to reconciliation. Then a person and a community have something to shout out about. Such a community has a compelling message. It can give rise to dare to be a community transforming lives.

PM Staff and three members of the audit team from Deloitte’s on the recent engagement day, here at 175. Highlights: ‘The enthusiasm of the staff of the services we visited.’ ‘The calmness of staff that clearly creates a safe place for other staff and for consumers/clients.’ ‘It is clearly not just a job, it goes way deeper than that.’
Our headspace staff (thanks to the Youth Advisory Team and Robert McElroy) have created a virtual tour of headspace: headspace Parramatta: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45SoD6jUGwQ; headspace Penrith: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zPzlMcnSW8. Worth a look, and worth sharing. Mount Druitt and Castle Hill soon to be completed.

Four of us represented PM in hosting a forum for Federal Member for Parramatta, Julie Owens, and Dr Andrew Leigh MP Shadow Assistant Treasurer | Shadow Minister for Competition & Productivity | Shadow Minister for Trade in Services, Shadow Minister for Charities & Not-for-Profits, and former professor of economics at ANU. About 50 people from not-for-profit organizations in Western Sydney attended the forum held in our coffee shop in Parramatta. This included people wheel-chair bound, others who are deaf. I met a woman of another faith who had experienced domestic violence that required leaving that relationship, now with adult children, she has commenced a multicultural group that assists migrants, and I was able to provide her with some connections to some of our PM services that can assist the people her organization comes in contact. A focus was on the disconnection in society and the ideas that can be put in place to create reconnection. Andrew and his wife put a seat out the front of their house with the invitation to people to sit and rest awhile, and people do and make a connection. Andrew was keen to gather the group's ideas. Some stand outs: There are now atheistic churches in which people gather, sing songs and hear someone speak about some philosophical matter. There are some rural choirs, providing an opportunity for people to connect.

Many PM programs aim at building social connection. Meals Plus and WSLARS in Parramatta, Time Out Café and Open Door at Westmead, and the events at the Youth Hub sponsored by the EELs and the Outback SteakHouse: 9th May 5:30pm-7pm, 11th July 5:30pm -7pm, 8th August 5:30pm-7pm, are great examples of reconnection.

Andrew’s point was that there is considerable decline in civic involvement and disconnection leading to social isolation and mental ill-health. Not-for-profits, including religious groups like churches, synagogues, temples and mosques can create reconnection and build a stronger society. He cited research that shows that problem solving with friends is more fun but less effective than when we work on a problem with people we don’t know or who are different. The point is effective community problem solving requires a diverse group yet also may be uncomfortable, and in the process, social connection is made.

The pastoral team also considered this theme this week. It can be easier to make friends with people like us than not, but making connections with people who are different while uncomfortable is also richer.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton
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Workshop ni Vavakoso ena Parramatta Mission: vakavinavinaka vei kemuni na tiko rawa ena siga Vakarauwai 5/5. Ena qai taba malua yani na veika e veivosakitaki me wasei vei keda kece na vavakoso

Sunday School and Youth programs for Term II start this week.

Vuli Sere: Bogi na Vakaraubuka 11/5 ena 8pm. Dau gadrevi talega me da tiko ena 10.30am ena Hall ena matakana SIga Tabu me vakabobo taki tale kina nodo sere ni So-Kalou

Matamasumasu: Vakauqeti tiko na masumasu ena vei yasani ni koro. Sa vakavinavinakataki na kena sa mai vakayacori na nodo Masumasu Cokovata ena matakana ni Vakarauwai 4/5

Vuli Vola Tabu: Vakaraitaka o Talatala Clive ni tu vakarau me qarava na Vuli Vola Tabu vei keda ke da gadreva na lewe ni vavakoso

Veisiko: Sa tu vakarau o Talatala Clive me veisiko. Ke gadrevi, kerei mo qai vakaraitaki mai vei Vakatawa se vei Chairman

Ratou a vakaitavi na marama ena soqoni ni Lotu Cokovata ni Marama ka veiliutaki kina na marama ni Uniting Church: Fiji Parish, Campbelltown, Rooty Hill kei Parramatta ena olidei ni ANZAC day. Na So-Kalou, qito, veitokani kei na vakasigalevu totoka.
A reminder to the Congregations:
Coral provides admin support to the congregations, and this includes any property matters.

These should be directed to Coral either by emailing coral.harris@parramattamission.org.au or phone 9891 2277

Thank you, Keith Hamilton
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: Jolame, Margaret, Betty B, Joan, Marcel, Betty E, Hazel, Jo, Col, Wilhemina, Hazel, and the de Reland, Dunbar/Smith, Hayes, Jackson and Owen families. Also, our Open Church volunteers, the Leigh Memorial Leaders' team, our Sunday School children/teachers, and Youth Group.

❤ 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 Noeleen, 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 Grantham Heights Uniting Church.

❤ We join with churches around the world to pray for Kenya, Tanzania.

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**Foster your faith this week**

*Act 1:1-11 Ps 47 or Ps 93*

*Eph 1:15-23 Lk 24:44-53*
Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm       Open Church @ Leigh Memorial
Tuesday  1.10pm              Holy Communion @ Leigh
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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PM WSU Chaplain : Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler 0427 955 157

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