

OUR NEWS
20th May 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.

LEIGH Congregation

PENTECOST

Thanks to the kids and teachers of Sunday School @ Leigh for providing our spectacular – and sparkly! – ‘Holy Spirit’ artworks for Pentecost!

REV. WALTER LAWRY 200th ANNIVERSARY – BOOKS FOR SALE

Our 2018 anniversary book, titled ‘Lawry’, was released last week and is available for \$10 per copy. Enquiries: Liz (Leigh Memorial), Inise (Leigh Fijian) & Lorna (Westmead).

WORSHIP SERVICE - WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

On Tuesday evening, 15 May, the NSW Ecumenical Council annual worship service was held at Leigh Memorial – and included a powerful message from World Council of Churches President (Asia), The Rev. Prof. Sang Chang. Those gathered also enjoyed readings, songs, prayers – and some relaxed fellowship afterwards as part of a ‘five star’ supper generously provided by the Coptic Church. Thanks to everyone from our congregation who assisted.

Photos: Rev. Manas with President Sang Chang and other special guests and congregation members, Ecumenical Council of NSW service – ‘Week of Prayer for Christian Unity’ @ Leigh Memorial.



FREE CHRISTIAN SHEET MUSIC

Attention all musicians/singers: There is a tub of free Christian/Church sheet music available in the Leigh Memorial vestibule. Please help yourself!

LEIGH CONGREGATION PICNIC – POSTPONED

The picnic originally planned for this Sunday, 20 May, has been postponed till Spring. Details of the new event will be made available closer to the time – Leaders’ team.

SAVE THE DATE – ‘IFTAR’ DINNER

On Tuesday 5 June, Leigh Memorial will again be hosting an ‘Iftar’ Dinner, co-ordinated by the UCA Assembly and involving local Muslim representatives. RSVP to the Leaders’ team. Enquiries: Manas.

NEXT SUNDAY @ LEIGH MEMORIAL: The ‘Couples and Friends’ Annual Service, 9.30am.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS MEETING

The next meeting of the Future Directions group will be held on **Thursday 24 May, 7.30-9.00pm**. NB: The venue for this meeting will be the Alan Walker College of Evangelism, 6 Lincluden Place, Oatlands. Enquiries: Ian/Clive.

Vuli Sere: Ena bogi ni Siga Vakaraubuka, 8.00pm ena Coffee Shop; kerei talega meda yaco totolo mai ena mataka ni Siga Tabu (10.30am) me vakadre Vinaka na sere

Masumasu: Kerei me tomani tiko na sota vakamatamasumasu e noda veiyasa ni koro, masumasu cokovata ena: **2 June ena Coffee shop ena 5.00am**

Veisiko: Tukutuku mai vei Vakatawa se Chairman ke dua o kila e gadreva na Veisiko/Veiqaravi mai vei Talatala. Nanumi talega o ira na Veiwatini Gone.

Siga Tabu ni Tina: Totoka vakaoti nodra vakaitavi na tina



Ecumenical Worship Service: Vakayacori ena yakavi (7.00pm) ni Siga Tusiti 15 Me, e Parramatta. Vulagi dokai The Rev.Prof.Sang Chang na Peresidedi ni World Council of Churches e Asia.



Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
27-May	Fiji Parish	A.Vocea	S.Toa	M2	M3	
03-Jun	Rev K.Hamilton Vulavou H/Comm		S.Foiakau	M3		S.Tuiloma S.Toa
10-Jun	I.Foiakau Multi.Worship		A.Allison	Youth		

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

16-20

부활후 여덟번째 주일 (8th Easter Sunday) 20 06 2018 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 전현구 목사

송영 (Gloria) 새 1장 통 1장 찬양 성부 성자 성령

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 67 장 통 31 장 영광의 왕께 다 경배하며

새 260 장 통 194 장 우리를 죄에서 구하시려

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

주기도문송 새 635 장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 신명기 8:1-10

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사 과거, 현재 그리고 미래

봉헌 찬송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 546 장 통 399 장 주의 약속하신 말씀 위 에 서

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 전도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.

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

축도 (Benediction) 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
주일 오후4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시
신명기 11:1-17

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
신명기9:13-12:32

WESTMEAD Congregation

PENTECOST

Today we celebrate Pentecost where we remember the special coming of God's Spirit. Many people see Pentecost as the birth of the church. We celebrate God's Spirit in each of us and as a community we seek to reach out in the power of God's Spirit. Thanks for those who have worn bright colours or brought food for us to share.

WESTMEAD WHISPERS

The new Westmead Whispers is available on the table in the foyer. It has an item looking at the strategic directions for Westmead and how that fits with the broader PM Strategic Directions.

CARPET BOWLS AT CHURCH

The next Carpet bowls day is Wednesday 23rd May from 1.00-3.30. All are welcome to attend. Those not wishing to play bowls can always join in a game of scrabble.

PASTORAL TEAM RETREAT

Special thanks to Sally Yabsley-Bell and Carol Anderson who led Play Group on Wednesday while Rev Christine was at the Pastoral Team Retreat. Thanks to Georgie, Sue and Monica for their leadership with Open Door.

CELEBRATION

We are blessed at Westmead to have many opportunities to assist others, to reach out and care for others and offer them hospitality. We want to celebrate these things by offering encouraging words to others, by thanking others for the little things and by offering our best to other people in the same way we might want to offer our best to God. So let's celebrate the goodness of God and the wonderful opportunities we have to engage in worship, witness and service on our community.

THANKYOU FOR TOILETRIES

Paul from Meals Plus wanted to pass on his thanks for the toiletries so many people have been bringing in. They are appreciated greatly by the people who use them. We will be collecting food across June, especially non-perishable foods.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 5th June

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

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

15:26 "When the advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, this One will bear witness about me; 27 and you also are to witness because you have been with me from the beginning. 16:4b I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to the one who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send this One to you. 8 And the One who comes will convict the world as being wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more; 11 concerning judgement, because the ruler of the world has been judged. 12 I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, this One will guide you into all truth; for the Spirit does not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears and declare to you the things that are to come. 14 The Spirit will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you."

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

Christians believe that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father is the originator of all things, who sent both the Son, Jesus, and the Spirit into the world. Jesus, lived a faithful life even to death on the cross. His raising from the dead started the Christian church and signalled that the Kingdom of God, long promised, had begun. In the life of Jesus there are 8 key episodes. These are pre-existence, conception, incarnation and virgin birth, baptism, transfiguration, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension. These are written about in the Bible. We have commemorated all eight this church year which began December. The Holy Spirit gives life and breath to the Christian faith. All Christian baptisms are in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is one God not three, yet in God there are three persons. Jesus was fully human and fully God, and this is important, because the Christian faith believes that Jesus is not only a preacher, teacher, prophet and healer, he is God at work in the world. Christians believe that the church, the community of Jesus, is a sign, not perfect but a sign nonetheless, of God's presence and intentions for the whole of creation to be one in God.

Today is another important day in the church year. It is called Pentecost, relating to the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the early believers in a new way. The Bible speaks about the Holy Spirit in many places and in different ways.

The scripture from John 15 and 16 is set in the farewell discourse of Jesus, before his death, when he provides instructions and prayers for the followers who would become the early church. The promise is that they will not be left lonely. The Holy Spirit of God will provide comfort and guidance. Sometimes the church speaks of the Spirit as the Spirit of the risen Jesus, who speaks to the church in every age in providing guidance in the deliberations it must make in each era.

This is not easy to grasp, for in doing theology we are trying to express in human words the mystery of God. Ministers of the Word are set apart to lead the faithful in praise of God, and this includes teaching, conducting the sacraments of baptism and eucharist, and being a prophetic voice both to the assembled church calling people to faithfulness, and the wider community holding up the vision of God of a just and peaceful society in which everyone is safe and able to thrive.

Out of the worship of the church flows witness and service. In respect of witness, when Christians are more enthusiastic about their most recent holiday or purchase than their faith in Jesus Christ, or when the dominant theme of discourse is complaint rather than compliment, there is something fundamentally wrong with their faith, and the response ought to be to humbly pray seeking a change of heart, inner renewal, and God's enthusiasm of the Spirit to once again or for the first time live a joy-filled life. In respect of service, this is the work of serving others, loving others in practical ways, such as through acts of mercy, justice, advocacy, and working to change attitudes, behaviours and structures in society that may leave some facing homelessness while others have multiple homes, or walking beside people living with a mental illness, or providing meals to people who can't afford to eat because Newstart leaves them living in poverty and also advocating to major political parties to change their policy, and providing hospitality to people with family members in hospitals.

This week the pastoral team – that is the ministers, pastors and mission secretary – went on a one-day retreat. A retreat for the church is when people draw aside for a time to reflect on the scriptures, to think about and discuss the Christian faith and to pray. Among the things we discussed were: what is the gospel, and how do we share the gospel with other Christians, with people who answered "none" in the recent census, and with people of other faiths? We also made a list of ideas for combined activities of the three congregations and faith community, which we want to bring before the congregations.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

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
Phone: (02) 9891 2277



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Parramatta Centenary Uniting Church in association with Northmead Uniting Church

Invite you to attend our

Seniors Community Lunch

When: 12pm 4th Tuesday of each month

- 22nd May 2018
- 26th June 2018
- 24th July 2018

Where: Parramatta Centenary Uniting
Church

Cost: \$10 includes simple lunch and
beverages

RSVP: 029835023 or
office@centenaryunitingchurch.org.au



Special Event for 22nd May 2018:

‘Hymn Singing by request’

Come along and join with new friends as
you sing your favourite hymns by
request.



Foster your faith this week

Is 6:1-8

Ps29

Rom 8:12-17

Jn 3:1-17

Pastoral message for this week....

Love the truth

Telling the truth is a **revolu**tionary act.



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: 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: Milise Foiakau, Adriu Rogoimuri, Emosi Rogoimuri, Senitiki Qata and family, Akisi Allison, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Josh and his family (Kerryn, Peter and Ben), 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, Nancy, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, 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 Hazelbrook Uniting Church*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Botswana, Zimbabwe*

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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