

OUR NEWS
29th 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.

COMBINED MULTICULTURAL SERVICE @ LEIGH

Our combined service (Leigh Memorial + Leigh Fijian) will commence at 10.00am this Sunday, 29 April, and be followed by morning tea. Thanks to all contributors.

CONGREGATIONS WORKSHOP & LUNCHEON

Saturday 5 May will be our PM congregations' workshop at the Centre for Ministry, Masons Drive, North Parramatta, 9am–3pm – inc. a catered luncheon. All members are welcome and warmly encouraged to attend. **RSVPs** for catering should be emailed to donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au - or given via 9891-2277 as soon as possible – thank you. NB: If you need a lift to and from the venue – please see the Leaders' team.

BOOKS GIVEAWAY!

A few remaining sale copies of our Samuel Leigh anniversary book (2015) and Gloster Udy book (2016) are currently available for free in the church. If you previously missed out on one of these special books - or would like to give a copy to a friend, please take one before they all go! – the Heritage Committee.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Ken Morgan for creating a new UCA sign for the front of Leigh Memorial. Please also check Ken's new 'LOVE' mural in our church courtyard and its encouraging bible verse, "Let love and faithfulness never leave you. Write them on the tablet of your heart." (Proverbs 3). **Thanks** very much also to Darlene for making the felt 'poppy' badges for our ANZAC commemoration last Sunday.



SAVE THE DATE: ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF NSW SERVICE

This very special service will be held at 7pm at Leigh Memorial on the evening of **Tuesday 15 May**. All are welcome/helpers will be needed.

Enquiries: Manas & Leaders' team.

LEIGH Congregation

ADIEU LUC-SERGE

Thoughts & prayers for Mario and his family - both here and overseas - following the passing of his Dad, **Luc-Serge de Réland**, in Mauritius last week. Luc worshipped at Leigh during family visits to Australia in the 1990s and was a member of St.André's Presbyterian Church in Mauritius. He is greatly missed.

WESTMEAD Congregation

MULTICULTURAL SUNDAY

Today there is a multicultural service. We celebrate our diversity and everyone is welcome. Please feel free to stay and enjoy the range of foods that we celebrate as we come together in our diversity- yet one.

FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP

The next bus trip is Tuesday 1 May – 11.00 am to 2.00 pm – lunch \$20, bus \$5. We will leave the church at 10.15am before the pickup at Mayflower Helen Street ambulance bay.

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

Next Saturday May 5th will be a day when we have a workshop as the congregations of Parramatta Mission. All are welcome to attend. We will be meeting at the Centre for Ministry from 9.00-3.00 with lunch included. The focus of the day will be looking at some key questions from the survey such as how far Parramatta Mission extends, and other opportunities to discuss some elements which are important for the future of PM. If there is an issue you would like discussed then please bring it on the day.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Karen, Bruce, Jan, Daniel and Lorna who ensured the services went smoothly while Rev Christine was away. It is good to have people willing to use their gifts to assist in worship.

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

부활후 다섯번째 주일 (4th Easter Sunday) 29 04 2018 오후 11시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 전현구 목사

송영 (Gloria) 새 1장 통 1장 반복의 근원 하나님

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새 21 장 통 21 장 다 찬양하여라

새 149장 통 147장 주 달려 죽은 십자가

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

주기도문 새 635 장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 시편 109:1-15

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사 배반과 복수 그리고 탄원

성찬 및 봉헌 찬송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 585 장 통 384 장 내 주는 강한 성이요

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

할렘루아! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 송만하시길 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.
예수님의 부활을 기쁨으로 축하하고 경배합니다.

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

축도 (Benediction) 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
주일 오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
신명기 1:19-33

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
시편 109:16~신 2:37

Life & Witness Workshop: Vakayacori ena Siga Vakarauwai mai qo (5 May), ena Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta mai na 9.00am – 3.00pm. Na workshop qo e gadrevi me dikevi ka vakatulewataki kina na macala ni veika e so era vakaraitaka na lewe ni Vavakoso (Westmead, Leigh Valagi, Leigh Viti) ena Vakadidike (survey) se qai vakayacori oti walega qo. Nai naki survey sai koya na kena gadrevi me kilai se cava na nodra nanuma na lewe ni vavakoso me baleta na Lotu kei na Taba ni Veiqaravi e so e vakaitavi kina na Parramatta Mission. Ni sa kerei na Turaga kei na Marama meda tiko kina vakalewe levu baleta e levu duadua na i wiliwili era vakalewena na Vakadidike (survey) mai na Vavakoso Vakaviti. Na vakanuinui e koto sai koya ni oti na Workshop qo sa na rawa ni laurai ka matata mai se cava na Loma ni Kalou me baleta nona Lotu kei na Taba ni Veiqaravi e so e vakaitavi kina na Parramatta Mission. Solia na yacamu vei Vakatawa se ratou na Qase ni Lotu ena vuku ni kena vakarautaki na kakana (Catering)

Vuli Sere: Ena bogi ni Siga Vakaraubuka, 8.00pm ena Coffee Shop; ke so beka e sega ni se kila sa vakadonui ena bose sa oti me dau vakayacori na vuli sere ena vei bogi kece ni Siga Vakaraubuka. E dina ni levu tu na ogaoga vakamatavuvale/vakacakacaka ni sa kerei ena Yaca ni Gone Turaga ko Jisu Karisto meda yaco mai vakalewe levu.

Masumasu: Kerei me tomani tiko na sota vakamatamasumasu, ia me vakagalala taki na bogi ni Vakaraubuka baleta na vuli sere. Vakadonui ena bose sa oti me sota vakadua ena veivula na matamasumasu kece tekivu ena ka 5 Me 2018, vakayacori ena Coffee Shop ena 5.00am. Ena qai tuva na Turaga nai Vakatawa kei ratou na Qase ni Lotu na prokaramu ni siga koya.

Vuli Vola Tabu: Vakaraitaka o Talatala Clive ni tu vakarau me vakayaco Vuli Vola Tabu (Bible Study) vei keda ke da gadreva na lewe ni Vavakoso.

Veisiko: Sa tekivu na veiqaravi vaka Supply Minister nei Talatala Clive ka sa tu vakarau me veisiko ke qadrevi vakakina, ni qai veitaratara mai kei Vakatawa se Chairman.

Fijian Congregation

Tikini Siga Meda Vakavakarau Kina:

- 9 Jiune Bose ni Vale ni Lotu
- 16 Jiune Cross Cultural Workshop, qai vakadeitaki malua kena matailalai
- 24 Jiune Heritage Sunday, lotu cokovata kei ira na Valagi.

Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
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					
20-May	Campbelltown	V. Kamotu	A. Vocea	M3	M2	
		(R/Hill)				

Acts 8:26-40

26 But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Rise up and go south on the way going down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert. 27 And rising up he went. And suddenly, an Ethiopian eunuch, a courtier of Queen Candace of the Ethiopians who was in charge of all her treasure, who had come to worship in Jerusalem 28 and was returning; sitting on his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Approach and keep company with this chariot." 30 So Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and he said, "Do you know what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How should I unless someone shall guide me? And he encouraged Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of scripture he was reading was this: "as a sheep was led to slaughter, and as a lamb before the one shearing it is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. 33 In humiliation justice was taken away from him; who can tell his generation; because his life is taken from the earth." 34 And answering, the eunuch said to Philip, "I ask you, about whom does the prophet say this; about himself or about someone else?" 35 And Philip, opening his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, proclaimed the good news about Jesus. 36 And as they were going along the way, they came upon certain water, and the eunuch said "Look, water! What prevents me to be baptised?" 38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptised him. 39 And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of God seized Philip, and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found in Azotus, and passing through he proclaimed the Good News to the cities to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

This morning's reading from the book of Acts fits the purpose of this morning's 'multicultural' service. The encounter is rather an odd one between Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. The journey Philip is instructed to proceed upon is one that we would probably regard as rather dangerous one today. He has set out from Jerusalem to Gaza. The text sets us down in what is now one of the major contested areas of the Middle East. The eunuch is sitting in his chariot reading from the book of Isaiah (53:7-8). He needs someone to explain the meaning of the text to him and Philip duly re-reads (interprets) Isaiah – a Jewish prophetic book – in the light of the recent events surrounding Jesus of Nazareth.

What we are looking in upon is an unfolding of the gospel across cultures. The eunuch was on his way back to Ethiopia after having worshipped in the Temple. Now, according to various traditions, he returns to his home land 'with joy' and begins to proclaim the gospel and so the Christian faith spreads into Africa long before it makes its way into western Europe.

This crossing of cultures is part and parcel of the Christian tradition – its life and discipleship. The word church comes from a root meaning 'belonging to the Lord'. It is often described as the 'body of Christ'. In the gospel reading from John Christ – Jesus – the Lord – is the 'vine': the members of the body are the 'branches'.

We are members of that body not through the culture to which we belong; there is no fee or subscription service to be renewed - or not - on a regular basis. We 'belong to the Lord' through our baptism. It is through dying and rising to new life that we become followers of what was initially called 'the way'. And this is not just a personal 'transformation' (to use of one the key slogans of the Mission). It was said of the early church that these Christians had become a 'new tribe', 'a new people'. They were not Jew nor Gentile; they were both – and this conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch is a part of that story (and indeed our story as well). The fact of the matter is that there are now more Christians in Asia and Africa than in countries that were once thought to make up Christendom. The worldwide church has become very culturally and linguistically diverse.

Over the years the UCA has made a number of important statements on our diversity. Sometimes members of the church (congregational and mission staff) do not know what we claim to be. On Friday of this week I preached at the recognition of a former colleague in the synod who is being welcomed into a new 'multicultural' position in the South Moreton Presbytery in Queensland. His departure is one of several great losses over the last 5 or 6 years to our synod in this particular area of ministry. The occasion of his recognition service was a chance to remind those present of some of the claims the UCA has made:

- The cultural diversity and the unity of the church is a 'gift of God'.
- That gift is a consequence of Jesus 'having made peace between people of every race, culture and class'.
- The unity which is to be found in a culturally diverse church is 'a foretaste of reconciliation of all things in Christ'.
- Such a church is 'a sign and witness to the kingdom of God'.
- The culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) Uniting Church seeks to be 'a sign of hope'.

It is well worth reflecting upon those bullet points. In our life together we 'belong to the Lord' – to the vine. Our branches are now very varied. What kind of 'fruit' might emerge in the course of time? How might we nurture the growth of those first shoots?

Clive Pearson

One week to go for the 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 begin with an act of worship. We will celebrate what has been accomplished since our workshops in 2016 – there is much to celebrate. We will discuss what we want to take forward. We will have morning tea together. We will review the findings of the survey we held in church a few months ago. We will have a catered lunch. We will review and affirm our strategic directions for now leading towards 2025. It needs all of us to make this happen. We can't leave this to someone else. We need you. What you have to say will make the day better. We all need to be there and be together and talk together.

The March Church Council encouraged the congregation leaders and ministers to include particular prayers for the activities of PM in their worship during April.

God of transformations

We pray for the community of Parramatta Mission, a community that stretches across Western Sydney including Bankstown, Camden, Liverpool, Penrith, the Blue Mountains, Richmond, North shore, North Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter Valley, New England and Mid-North Coast, and through Lifeline Western Sydney right across Australia. In all of those places we have the privilege to walk alongside people in their journey of life as we live out our vision of a community transforming lives and our values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.

We pray for people like MA who was living with anxiety which prevented him from gaining the employment he desired and from socialising with people his age. We thank you that through one of our services, following a number of sessions, he was able to overcome his anxiety, gain employment and reengage with friends.

We pray for people like RP a female in her thirties who lives with severe agoraphobia, bipolar disorder, PTSD, depression, hoarding disorder, anxiety and dissociative identity disorder. We thank you for her strength of character that enabled her to gain an understanding and level of insight into her mental health and undertake independent education to learn more about it. We celebrate with RP that she has worked towards achieving her goals of decluttering her home, and being able to leave her home and visit public places. We give thanks that through the support of one of the PM programs she has obtained her driver's license after being on a learner permit for 10 years, and rejoice with RP in the exciting possibilities this will have on her future. We pray for RP as she now works to achieve her goals of completing a certificate in community services and successfully completed her first independent shopping trip which before now seemed impossible.

We pray for the upcoming strategic planning workshop for our three congregations. We pray for a day rich in fellowship as we celebrate what has been achieved in recent years, think about our hopes and aspirations, and with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, plan for the coming years. Prompt us to attend the day. Guide us in our deliberations and decisions. Bless our work.

We prayer for all who are part of the Parramatta Mission community, especially remembering that as we walk beside people in their transformation, so we also are transformed.

We pray this pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Eels launch partnership with Parramatta Mission

The Parramatta Eels have launched their partnership with Parramatta Mission with a special visit from NRL Player Cameron King to the Youth Hub BBQ last week. The launch was held at the Parramatta Mission Youth Hub, with the Club celebrating Youth Week with clients and staff from the Youth and Outreach Programs.



"We are delighted to be partnering with the Parramatta Eels and greatly appreciate their support and support of their partners including Outback Steakhouse Wentworthville at our BBQ events" Jo Armstrong - Director Fundraising, Marketing & Development at Parramatta Mission.



Cameron King was full of praise of the partnership saying, *"It's fantastic to see the Club developing partnerships with local charities. We received a great reception here tonight and I'm already looking forward to the next event"*.

The launch is one of several key events in the partnership, with further engagement scheduled for 9th May - Domestic Violence Month, 11th July - NADIOC Week and 8th August - Homeless Persons Week

"Whilst the partnership is new, the relationship between Parramatta Eels and Parramatta Mission has extended over many years. The launch tonight is just one example of the Club's commitment to local charities and the positive impact it is having on the community" Michael Basan, Parramatta Eels Strategic Partnerships Manager.

Outback Steakhouse Wentworthville have also supported the partnership by donating the food and providing a chef to cook the bbq at each event. *"Catering for these events is our opportunity to give back to the local community as part of our commitment to social responsibility. Outback Steakhouse is very proud to be part of this partnership and we look forward to growing this partnership in the years to come."* Jonny Miller from Outback Steakhouse Wentworthville.

Parramatta Mission were also the beneficiary of the 50-50 Charity Raffle for Round 7, with the charity raising \$1,720 to support their ongoing programs. Thank you to everyone who helped make these event possible, and to our volunteers who sold tickets at the game on the weekend.



Foster your faith this week

Acts 10:44-48 Ps 98

1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 15:9-17

Pastoral message for this week....

Lest We Forget
They died so we may live in freedom
Jesus died so we may live

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.

Parramatta Mission projects supported in the Uniting Church

Please pray for:

Ministry with people in prison.

Ministry with hospital patients living with a mental illness.

Hospital chaplaincy with patients, staff & families.

Living as a multicultural church.

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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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: 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 Glenfield Uniting Church .*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Eritrea, Ethiopia*

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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