

OUR NEWS
22nd July 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

LEIGH MORNING SERVICE NEXT WEEK

Due to the combined Heritage Service which was held in June, there will be NO combined service on the next '5th' Sunday (ie. 29 July). The service next week will have our regular start time of 9.30am and include the commissioning of the 2018-19 Leaders' team. Further enquiries: Manas.

INVITATION: PRESBYTERY ADULT FELLOWSHIP – ANNUAL GATHERING

Next Saturday 28 July at 10am, the Presbytery Adult Fellowship gathering will be held at Northmead UC, Hammers Road, Northmead. Leigh members are warmly encouraged to attend. Please see Beverly.

THIS AUGUST: TOILETRIES DRIVE

Our congregation's annual drive for PM is about to commence. Please bring toiletries donations to church on **Sunday mornings during the month of August**. These will be forwarded to Parramatta Mission for clients in need of essential personal care items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, lip balm, small tissue packs, facial wipes, moisturizer, combs, sunscreen, women's products, shavers, toothbrushes & toothpaste etc. Please bring to the Coffee Shop from 5 August onwards & see Liz or Mario with any queries. Many thanks!

HELP NEEDED!

In our recently distributed 'Congregation Compendium', a few leaders noted that they are in need of additional support/assistance - or would like to reduce their workload. If you wish to volunteer for Open Church, Community Visitors, the Stewards' team or the Church Library, or become our Presbytery Adult Fellowship representative or take on any another helping role – please speak with the group leaders concerned or the Leaders' team.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH – BACK NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday School classes will resume at Leigh on **Sunday 29 July**. Along with our regular activities, the coming term will include guest presenters, Fathers' Day fun and an excursion. Colouring-in sheets, pencils & clipboards for kids are permanently available in the Leigh Memorial vestibule. Enquiries: Liz/Samantha.

SAVE THE DATE: LIFE & WITNESS CONSULTATION

Presbytery will conduct the next step in the Life & Witness process at Leigh by way of a discussion after our morning service on **Sunday 12 August**. Please see Ian or Robert for further information.

LOST PROPERTY

Did you lose something in the church? If so, please see the stewards on duty asap. Leigh Memorial has a 'lost property' cupboard – so your lost item may have in fact, been found!

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

Our Leigh Memorial emergency rendezvous point is Centenary Square and our safety marshals are Moses & Mario (and leaders' team members as needed). Please see Manas or the Leaders' team with any 'safe church' concerns or queries.



Important notification: 'Life & Witness' Workshops (Leigh Memorial + Leigh Fijian) – Sunday 12 August

Up & coming 'Life & Witness' consultations with Presbytery will be held on Sunday 12 August. The workshop for Leigh Memorial will be held after the morning service, with the Leigh Fijian workshop to take place early afternoon. Those wishing to have private conversations with Presbytery representatives ahead of the day, are asked to contact John Cutts and Glenda Blakefield (details below). Please direct general enquiries to Ian, Robert and/or each congregation's leaders. Thank you.

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WESTMEAD Congregation

LIFE AND WITNESS CONSULTATION

Members of the consultation committee will be attending Westmead Congregation on Sunday 5th August. This meeting is to assist in the review of the Parramatta Mission. We encourage as many people to be involved in the process.

PRESBYTERY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

Saturday 28th July, at Northmead Uniting Church- 10.00 am for Morning Tea and 10.45 for service. If you would like to attend, please bring your own lunch and tea and coffee will be provided. Day concludes at 2.15.

MULTICULTURAL MORNING TEA

Sunday 29th July is our Multicultural morning tea. Please bring food to share. All are welcome to attend, even if you are unable to bring food.

LEADERS' MEETING

The Leaders has been cancelled for July. Our next meeting will be Tuesday 14th August. Please pray for our leaders as they consider the different aspects of ministry at Westmead.

FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP

The next meeting will be a bus trip driving through Western Sydney and lunching at Pitt Town. For those wishing to attend, please place your name on the list in the foyer. For further information please speak to Lorna. Cost \$30 which includes lunch.

INFORMATION FROM THE ASSEMBLY

Rev Christine has made available some of the resources and information coming out of the Assembly of the UCA. These are available in the foyer. Should you wish to speak with Rev Christine about any of these, please arrange a time to talk with her during the week.

PLAY GROUPS RECOMMENCE

School will be back so the Play Groups are back. Thanks to Sue and Carol A for helping.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 7th August- Bus Trip- please see Lorna for details
(Cost \$30)

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

FIJIAN Congregation

Veisiko: Tomani tiko na cakacaka ni veisiko Vakaitalatala mai vei Talatala Clive. Ke dua na lewe ni lotu e gadrevi me sikovi tukutuku vei Vakatawa se Chairman. Gadreva talega o Talatala Clive mera sikovi ka qaravi na Gunu Waini vei ira na sega ni tiko rawa ena Lotu Vulavou.

Vuli me baleti Paula: Karua ni wasewase ni vuli baleta na Aposotolo o Paula ni oti noda Vakasigalevu ena Hall. Me vakarawarawataka na vei qaravi sa nanumi meda vakasigalevu “sausage sizzle” ka bolea o Senitiki Qata me nona i tavi na soseti – (Vinaka vakalevu na Yalo ni Vei qaravi.) Na ka tolu ni vuli ena 5 Aug, ka va ena 19 Aug.

Masumasu: Eda vakauqeti me tomani tiko na masumasu e noda dui veiyasa ni koro. Kerei mera nanumi na luveda ka vakaitavi taki ena gauna ni masumasu.

Vuli Sere: Yakavi ni Siga Vakaraubuka ena 8 na kaloko ena Coffee Shop; meda yaco totolo mai ena mataka ni Siga Tabu(10.30am) me vakadre na sere.

Sunday School: Me qai tekivu ena matai ni macawa ni vuli – 29 July.

Youth: Sota tale ena 27 July ni oti dua na vakacagicagi lekaleka.

Presbytery Adult Fellowship: Vakayacori mai Northmead Uniting Church - 28 Jul ena 10.00am, eda sureti raraba kina soqoni qo. Veitarara mai kei Chairman se Vakatawa ke dua na kena tukutuku matailalai ni via kila.

Bose ni Vale ni Lotu: 9 Aug. ena veimama ni tolu (3.30pm). Kerei meda totolo mai me soli tukutuku rawa o Talatala Clive ni bera na bose.

Life & Witness: Sa vakadeitaki ni rau na tiko ena Siga Tabu (12 Aug) na vakalesilesi mai na Presbytery (Rev Kevin Duck & Mr John Cutts) me qaravi kina na tavi qo.

Parramatta Lanes: Vakayacori ena: 9 – 12 October, kerei e so na Liga ni Veivuke (Volunteer) kei na lewe ni Working Committee. Solia na yacamu vei Vakatawa, Chairman se Ini.

Raising Hope: Ni sa sureti na Turaga kei na Marama ena Soqo qo ena ka vitu ni Seviteba (7 Sept)



Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
29-Jul	A.Allison		S.Foiakau	M1		
5-Aug	Rev C.Pearson		S.Foiakau	M2		
	Vulavou H/Comm					
12-Aug	Rev A.Koh-Butler		V.Kamotu	Youth		
	Sam Sadrata					

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

30 The apostles assembled before Jesus and reported to him all that they did and taught. 31 And he said to them, "Come, privately by yourselves away into a desert place and rest a little." For many people were coming and going, and they had no opportunity to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat privately to a desert place. 33 Many saw them departing and knew and ran together from all the towns by land and came before them. 34 And going forth, Jesus saw a great crowd and he had much compassion for them, because they were as sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them much.

53 And crossing over to the land, they came to Gennesaret and anchored. 54 And when they stepped out of the boat immediately the people recognised him, 55 and ran round all that country and began to carry those who were ill on pallets to where they heard he was. 56 And wherever he entered into villages or into cities or into country, they laid their sick ones in the market places, and begged him that they might even touch the fringe of his clothes, and as many as touched him were healed.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

REFLECTIONS

I am currently reading a new book. It is called *Theology after Christendom* by Joshua Searle. It has a sub-title *Forming Prophets for a Post-Christian World*. Now there are one or two ideas that might need to be unpacked further before I proceed. Theology refers to how we talk about God. It is sometimes known as a discipline which is concerned with Faith seeking understanding. Christendom is a term that has been used to describe how a whole country, the continent, or civilization (read, Western civilization) was once most obviously committed to the Christian faith. In those days you could talk about Christian values and everyone in the given society seem to understand what was meant. It was almost assumed that if someone was a 'real Christian', then they were caring and clearly practiced what they preached. Searle is one of those Christian thinkers that believes that that time has passed. Christendom has given way to a much more culturally and religiously diverse society; it is also one in which an increasing number of people profess no faith and indeed that has become normalized. We now live after Christendom and, as Searle suggests, in a post-Christian world.

By that latter turn of phrase he does not mean that there is no longer any place for Christian faith. Quite the reverse! What Searle is drawing attention to is what many people within the church are still struggling to understand. Rather than being at the centre of our wider society the Christian faith now finds itself moving towards the edge. Some of that shift is 'our' own fault. The church – and the credibility of the Christian faith – has suffered as a consequence of sexual misconduct by some and an inability to put into place processes that might protect vulnerable.

Searle knows all these things. He still wishes to talk about God, however. He still wishes to do theology. And he believes it is important for the Christian faith to proclaim good news, the gospel. One of the reasons that inspired his writing as a word taken from this morning's Gospel. Jesus looked upon the crowds with compassion (Fijian, *lomani*). He showed deep concern and love (*kauwai*). The Greek word for compassion is *splagchizomai*. It is the deepest emotion in the Greek language. Quite literally it means that one's bowels have been greatly moved – which sounds very odd to us, but in the classical Greek world, the seat of the emotions was not your heart, but your bowels

Searle looks out at today's world of power politics, affluenza, and alternative facts in a post-truth society. He is not unaware of the plight of refugees and the dawning realities of climate change. Living 'after Christendom' can feel like the church is moving into a twilight period. and yet Searle writes ... when 'the darkness of night comes', then that night is also illuminated by stars and their light stands out all the more. One of those stars that might need to shine ever more brightly in our changing world is the practice of compassion. Instead of looking out on the world with fear and trepidation, with uncertainty and regret, why not 'imitate Christ' (as Paul would say). He looked out on the crowds and was filled with compassion.

Yours in Christ

Clive Pearson

Pastoral message for this week....

God knows the story of all our lives
And is weaving a new humanity
Will we join in?

Foster your faith this week

2 Sm 11:1-15

Ps 14

Eph 3:14-21

Jn 6:1-21

It often starts with a hot meal and a chat, but Meals Plus is so much more than that. It's a place where we can help someone rebuild their life, one day at a time. Read Michelle's story... <https://bit.ly/2JYqMEM>



Last Friday we celebrated a great partnership with Built and launched BBQ at their building site in Parramatta. Donations from the BBQ will be going towards Lifeline Western Sydney, Meals Plus and Wesley Apartments. Thank you to all staff and teams for their contribution and partnership.

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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성령강림후 9주일 (9th Pentecost Sunday) 08 07 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 8장 통 9장 거룩 거룩 거룩

새 260장 통 194장 우리를 죄에서 구하시려

기도 (Prayer) I 다함께

주기도문 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마가복음 6: 30-44

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사 오직 한 사람

봉헌 찬송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 445장 통 502장 태선을 넘어 험곡에 가도

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다

- 성령충만함으로 구해서 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 오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
열왕기하 4:38-44

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
열왕기하 4:1-6:14

Prayer Points

The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for:

- ♥ *PM congregations at Parramatta and Westmead, and the PM staff in hospitality, community and clinical/mental health services that extend right across Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Northern Beaches, Central Coast and Hunter Valley and Mid-North Coast. We also pray for all the people we contact every day, that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Jolame, Margaret, Betty B, Joan, Marcel, Betty E, Hazel, Jo, Col, Wilhemina, Hazel, and the de Reland, Dunbar/Smith, Hayes, Jackson 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: Jean, Caroline and David A, Josh and his family (Kerryn, Peter and Ben), Mrs E and family, Mary and Aloy and the boys, Silvano, Jinky, Isabella and Gerard, 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, , 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.*
- ♥ *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 Leura Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico*



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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