

OUR NEWS
29th July 2018



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

WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

“Welcome back” this Sunday to our Sunday School @ Leigh children and families who are returning from the winter school holiday break. Sunday School is available for 3 – 18 year olds and operates every Sunday morning during school terms.

New kids are always welcome!! ☐

TOILETRIES DRIVE – STARTING NEXT WEEK

Our congregation’s annual donations 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 & see Liz or Mario if you need assistance. Thanks!

STUDIES: ‘EXPLORING THE WAY OF PAUL’

Clive will be conducting the final two of his Sat. morning studies series on Paul on **4 & 18 August** in the Choir Vestry (10 – 11.30am). NB: You do not need to have attended the previous studies.

PARRAMATTA MISSION GALA – RAFFLE TICKETS

If anyone would like to purchase a raffle ticket to support fundraising efforts for this year’s ‘Raising Hope’ Parramatta Mission Gala on 7 September, please see the Leaders’ team after the morning service. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. Event details are available online at www.parramattamission.org.au/raisinghope - or 9891-2277.

‘LIFE & WITNESS’ WORKSHOP

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

VISUAL ARTS WORKING GROUP

A Working Group’ comprised of interested PM congregation members s is being formed to establish some goals and strategies for the use & expression of visual arts at our sites. Projects for ‘Parramatta Lanes’ 2018 will be a priority matter. An initial chat with interested people will be held after the morning service at Leigh on **Sunday 19 August** in the Coffee Shop. Please see Liz for further information. (NB: A ‘Music’ development program, including some Saturday morning workshops, are also being planned – details to follow).

HELPERS NEEDED

In our recently distributed ‘Congregation Compendium’, some leaders highlighted that they need additional support/ would like to reduce their workload. If you wish to volunteer for Open Church, Community Visitors, the Stewards’ roster or the Church Library, or become our Presbytery Adult Fellowship representative – please speak with the group leaders concerned or see the Leaders’ team.

SEEKING A SPECIAL OLD BOOK...

Does anyone have a copy of the following old book? If so, would you be interested in loaning or selling it? It’s no longer in print, so if you can help - please see Liz - or leave a message at 9891-2277. Book: James Udy and Eric Clancy (eds), Dig or Die: Papers Given at the World Methodist Historical Society Wesley Heritage Conference at Wesley College within the University of Sydney 10-15 August 1980.

성령강림후 10주일 (10th Pentecost Sunday) 29 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 42 장 통 11 장 거룩한 주님께 예배를

새 260 장 통 194 장 우리를 괴에서 구하시려

기도 (Prayer) 다함께

구기도문송 새 635 장^I 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 잠언 8: 32-36

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사 생명과 사망!

봉헌 찬송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 200 장 통 235 장 달고 오묘한 그 말씀

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

- 할렘루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다
- 성령충만함으로 구께서 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
열왕기하 8:1-15

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
열왕기하6:24-9:26

WESTMEAD Congregation

MULTICULTURAL MORNING TEA

Today, 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.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

Happy 90th Birthday to Nancy. A few people were able to see her at the communion service at Mayflower. We were able to bring her a birthday card from the 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.

SPOW

Single People of Worth would normally be next Sunday 5th August but as we will have the Life and Witness Consultation we will not attend SPOW this month. Please accept our apologies.

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.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

There are a number of people in special need at the moment. Please pray especially for those in hospital, for their families and for the staff who are caring for them.

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

Life & Witness: Kerei meda tiko vakalewe levu ena Siga Tabu 12 Aug.ni suka na lotu me qaravi kina na tavi bibi oqo. Rau na tiko kina na mata mai na Presbytery - Rev Kevin Duck & Mr John Cutts.

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.

Vuli me baleti Paula: Na Ka Tolu ni wasewase ni vuli baleta na Aposotolo o Paula ni oti noda Vakasigalevu ena Hall ena Siga Tabu mai qo 5 Aug. Kena otioiti me qai vakayacori 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: Tekivu tale ni oti na sereki ni vuli.

Youth: Ena kena gauna ena bogi ni Vakaraubuka ena Coffee Shop

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.

Vakanuinui Vinaka: Totoka na kena marautaki dua tale na yabaki ni bula yaga. "Me vakalougatataki kemuni ko Jiova, ka maroroi kemuni, Me cilavi kemuni na matai Jiova, ka me yalololoma veikemuni, Me vakanamata veikemuni ko Jiova ka solia veikemuni na vakacegu."



Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
05-Aug	Rev C.Pearson Vulavou H/Comm		S.Foiakau	M2		V.Kamotu A.Allison
12-Aug	Rev A.Koh-Butler & Sam Sadrata		V.Kamotu	Youth		
19-Aug	Rooty Hill	V.Kamotu (Campb)	S.Toa	M1	M1	

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>



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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ABRAHAM CONFERENCE

Pillars of Peace

Jews, Christians & Muslims
working together

DISCOVER WHAT WORKS AND WHAT WE
CAN DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Sunday 5th August 2018

2.00pm to 5:30pm

Registration from 1.00pm

Level 9, Peter Shergold building

Western Sydney University

169 Macquarie Street

Parramatta NSW 2145



Register at EventBrite:

<https://2018abrahamconference.eventbrite.com.au>

\$20 (Concession \$10)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Steven Killelea AM

Founder Institute for Economics and Peace and the
Global Peace index

Moderator:

Professor Kevin Dunn

Dean of School of Social Sciences and Psychology WSU



2 Samuel 11:1-15

11 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. 2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. 3 David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." 4 So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." 6 So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. 8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. 9 But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10 When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" 11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." 12 Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, 13 David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. 14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

(NRSV translation)

Reflections

The above story from the Hebrew Scriptures speaks of the corruption of the heart, the abuse of power that can destroy the lives of others. Uriah was loyal to both the king and to his men. He did die in battle. David married Bathsheba. The baby was born, but died. The story will go on to reveal, God was not amused. David was judged. The story opens up discussion of modern day events, of abuse of power that comes from corruption of the heart. The story also goes on to reveal that God is present in human affairs, but not in a manipulative way. God continues to love in a steadfast way even when humans fail.



Latest engagement day tour the other week included Rev Dr Matthew Wilson, from Nowra UCA. Here at reception at the Fellowship Centre.

Grace in abundance, Hope liberated, was the theme of the 15th Assembly meeting of the Uniting Church held in July. Dr Deirdre Palmer was installed as the UC's 15th President.



These were some of the important decisions reached:

Marriage and same-gender relationships: The Assembly resolved to allow Uniting Church ministers and authorised celebrants the freedom to conduct or to refuse to conduct same-gender marriages. They did this by agreeing to hold two equal and distinct statements of belief on marriage to honour the diversity of Christian belief among members.

The Uniting Church's existing statement of belief on marriage is retained - that "Marriage for Christians is the freely given consent and commitment in public and before God of a man and a woman to live together for life".

Alongside it, a new additional statement of belief has been adopted. That statement reads: "Marriage for Christians is the freely given consent and commitment in public and before God of two people to live together for life." Church councils will have the right to determine whether marriage services take place on their premises or not. An additional liturgy will be developed for the new statement of belief.

Sovereignty for First Peoples: The 15th Assembly affirmed Australia's First Peoples as the sovereign peoples of Australia.

The proposal reached a definition of sovereignty as the "way in which First Peoples understand themselves to be the traditional owners and custodians of the land."

Uniting Church members will also be asked to observe a Day of Mourning on the Sunday prior to the 26th of January every year, with reflection on the profound effect of invasion and colonisation on First Peoples during worship services on that day.

Domestic and Family Violence Statement: The 15th Assembly adopted a statement that commits the Uniting Church to repudiating all teaching and theologies that justify domestic violence.

A New Climate: The 15th Assembly continued the Uniting Church's tradition of taking strong environmental action to address climate change.

The document *For the Whole Creation* was presented to members. *For the Whole Creation* will be developed into a discussion paper by the Assembly Resourcing Unit. Uniting Church members, synods, presbyteries, congregations, agencies and schools will all be encouraged to:

Inform themselves and their communities about climate change

advocate for government policies and political action

listen to and learn from the voices of vulnerable people across the world who are experiencing the impact

consider ways to reduce their own contribution; and,

tell stories of best practice in remote, rural and urban areas.

Disability Access: The Assembly adopted a Statement of Access and Welcome to guide conversations about justice and equality for people living with disabilities. The statement asks the Church to embody a community life that in its theology and practice is accessible to all people; to ensure that within its own life people with disability are treated justly and to advocate for justice and equality for people with disability in the wider community. The Assembly Standing Committee will develop disability access guidelines for use at all events and activities overseen by the Assembly, and to encourage each Synod to develop similar guidelines.

Working and praying for peace in Korea: The Assembly committed its support to the peace process on the Korean peninsula. In the wake of the meeting between the North Korean and South Korean leaders earlier this year the Uniting Church pledged to support moves towards a peace treaty by prayer, through partnership with Korean churches and the World Council of Churches and by engaging with the Australian government and the Leader of the Opposition.

Elections: Rev. Sharon Hollis was elected as President-elect. Rev. Hollis will be the third woman to be President and the first ordained woman. Sharon will begin her term as President at the 16th Assembly in Queensland in 2021.



An initiative of Louise, AWCE now has separate bins to sort rubbish, as part of the 'war on rubbish.' Perhaps our other 35 of 36 locations could take up the idea.

The decisions of the Assembly regarding same gender marriage are being received with a wide variety of responses. Some welcome the decision. Some have no particular concern. Some are concerned and seek to make sense of the decision. The Church Council will hold a special extended meeting in late August to enable people to reflect and discuss the matter. More details will be provided soon. For those who wish, people may discuss concerns with any of the ministers. Their details are on the back page of the newsletter. In particular, Clive Pearson (Ph 0409523024) is available to meet with anyone.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



It is with great sadness that we remember Carol Choy who died last week after her battle with Cancer. Carol had worked at Parramatta Mission for five years as Manager for Family and Carer Respite Services, based at Smithfield. Carol was the beloved wife to Sean, sister to Julia and Ken and Aunt to Julia's children. Carol had worked for the past 13 years supporting carers of people living with a mental health issue. Carol was a highly respected, warm and inspirational leader. She always led with such passion for her programs and for the carers and consumers of her service. She worked tirelessly to develop and maintain partnerships with volunteers, and other organisations and individuals in the local community to provide the best support possible to carers in need of support. Carol was a gracious host when people visited the office at Smithfield. Carol also engaged with people across Parramatta Mission, particularly through the managers forums, and with many people working in our clinical services. Carol was selfless in supporting others and always considered needs of others before her own. Many in our organisation were touched by Carol in so many ways due to her commitment to the program and our organisation. She will be remembered for her advocacy, inspirational leadership and her ability to influence anyone she contacted.

Her office was full of love, kindness and compassion and we wish her family here in Australia and in China the loving kindness and compassion that she has shown to all who met her. We remember Carol in our prayers, praying for her family and many friends and work colleagues.

It is also with great sadness that I share the news that Christopher Coleman, a member of WSLARS / D2DL, died last week. Chris's first contact with PM was through the PHaMs WS program, where he attended the PM Men's Shed every Tuesday and built connections with staff and other clients. Chris attended the art group at WSLARS / D2DL every Tuesday afternoon. Even though colour blind, he created some great art. Through this social engagement, Chris changed from being quiet and reserved member to engaging with others and expressing more of his personality, a fun side, his love of Elvis and enjoyment in watching different videos with members. Chris's funeral will be held this Tuesday, 31/7/18, at Pinegrove. WSLARS / D2DL will also hold an event at a date to be set to celebrate Chris's life.





Daffodil Day Service 2018

West Epping Uniting Church
cnr Carlingford Rd & Orchard St, Epping

Friday 24 August, 10am

Guest Speaker: Lyn Graham

morning tea to follow

*A service for those who have
experienced cancer
themselves or in a loved one.*

All Welcome!

Pastoral message for this week....

God's love is constant despite the
foolishness and corruption of humanity

Foster your faith this week

2Sm 11:26-12:13a Ps 51:1-12

Eph 4:1-16 jn 6:24-35

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 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: Keith and Noeleen, Debbie and Michael, Kevin, 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, 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.*
- ♥ *We pray for the family of Carol Choy, member of staff, who died last week, and whose funeral was held on Friday. We also pray for staff, including some whose parent died recently, some whose uncle died and others whose close friend had died. We also pray for some members of staff with a serious illness.*
- ♥ *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 Lidcombe Samoan Parish Uniting Church.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago*

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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