

OUR NEWS
19th August 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.



*Give thanks
with a grateful heart*

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

THANKS – LIFE & WITNESS WORKSHOP

Many thanks to the congregation members who stayed back for last Sunday's consultation with John & Kevin from Presbytery. Further information/updates on this process will follow – Leaders' team.

TOILETRIES DRIVE

Please bring toiletries to the Coffee Shop on Sunday mornings during August. Enquiries: Liz & Mario.

PARRAMATTA MISSION GALA – RAFFLE TICKETS

If anyone at Leigh would like to purchase raffle tickets to support fundraising efforts for this year's 'Raising Hope' PM Gala, please see Lalaja after the morning services this month. Cost: \$5 per ticket.

NEW CHURCH SIGNS PROPOSAL

A sample of the proposed new signs for either side of Leigh Memorial's front door are available in the Coffee Shop. Thanks to Ken for his wonderful design work. Please give your feedback to Ken or Liz.

VESTIBULE LIGHTING

Lighting in our church vestibule (foyer) has been raised to a brighter level. This will provide a more welcoming atmosphere during evening services/events. Further church lighting upgrades are in the planning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH – WELCOME JESSIE!

At Sunday School this week, we will be welcoming back Jessie Morgan as our guest presenter. Jessie will be sharing her recent humanitarian efforts & cultural experiences in Vietnam and Fiji.

LECTURES @ LEIGH: 'LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER'...

Wed. 5 September, 7.30 – 9pm: Rev. Dr. David Reichardt – Climate Reality Project; and **Wed. 12 September, 7.30 – 9pm:** Dr. Annika Dean – Climate Council. These lectures are free/ no bookings required.

ART & CRAFT WORKSHOP: PARRAMATTA LANES

If you are a creative person within any of the PM congregations (& any level of experience and ability) and would like to make some artworks for display during the Parramatta Lanes event at the Fellowship Centre in October – please come to an Art & Craft Workshop in the Coffee Shop, **10am – 1pm on Saturday, 15 September**. Very relaxed/ come & go as you please. Some paint, craft and other materials will be provided, but participants may also bring their own projects to work on. Morning tea included. Enquiries: Liz/ Visual Arts Group.

ADVANCE NOTICE: MEALS PLUS BBQ LUNCH

Great news! On **Monday 1 October** (ie.the Monday of the Long Weekend), our Leigh congregation will be hosting a Meals Plus Lunch. We'll need a team of volunteers between **9.00 – 1.30pm** on the day to help with tasks including set-up/food prep, cooking/serving lunch and clean-up. Please see the Leaders' team.

KEY DATES @ LEIGH: AUGUST – OCTOBER

Sunday 19 August - Property Update (Ian/Keith).

Sunday mornings in August – PM Toiletries Drive (Liz & Mario).

Wed. 5 & 12 Sept – 7.30pm, Lectures: 'Let's Talk About the Weather' (Clive).

Friday 7 Sept – PM 'Raising Hope' Gala Dinner. Enquiries: 9891-2277.

Saturday 15 Sept – 10am, Art & Craft Workshop (Visual Arts Group) (Liz).

Friday 21 Sept – 2pm, International Day of Peace Prayer Service (Manas/Leaders).

Sunday 30 Sept – 10am, Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian service.

Public Holiday Monday, 1 Oct – 9.00 – 1.30pm, Meals Plus BBQ (Manas/Leaders).

Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 Oct – Parramatta Lanes (4 evenings) (Lanes Committee).



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!

FIJIAN Congregation

Life & Witness: Qaravi rawa ena Siga Tabu sa oti na kena veivosaki taki na veika eso baleta na veigacagaca ni bula ni Vavakoso Lotu e Parramatta – vinaka vakalevu veikemuni na tiko rawa. E tolu na Ulutaga – (i) So Kalou kei na Bula ni Vavakoso (ii) Bula ni Veiwekani kei na Veisusu (iii) Veiliutaki era veivosaki kina vakawasewase ka kau cake mai nodra vakatutu. “.....dua na dredre keimami sotava tiko na Taba Gone sai koya na kena sega ni dau rogoci na domoi kemami vakakina neimami sega ni kila na ka e tukuni ena gauna ni So Kalou Vakaviti ” kaya o Ofa. “..... era sega ni marau na gone ena Sunday School Vakaviti ena gauna e cokovata kina na lotu ni Siga Tabu ni Gone, e vakuwai ira mai nodra dau vakaitavi ena veigacagaca kece ni So Kalou.” vakaraitaka o Emosi Rogoimuri (Tuirara). E matata mai na veiwasewase kece na kena gadrevi me digitaki e dua na Talatala veiqaravi ena Vavakoso Vakaviti.



Veisiko kei na Gunu Waini: “Qo se qai matai ni gauna meu qarava na Vakayakavi ni Turaga ena dua na Matamasumasu au veisiko kina.”..... kaya o Talatala Clive ena bogi ni Siga Vakarauwai sa oti nona veisiko ki na Matamaumasu mai Blacktown. Vinaka vakalevu na Veisusu kei na Veituberi Tuirara kei Radini Tuirara (Emosi & Suguta Rogoimuri.)





Ke dua e gadreva na Veisiko/Veiqaravi Vakaitalatala (Pastoral Care/ Visit) tukutuku mai vei Vakatawa se Chairman.

Vuli me baleti Paula (na Apositolo): Otioti ni vuli baleti Paula ni kua ena Hall oti noda vakasigalevu vata.

Youth: Yakavi ni Siga Vakaraubuka ena Coffee Shop - 7.30pm

Sunday School: Qaravi ena kena gauna

Vuli Sere: Bogi ni Vakaraubuka ena 8.00pm, kerei meda yaco totolo mai ena mataka ni Siga Tabu

Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
26-Aug	Fiji Parish	S.Toa	S.Tuiloma	M2	M2	
02-Sep	Rev C.Pearson Vulavou H/Comm			M3		S.Tuiloma S.Toa
09-Sep	Rev A.Koh-Butler Multicul.Worshp		A.Vocea	Youth		



Friday 7th September 2018

PARKROYAL Parramatta

Dress: Black and White

Tickets \$200 each

www.parramattamission.org.au/raisinghope

성령강림후 13주일 (13th Pentecost Sunday) 05 08 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 21 장

통 21 장

다 찬양하여라

새 260 장

통 194 장

우리를 죄에서 구하시려

기도 (Prayer)

다함께

주기도문송

새 635 장

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

요한복음 8: 21-30

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사

나는 혼자가 아니다

봉헌 찬송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 433 장

통 490 장

귀하신 구여 날 불드사

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

할렘부야! 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 19:20-37

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
열왕기하12:17-21:26

Let's talk about

..... THE WEATHER

Leigh Memorial Church
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta
Public Lectures: All welcome.

Wednesday 5 September, 7:30 to 9.00pm.

Revd. Dr. David Reichardt,
'Seeking hope in the Anthropocene'.

David Reichardt is deeply concerned by climate change and involved in the debate over it. A Climate Reality Project Presenter trained by former US Vice-President the Hon. Al Gore, David has many times presented the slide show that formed the basis of the Academy Award winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth". His doctoral thesis is an ecotheological reading of how and why the human inhabitants of Australia's greatest catchment area, the Murray-Darling Basin, have affected its waterways. It is through these ecotheological studies and trying to come to terms with the likelihood of world-side ecological disaster that David has come to a deep appreciation of the theology of "New Creation" and the Christian foundations of hope. He has been writing for and editing a collection of essays on ecotheology for an Indian audience.

Wednesday 12 September, 7:30 to 9.00pm.

Dr. Annika Dean, Climate Council of Australia.

Annika Dean works as a Senior Researcher at the Climate Council of Australia. She has a PhD from the Climate Change Research Centre at the University of New South Wales and previously worked as a lecturer on climate change and energy policy at the University of New South Wales. Her research interests are in the areas of climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation in Australia and the Pacific Islands.

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

10 Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.
11 The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. 12 So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

3:3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' 6 And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. 7 And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. 11 God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, 12 I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. 13 I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. 14 If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.' (NRSV)

Reflections

Even today we speak of the wisdom of Solomon. Solomon became the king of Israel. Yet, as he says, he was a child, which could mean by age, and also by knowledge and experience. How would he govern? He could be taken advantage off by advisors and others. Of course, in time he grew in practical wisdom which is a synthesis of knowledge, reflected experience and attitudes, but he would need more. In a vision from God in which he could have asked for anything, he chose the wisdom of God. This was an action of humility that opened the way to listen to God. To hear God speak, we need to be quiet, not only with our words, but our minds, as well as the need to discern if what we hear is really of God or some other voice. To quieten our mind requires slowing down from frenetic activity, which gives our brains a chance to think, and also to listen carefully for God.



Here are some of our staff from some of our services who helped prepare and serve the last lunchtime meal of Homeless Persons Week.



The SBS program, *Filthy Rich and Homeless*, over three nights this past week, raised the plight of homelessness in Australia. The numbers have increased from 2011 of 105,000 to now 116,000 Australians homeless every night.

Sometimes it is apparent, but often it is hidden. It is even an issue in small country towns, where the added dimension that everyone is known means people experience considerable shame at being homeless. Studies from across the world reveal that increased low cost housing, and increased minimum wages and government support, can significantly reduce homelessness. For example, the Newstart allowance is more than \$50 below the poverty line. Many people who come to Meals Plus are assisted onto Newstart allowances through Centrelink who regularly visit Meals Plus. It is better than nothing, but it is still not enough. Instead of money being used for the proposed corporate and top-end tax cuts, it would be better directed towards increasing the Newstart and other housing initiatives which would make a tremendous difference. If only our federal politicians of all parties had same vision and courage that they displayed this week on challenging the disrespectful and hurtful attitudes and comments expressed in the maiden speech of a new senator.



Morning Tea at TBC

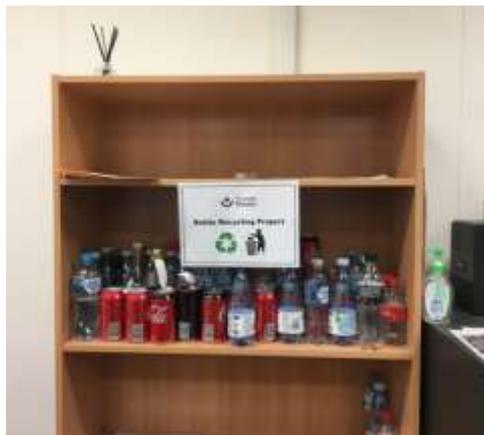
The inaugural Morning Tea was held at TBC on Tuesday 10th July. This is an Administration/Reception initiative (through the guidance of TBC Manager and Team Leader) and sponsored by Jill Kelly (Donna Kelly's Mum). The morning teas provide an opportunity for the families at TBC to engage with other families residing there. Administration/Reception are thrilled to be a part of this community gathering and look forward to continuing this tradition for many years to come. Thank you to Angela and Jasmine for welcoming us and encouraging the families to gather together.

From: Donna, Tracey and Coral (Administration/Reception)



Some of our staff at Charlestown met with Rev Tom Stuart (right), Minister of Charlestown UC, exploring deepening our relationships and sharing resources. Phoebe (second from left) and Jarrad, (left), Sarajbeet (student placement worker in red) joined with me in meeting with the Synod Social Justice Forum, and the representatives of the Hunter Presbytery meeting at Toronto the same day. Some of the UC churches in the Hunter run social programs that would suit PM consumers, and some have suitable kitchens that could be used for cooking classes. Some of us are looking to speak at a full meeting of the Hunter Presbytery meeting early in 2019. We are also working with Uniting on joint activities in the Hunter. Conversations also continue with the Mid-North Coast Presbytery and Taree UC on building relationships and sharing resources.

Our staff in the office at Charlestown. Some of their highlights include: Seeing what people are capable of after years of struggle. Many of the consumers, (other than new consumers) were previously in services of other organisations. The staff have observed the transformation in people's lives through the use of the PM recovery framework, that is an outworking of our vision and values. People who had made no progress in ten years have made transformative progress in nine months with PM. The recovery framework is based upon the values of treating people graciously, with inclusion and dignity, and this leads to the birth of faith and hope. In practice this is walking beside people, assisting people make decisions, and learn and do things for themselves, as opposed to doing and telling. In such a framework people blossom.



The work of staff at Charlestown on recycling. I understand our Maitland office has also started recycling.

Let me know what other initiatives are happening regarding care of the environment.

This coming week, on Tuesday 21 August, the Church Council will hold a special extended forum on marriage in the Uniting Church. This includes the implications that ministers have a choice of whether they will or not conduct same gender marriages, and congregations have a choice of decision on the use or not of the church for same gender marriages. The forum is open to all. The timetable is: 7-8 information and discussion; 8-8:30 supper; 8:30-9:30 discussion. The pastoral team are devising a process that will include all, and be a safe place for all to discuss these matters.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



The 55th session
of the General Assembly
of the United Nations
designated 21 September as

**International
Day of**

peace



You are invited

**to join at the Interfaith Peace Service to be held on
Friday 21 September 2018, 2pm
at the Fellowship Centre, Parramatta Mission,
(next to the historic Leigh Memorial Uniting Church)
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.**

Occasional Address would be given by Rev Simon Hansford,
the Moderator of the Uniting Church of Australia NSW and
ACT Synod.

Representatives from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmakumaris,
Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaean, Sikh,
Sufi and Zoroastrian Communities will offer prayers for peace,
and there will be time for silent reflection.

Community groups will provide cultural items.
Refreshments will follow the service.

**For further information contact Rev Dr Manas Ghosh
on 0429 892 548 or
email: Manas.Ghosh@parramattamission.org.au**



Al-Anon Family Groups

Remember: You are not alone and there is always hope.

IS ALCOHOL A PROBLEM IN A RELATIVE OR FRIEND?

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

Provide support and understanding
for families affected by someone else's drinking.

Meetings every Thursday 5.30 – 6.30pm
Parramatta Mission,
119 Macquarie St Parramatta

ALATEEN is a meeting for children & teens
affected by another's drinking.

For further information and meeting details for
Al-Anon & Alateen visit

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or call 1300 ALANON (1300 252 666)

Pastoral message for this week....

**Let us talk about the weather . . .
Let us be wise in what we say and do.
Give thanks with a generous heart**

WESTMEAD Congregation

SPECIAL GATHERING TO TALK ABOUT MARRIAGE

There will be a special gathering to talk about Marriage on Tuesday 21st August from 7.00-9.30pm. It will be at Westmead and people from the two Leigh congregations will join with those of us from Westmead. A light supper will be provided. All are welcome to attend.

MISSION ZONE MEETING

Our next Mission Zone meeting is Wed 22nd August at West Epping from 1.00-3.00pm.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

Rev Christine has a copy of the plans for Wesley Apartments and Parramatta redevelopments. Further information will be made available as these Development Applications will be lodged in the next 2-3 weeks.

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. We are praying for rain especially for our farmers and to donate money go to www.buyabale.com.au or see Rev Christine.

FILTHY, RICH AND HOMELESS

During the week SBS ran a 3 night program focussed on homelessness in Sydney. It was good to see the role of Parramatta Mission on Wednesday night. Charmaine was one of the key workers on the show from our youth services working with celebrity Alli Simpson and we saw politician Alex Greenwich staying in Hope Hostel. For those who watched the show there is perhaps a greater understanding of the challenges faced by those who are homeless. It is worth the watch if you can catch up online.

LIFE AND WITNESS CONSULTATION

Thanks to John Cutts who has met with both the congregation and the leaders from Westmead. We look forward to having feedback from the team to find ways which we can strengthen our relationships with members of the Leigh Congregations and with the wider Parramatta Mission.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 4th September

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

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, Senitiki Qata and family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Dale Tonawai, Terry and Young families*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: All farmers and their communities, 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.*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ♥ *Staff with sick family members*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of North Rocks Uniting Church*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for The Pacific islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanaky) and French Polynesia (Tahiti)*

Foster your faith this week

**1 Kgs 8: (1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43
Ps 84 Eph 6:10-20 Jn 6:56-69**

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

Contacts

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Leigh Fijian Congregation: Rev Dr Clive Pearson, Supply Minister 0409523024

Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588

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Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

Senior Minister/CEO: Rev Keith Hamilton 0417 487 446

Church Office: 9891 2277 **Email :** wecare@parramattamission.org.au

Children's Hospital Chaplain : Sarah Bishop 0429 912 943

PM WSU Chaplain : Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler 0427 955 157



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