

OUR NEWS
13th January 2019



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

SUMMER PROGRAM: 'Living Advent (uously) beyond Christmas'

SERVICE 3: 13 January: **Luke 3:15-17; 21-22** (*Baptized!*)



NATIVITY PAINTINGS from around the world no. 3: CHINA – Huibing He, *Mother & Child* (undated)/ He Qi, *Nativity*, 1998. Ink and gouache on rice paper. (<https://thejesusquestion.org/2011/12/25/nativity-paintings-from-around-the-world/>).

SERVICES SCHEDULE, 9.30am (Clive & Amelia):

30 December: Luke 2:41-52 (*In my Father's House*)(Combined)

06 January: Matthew 2:1-12 (*The Gift*)

13 January: Luke 3:15-17; 21-22 (*Baptized!*)

20 January: John 2:1-11 (*John's Jesus*)

27 January: Luke 4:21-30 (*The Prophetic Jesus*) (Keith preaching).

3 February: Regular services resume (Manas).

LEIGH MEMORIAL GROUPS & PROGRAMS 2019

Most of our church groups take a break during January and resume in early February. Group coordinators will contact members when regular programs are due to commence. Also check the newsletter. For general enquiries, please call the Mission office, 9891-2277.

AUSTRALIA DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If anyone from Leigh is available to volunteer as part of the PM team on Australia Day in Parramatta Park (tethered balloon flights fundraiser) - please give your name, phone number and availability between the hours of 5.30-9.00am, to Bruce, Ian or Liz on Sunday - or email

Rev. Christine(Christine.BaylissKelly@parramattamission.org.au). Many thanks.

AUSTRALIA DAY
PARRAMATTA



Pastoral message for this week....

You can be a gift
Let your gift be one of light and life

Keith Hamilton will be on leave from
12th-25th January inclusive.

During this time Lyall Weaver will be the acting CEO.

Clive Pearson will be available to provide pastoral care.

Is 'great' good enough? What makes for a good city?

The Centre for Faith and Public Issues / Parramatta Mission is hosting a meet the state candidates' meeting on **Friday 8 February**, 7:30-9:00 pm. The venue is Leigh Memorial Church. All are welcome. Listen to Liberal, Labor and Greens candidates' vision for our city. Ask your questions.

The facilitator will be Revd. Niall Reid,
former Moderator of the Synod of New South Wales-ACT.

The candidates are:
Dr. Geoff Lee (Liberal), Liz Scully (Labor), Clr Phil Bradley, (Greens)

This forum seeks to express Principle 3 of
inspire the Common Good project:

*To be a place to pursue the common good where matters that
enable the flourishing of all are explored*

Living advent(uously) beyond Christmas

9.30am Services, Leigh Memorial Church:
30 December 2018 – 27 January 2019.



Hanna Verghese (Malaysia), *God is With Us*, 2006. Acrylic on canvas, 16 x 20 in (<https://thejesusquestion.org/2011/12/25/nativity-paintings-from-around-the-world/>)

Manas Ghosh will be on leave after Christmas and throughout January. The services for the 9.30 am Leigh Memorial congregation will be led by Clive Pearson and Amelia Koh-Butler. Keith Hamilton will be preaching on 27 January.

The services will begin in the church and move into the ‘coffee lounge’ (beside the church) during this period. Our hope is to create a time of worship that is respectful of God while being more intimate and flexible when so many of our members are on holiday. The lounge will be set up as a more ‘inviting’ worship space. It is an opportunity to explore possibilities as we seek to explore further our life together and how we wish to be a place that ‘inSpires’.

The overarching theme for these services is ‘**Living advent(uously) beyond Christmas**’. Our hope is to explore how the Christmas cycle of stories is bound up with the whole gospel – and is not just a ‘preamble’. In the case of Luke’s gospel, the birth narratives release ideas of a world turned upside down, the equality of women, and the inclusion of all cultures in the purposes of God.

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Volunteer as a facilitator of English Conversation Sessions

We are seeking committed volunteers to facilitate English Conversation Group (ECG) sessions with students who speak English as a second language.

The program provides participants with an opportunity to practice and improve their spoken English, while also making new friends and getting to know the Uni.

What do I gain?

- Credit for ten hours of volunteer work (a requirement of the TESOL course and The Academy)
- The development of leadership skills
- Access to other volunteer and employment opportunities at the University
- A certificate of completion.

What's required?

- Attendance at an induction training day at Parramatta City campus from 10am – 4pm on the 4 Feb.
- Facilitation of five, one-hour, weekly ECG sessions from Weeks 3 – 7 of Autumn session.

How do I apply?

Apply via the [online form](#). Applications close 25 Jan 2019.

We're here to help - if you have any questions,

email: welfareservice@westernsydney.edu.au

Luke 3:15-22

15 While the people were expecting and all were debating in their hearts about whether John might be the Christ, 16 John answered, saying to all: "I indeed baptise you with water, but one is coming who is stronger than I and of whom I am not competent to loosen the thong of his sandals; he will baptise you with Holy Spirit and fire; 17 His winnowing-shovel is in his hand to thoroughly cleanse his threshing floor and to gather up the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire". 18 So with many other exhortations he evangelised the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by John about Herodias the wife of Herod's brother, and all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added to all this by locking up John in prison. 21 Now it came to pass when all the people had been baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the bodily form of a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son; my beloved with you I am well pleased."

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Great Expectations!

The biblical world did not have our calendar. The moment Jesus was born did not lead to a new year, a new millennium beginning with the year 0! Our calendar (and all the things that flow from that like diaries, calendars, watches, deadlines) had to wait. It was not until Dionysius in 525 that we began to see talk of the year AD. Now that we come to the close of the second week of 2019 the appointments page and the rosters are beginning to fill up! Expectations rising to the surface and beginning to abound – again.

The gospel reading for this week has Jesus coming to the river Jordan where John the Baptist will baptize him. Time and events are unfolding very quickly. It is only 3 weeks ago that we celebrated the birth of the one whom Luke (alone) defines as Christ the Lord, the Saviour and the Son of the Most High. Two weeks ago Jesus was 12 years old; now, after a brief detour which allowed us to hear Matthew's story of the wise men, Jesus is 30 years old.

Why Jesus was baptized by John has always been a bit of a (theological) puzzle. That is an issue that sermons in the past often fastened upon – although, in Luke's telling of the story, what is probably more important is the declaration of Jesus being 'my beloved Son'. The baptism story continues the storyline taken from Christmas Day that this Jesus is not just another one of us. In a way that can be difficult for many in our hyper-diverse society today to grasp this Jesus is more than human. The reconciling, healing, forgiving ways of God are at work in and through him.

This year what grabbed me most about this story is not that particular theme, though I think it is very important. What struck me was how the crowds that made their way to the Jordan River for John's baptism were full of expectation. No doubt there were plenty of rumours and 'fake news' abounding even back then! They were waiting upon someone to deliver them from harsh conditions, the Roman invasion, and exploitation. They were waiting for a 'messiah' (the Hebrew word for the Greek word Christ: the latter is not a surname. It means 'the anointed one').

Coming into 2019 we are surrounded with so much upheaval. Some of it is overseas: what will the effects of Brexit and trade wars be? Will the climate continue to warm and sea levels rise? Back home will we be able to overcome the political malaise and what some see as a 'crisis of democracy' and a 'twilight of compassion'? Not far off are two elections – state and federal. What promises will buoy our expectations?

The gospel reading is full of expectations. They are realized in a way that was unexpected in Luke's account written for 'dear Theophilus'. The surprise that Luke allows us to engage a new year with is a life that seeks to be gracious and forgiving, concerned for the poor and those who are vulnerable. It is one in which women no longer face glass ceilings or need to resort to the #metoo movement because Luke's message is one of equality of men and women. And, in a time where we have seen the rise of right wing movements, complete with Nazi salutes, Luke speaks of good news for all and a gospel which is inclusive of diverse cultures. It is one where the good Samaritan illustrates what a good neighbour is.

Here the expectations are not of great leaders wielding much power and authority – along with their tweets. The expectations are of inclusion, care, hospitality and the possibility of joy. Great expectations indeed!

Clive Pearson.



WE ST ME AD Congregation

JANUARY During January Rev Christine will mostly be working from home so if you need her then please call her on 0409 925 607.

WEDNESDAYS IN JANUARY

Rev Christine will open the church for all of the Wednesdays in January to enable people to come and spend some time with others. January can be quite difficult for people who are isolated. From 9.00-11.30 families with children are able to come and have a cuppa with some small activities for the kids. From 11.30 to 3.30 tea and coffee will be provided and for those who would like, there will be Scrabble otherwise we can simply have a relaxed chat. All are welcome to attend on Wednesdays.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

-20th Jan-baptism of Sharon Nam. There will be a special morning tea following the service.

-3rd Feb- Commissioning of Elders, presentation of Ministry Extension Report for Rev Keith + Rev Keith preaching.

-10th Feb- HC and Congregational meeting for voting for extension for Rev Keith + Sam Sadrata (from Leigh Fijian) preaching.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Each Australia Day Parramatta Mission arranges the support for the tethered Hot Air Balloons. We need 15 volunteers (total) from all of the congregations. If you are able to go then please speak to Rev Christine asap.

MEMBERSHIP

We need to update our Membership roll. There are sheets in the foyer which we ask everyone to fill out asap. We need to confirm our membership roll by Sunday 3rd February. If you are unsure or have any questions then please see Rev Christine.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm Returns Monday 28th January

Fellowship- Tuesday 5th February 2019

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm

Returns Tuesday 29th January

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am

Return Monday 4th February

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Returns 6th February

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

Returns 1st February

두 번째 주현절 (2nd Epiphany of Sunday) 2018년 01월 13일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5 장 통 3 장 이 천지간 만물들아 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 14 장 통 30 장 여호와 하나님 하늘에 계시니

새 439 장 통 496 장 십자가로 가까이

기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송 새 635 장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 고린도 후서 5:16-21

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 하나님과 화목하라

성찬 및 봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 455 장 통 507 장 주님의 마음을 본 받는 자

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 새해 건강과 마음의 평강을 위해 함께 기도합니다
2. 매일 성경 말씀 묵상으로 주님과 친밀한 교제의 시간을 누리며 승리하시기 바랍니다
3. 기도제목: 전도와 선교에 앞장서는 하나님의 자녀로 살아갑시다.

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

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
마태복음 2:1-12

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
마태복음 1:1-4:11

FIJIAN Congregation

Veisiko: Kerei me tomani tiko na veisiko vakamatamasumasu se yadudua ena veiyasa ni koro duidui eda vakaitikotiko kina. Ke dua e gadreva na veivuke ena veisiko qai veitaratara mai kei Tuirara se Chairman.

Masumasu: Nuitaki ni tomani tiko na masumasu vakaisoqosoqo se vaka matavuvale me rawa ni matata noda i lakolako ena veituberi kei na veiliutaki ni Kalou na Tamada. Ke gadrevi na veisiko VakaiTalatala ki na matamasumasu se vuvale yadudua, tukutuku mai vei Tuirara se Chairman.

Mata ki na Church Council: Gadrevi me dua ma mata vou ki na Church Council, tukutuku mai vei Chairman ke dua e bole me qarava na i tavi bibi qo.

JNC: Kerei meda masulaka tiko nodratou cakacaka na mata bose ni JNC me yaco nona veidigitaki na Kalou ena lesilesi VakaiTalatala ena vavakoso VakaViti e Parramatta.

Dikevi na Veiqaravi (VOC) nei Talatala Keith: Bose na Church Council ena bogi ni sa Tusiti (8th Jan) sa oti, ciqomi ka vakadonui nodratou ripote na VOC Team. Vakadonui talega me ratou mai vakamacalataka nodratou ripote ki na Vavakoso e Leigh English & Leigh Fijian ena Siga Tabu nai ka 3rd February. Kerei meda masuka tiko na tavi ni veiqaravi bibi qo.

Australia Day: Gadrevi na volunteer me veiqaravi ena vodo baluni e Parramatta Park mai na 5.30am – 9.00am. Noda i tavi meda kauti ira na vakatikike ki na baluni mera laki vodo kina. Dau soli na “free ride” vei ira na volunteer.

Lotu Cokovata kei ira na Valagi: Eda lotu cokovata kei ira na Valagi ena rua na Siga Tabu veitaravi – 30th Jan & 6th Feb. sa oti ka lewe levu era marautaka noda sota ka vei kilai vakakina na walewale ni Sokalou kei nai tavi eda qarava vakakina nodra vakaitavi na gone. Nanumi mena dau vakawasoma noda lotu cokovata.



Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
20-Jan	Akisi Allison		S.Tuiloma	M2		
27-Jan	V.Kamotu		A.Vocea	M3		
03-Feb	Rev.C.Pearson			M1		
	Vulavou H/Comm.					

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: The Ghosh, Briggs and Goodin families, Ali & family, Shane and his friend, Elizabeth & family, Wilhemina, Gloria H, Ian & family, Brian & Marcel, Joan, Hazel, Betty E, Col, Betty B, Victoria & family, Darlene & Neil, Jolame & the Open Church team, Sunday School & Youth.
** Please inform the Leaders if you would like a name added to this list.
- ♥ PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Senitiki Qata and family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Terry Koh-Butler, Young Adult and their Families. Those families (Foiakau, Vosalotaki, Dovibua) going away to Fiji and those going elsewhere during the Christmas Break.
The work of the JNC in looking for a new Minister of the word.
- ♥ PM Westmead: Sushila and her family, Reg and Heather, Robyne and Phil. All farmers and their communities, Sharon, 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, Justice and family, Aravind and family, Tanzida, Nancy, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Vita, Col, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Mr and Mrs S, Carmen and Rob, David and Christopher.
- ♥ 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 Cyprus, Greece, Turkey
- ♥ We join with churches around the world to pray for Auburn Uniting Church

Foster your faith this week

Is 62:1-5 Ps 36:5-10

1 Cor 12:1-11 Jn 2:1-11

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



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