

OUR NEWS  
23rd December 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.



Merry Christmas from Shilo  
(left) and Diggs (above)  
from HASI Plus

Congregational life @ Westmead & Parramatta,  
Hospitality, Community and Mental Health  
Services across Greater Sydney, Central 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

## **CHRISTMAS DAY @ LEIGH MEMORIAL**

***Please join us*** for our Christmas service at Leigh Memorial at 9.00am on Christmas Day. The service will be led by Rev. Manas and include music, stories, sharing and inspiration! On the day, Parramatta Mission's community Christmas meals will also be taking place. Prayers for all in the lead-up to these special events. NB: Fijian services (all welcome): Christmas Eve, 7.30pm & New Year's Eve, 8.00pm. Enquiries: Manas/Clive.



## **SUMMER SERVICES @ LEIGH**

**9.30am, 'Living Advent (uously) beyond Christmas' (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).

## **"THANK YOU" MUSIC TEAM!**

Our 9.30am service this Sunday will have a '**Carols**' theme and be led by our dedicated Music Team. Thank you to Malcolm, Robyn, Alan & all members of the team for sharing their talents and truly enriching our worship experience throughout the year. At 6.30pm on the 23rd, '**Blue Christmas**' will also take place. 'Blue Christmas' is for those seeking sanctuary, prayer, contemplation and caring support in the lead-up to Christmas.

## **WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Warmest congratulations to **Tanya & Vahid** who are being married at Leigh Memorial this Sunday afternoon, 23 December. We wish the young couple a happy day, and a fulfilling and blessed married life together. The officiating minister will be **Rev. Punam Bent**, chaplain at MLC. Thank you to Coral and the congregation team from Leigh Memorial for their dedicated involvement in the arrangements.





# 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 'inSpire'.

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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John 2:1-11  
Luke 4:21-30

'In my Father's House'  
The Gift  
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John's Jesus  
The Prophetic Jesus

**INSPIRE**  
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You are invited to...

# Christmas

with the **Leigh Memorial congregation!**

Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta Mission  
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta

Join us for a celebration of God's love, peace and hope this Christmas. **EVERYONE** is welcome!



Celebrating the birth of Jesus!



**Christmas Carols @ Leigh Memorial**  
9.30am, Sunday 23 December

**'Blue Christmas' Communion & Quiet Time**  
6.30pm, Sunday 23 December

**Christmas Day Service**  
9.00am, Tuesday 25 December

**Christmas Day Community Lunch**  
All enquiries: [christmas@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:christmas@parramattamission.org.au) / 9891-2277



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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](mailto:welfareservice@westernsydney.edu.au)

# A Reflection: Christmas 2018



When our world is saturated with advertisements for *myspace*, *myphone*, *mystore* etc., it's no wonder that the other day I found a gift catalogue called *mychristmas*. There's no harm in celebrating *mychristmas* for my own fun and joy, but this year, more than ever, I feel that it is not just *mychristmas* – for the basic reason for Christmas is “For God so loved the **WORLD** that he gave his only son.” Christmas is for *all* and its joy must be shared with *all*.

2018 has seen immense human suffering and pain created by nature and humans, such as tsunamis, floods, earthquakes, cyclones, sectarianism, violence, injustice and poverty. Our brothers and sisters in rural NSW are still reeling under the effect of the worst drought.

Many Australians have already lost their jobs and more jobs will soon be culled. As people of Parramatta Mission we are aware that despite the politicians' and econocrats' self-aggrandisement about our economy, thousands of people in this country alone are not able to be happy and joyful in this season of Christmas

In an atmosphere like this, when I was looking at the *mychristmas* gift catalogue, a childhood Christmas rhyme came to my mind, which I guess many will remember: “*Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat. Please put a penny in the old man's hat.*” Make this year's Christmas special by including others in your joy. Share God's greatest gift of love with others.

If I may suggest one thing, I would say for every ten dollars you spend in December for yourself or your family or friend until Christmas, please put one dollar in the “old man's (or woman's) hat” and whatever you save, give it to the most deserving charity, (my preference is Parramatta Mission) – so that the joy of the Christmas can truly be “joy to the world.”

May the **joy** of Christmas surround you;  
The **peace** of Christmas enfold you;  
The love of Christmas saturate you.  
*Merry Christmas!*

**Rev Dr Manas Ghosh**  
Minister – Leigh Memorial Congregation, Parramatta Mission.

## **Luke 1:39-55**

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to the mountain country to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elisabeth. 41 And it happened that when Mary greeted Elisabeth, the babe leapt in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she called out with a great cry and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 Why is this granted to me that the mother of the Lord should come to me? 44 You should hear this, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the babe in my womb leapt with gladness. 45 And blessed is she who believed that the things spoken to her by the Lord will be accomplished. 46 Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, 48 for he has regarded with favour the humiliation of his female slave. Know this; from now on all generations will consider me blessed; 49 for the One who is mighty has done great things for me and holy is his name. 50 And his mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered those who are arrogant in their heart; 52 he has disposed of rulers from thrones and exalted the undistinguished; 53 he has filled the hungry with good things and the rich he has sent away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembering his mercy, 55 as he promised our ancestors, to Abraham and his descendants forever. 56 Mary stayed about three months with Elizabeth and then returned home.  
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

## **Reflections**

Since 1949 the Christmas Day offering of Australian churches has gone to the Christmas Bowl Appeal. It began when the Reverend Frank Byatt of Victoria placed an empty bowl on the dinner table and asked his guests to give a gift to bring relief and hope to refugees who had fled the horrors of World War II.

Rev. Frank Byatt believed we have a responsibility to share what we have with others who need it. He saw it as a part of living out Jesus' call to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Frank felt that Christmas Day was a great day for sharing. He called on his congregation to “get a bowl to put on your Christmas dinner table as a Bowl of Remembrance and see if you can get everybody round the table to make a generous gift so that you can share your good dinner with hungry children in other lands.”

That first Christmas Bowl appeal raised £1,808 for refugees. Frank didn't stop there. Motivated by his Christian faith, Frank wanted to unify all Australian Christians, of all traditions, to work together in putting the Christian faith into action. As Frank wrote in 1958: “The evangel is complete only when the action of the Gospel matches the message of the Gospel.”

Frank's vision and action over many years did just that, and now thousands of Australian congregations from over 15 different Christian denominations work together each year through the Christmas Bowl appeal. The Christmas Bowl appeal remains a vital way for sharing God's love with people in urgent need.

Gifts to the Christmas Bowl support the work of Act for Peace, part of the National Council of Churches in Australia. The money is distributed to dedicated local church partners around the world to meet urgent need and to create change that lasts. This includes equipping communities affected by conflict and disaster with the skills they need to solve their own problems and get back on their feet. It is giving them a hand up, not a hand out. “The gifts through the Christmas Bowl help share God's unconditional love for the world's most vulnerable people, regardless of their race, religion, gender or background.”

The Christmas Bowl is as needed and relevant today as it was in 1949. As Frank Byatt said: “The love of Christ can be made more vivid through Australian Christian concern, on Christmas day, the one great day of sharing.”

The Christmas Day offerings taken up by our three congregations at our at Westmead and Leigh Memorial in Parramatta will all go to the Christmas Bowl. It is also possible to give online  
<https://www.actforpeace.org.au/Christmas-Bowl/Donation>



Ian Hoffman was awarded a Alison Kokany scholarship from Wentwest PHN last week. Alison had been an experienced and respected Advocate for people living with mental health. She first worked in Morisset Hospital, then as an educator at the NSW Institute of Psychiatry. Alison was involved in numerous State and National Mental Health bodies and committees, and was always a strong voice for people living with mental ill health. Alison worked for 5 years at WentWest Primary Health Network as a Consumer Consultant where Ian met and worked with her. Alison died early in 2018. WentWest Board of Directors decided to establish a Scholarship in her name. Ian will use this to access an education of Graduate Certificate in Consumer and Community Engagement. Best wishes Ian!

The pastoral team, and our spouses wish everyone involved in and contacted through Parramatta Mission, God's richest blessings this Christmas and through 2019.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

# FIJIAN Congregation

**Vakanuinui Vinaka ni Siga ni Sucu:** “Ni sa sucu veikemudou ena siga oqo, ena koro i Tevita, nai Vakabula, ko koya na Karisito na Turaga.” (Luke 1:11) “Sa nona na Kalou na vakarokoroko ena veiyasana e cake sara! A sa veivinakati rawa ko ira e vuravura: sa lomani ko ira na tamata.( vs14) Me nomuni kei nomuni dui matavuvale na marau ni Siga ni sucu kei na tawase ni yabaki.

## Tuvatuva ni Lotu:

- (i) Siga ni Sucu – Lotu cokovata kei ira na Valagi ena 9.00am
- (ii) Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup> Dec) – Lotu Vakaviti ena yakavi (7.30pm – 8.30pm)
- (iii) Siga Tabu (30<sup>th</sup> Dec) – Lotu cokovata kei ira na Valagi (9.30am)
- (iv) Lotu ni Vakatawase (31<sup>st</sup> Dec) – Lotu Vakaviti ena yakavi (8.00pm – 9.00pm)

**Veisiko:** Kerei me tomani tiko na veisiko vei ira na noda era tiko volekati keda ena veiyasa ni koro duidui eda tiko kina. Ke dua e gadreva na veiqaravi mai vei Talatala Clive, veitaratara kei Tuirara se Chairman.

**Matamasumasu:** Eda sa donumaka tu oqo na gauna ni marau ni Siga ni Sucu kei na tawase ni Yabaki, sa kerei me tomani tiko na masumasu Vakavuvale ke sa vakacagicagi nomuni dui matamasumasu. Kerei meda masulaka tiko na yabaki vou (2019) vakarau meda curuma yani kei na tavi duidui, vakalotu kei na matavuvale, sa tu meda na qarava. Tu vakarau o Talatala Clive ke gadrevi me vakaitavi ena nomuni matamasumasu se masumasu vakavuvale.

**Sunday School:** Vakacagicagi ena gauna ni sereki ni Vuli.

**Vuli Sere:** Bogi ni Vakaraubuka ena 8.00pm, kerei meda yaco totolo mai ena mataka ni Siga Tabu (10.30am) me vaqavinaka tale kina na sere.

**Youth:** Vakacagicagi ena gauna ni sereki

**Mata ki na Church Council:** Ni sa kerei na Turaga, Marama, Cauravou kei na Gone Yalewa (vakauqeti vakabibi veikemuni na Youth) ke dua e bole me noda mata qai tukutuku mai vei Tuirara se Chairman.

**JNC:** Kerei meda masulaka tiko nodratou cakacaka na mata bose ni JNC me yaco nona veidigitaki na Kalou.

Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
24-Dec	Rev C.Pearson		S.Toa	M1		
25-Dec	COMBINE SERVICE WITH LEIGH			: Lotu ni Siga ni Sucu		
30-Dec	COMBINE SERVICE WITH LEIGH			:Multicultural Worship		
31-Dec	Rev C.Pearson		S.Toa	M2		
	Lotu ni V/tawase					

대강전 네 번째 주일 (4th Advent of Sunday) 23 12 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 115 장      통 115 장      기쁘다 구주 오셨네

새 150 장      통 135 장      갈보리산 위에 십자가 셤으니

기도 (Prayer)      다함께

주기도문송      새 635 장      하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)      예레미야 23:3-8

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사      기다림은 마음을 거룩하게 하는 것

성찬 및 봉헌 찬송 (Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)      다함께

새 126 장      통 126 장      천사 찬송하기를

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

- 할렐루야! 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다
- 성령충만함으로 주께서 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  
빌립보서 2:5-11

새벽기도회 : 오전6시  
마1:18-학개 1:15

# WESTMEAD Congregation

## WORSHIP IN DECEMBER

- Christmas Day- 9.00am.
- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December- Daniel will be preaching and it will be his last day in Field Placement at Westmead. There will be a special morning tea following the service.

## FOOD FOR MEALS PLUS

We are collecting food and money for Meals Plus to assist them over the holiday period. Last day is today-Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT PARRAMATTA

If you would like to attend and assist with this meal then please speak with Rev Christine asap. Thanks

## CHRISTMAS BOWL

Christmas Bowl envelopes are available in the foyer. On Christmas Day, the offering will go to Christmas Bowl. If you would like a tax receipt then please use the envelope and fill out your details.

## 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.

## JANUARY

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

For all people- we pray you have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

## DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

### Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm Returns Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Fellowship- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Returns Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am

Return Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm - Returns 6<sup>th</sup> February

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am - Returns 1<sup>st</sup> February

***Foster your faith this week***

***Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-7, 10-14***

***Eph 3:1-12 Mt 2:1-12***

***Pastoral message for this week....***

**Glory to God in the highest and  
peace and goodwill to all people**

**Merry Christmas from our Families to Yours,  
Best wishes Tracey, Donna & Coral**



# 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: 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 Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal
- ♥ We join with churches around the world to pray for Wentworthville Uniting Church

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

**Leigh Memorial Church,** 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta

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



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