

OUR NEWS  
27th January 2019



Parramatta  
Mission



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church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

Our Vision  
A Community Transforming Lives  
Our Values,  
Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope.

Be proud  
of who  
You are

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

## AUSTRALIA DAY

Thanks to everyone who is assisting with the PM fundraising 'tethered' balloon flights at Parramatta Park, and those involved in coordinating the event. Prayers for all on our national day, as we celebrate how blessed we are to live in a democratic, free and progressive country, while sharing in the sorrow of our Aboriginal communities on what for them is a day of great loss and ultimately – 'survival'. As Pauline Scott-Terare, a Christian Bunjalung woman, has commented, "I believe God put my ancestors in this country; I believe that God has a special purpose for Indigenous Australians; I believe in the principles of spiritual gate-keepers of the land (Psalm 24: 7). When Australia seats Indigenous Australia at the forefront of discussions, when Indigenous Australia stands in her position as a generation who seeks Him, then the King of Glory will come in." Amen.  
(<https://www.abc.net.au/religion/redeeming-australia-day-how-aboriginal-christians-are-challengin/10097384>)



**SUMMER PROGRAM:** 'Living Advent (urously) beyond Christmas'

**SERVICE 5 (final):** 27 January: **Luke 4:14-21** (*The Prophetic Jesus*)  
(Keith preaching).

**NATIVITY PAINTINGS from around the world no. 5: AUSTRALIA**

Greg Weatherby, *Dreamtime Birth*, c. 1990. 51 x 64cm

(<https://thejesusquestion.org/2011/12/25/nativity-paintings-from-around-the-world/>)

**Congress logo of the UAICC** – Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: ICE-CREAMS & ICE-BLOCKS NEXT WEEK!**

Sunday School classes at Leigh Memorial will re-commence next Sunday, 3 February and we will be providing **ice-creams and ice-blocks for the congregation at morning tea time**. Prayers for all the children/youth returning to school this week or about to commence their post-school studies or work.

Enquiries: Liz/Samantha.

**FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

The first Future Directions meeting of 2019 will be held at the Alan Walker College, 7.30 – 9.00pm on Thursday 21 February. Enquiries: Clive.

**FEBRUARY CALENDAR @ LEIGH MEMORIAL**

3 February - Regular services resume (Manas)

3 February - Sunday School resumes/ SPOW (Beverly)

4 February - Couples & Friends (Robert)

6 February - LEAP (Manas)

10 February - Congregation vote (Vitality of Call) (Ian/David)

17 February - Music Team service (Manas/Mal)

21 February - Future Directions (Clive)

# WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Loving prayers for  
Mario, Liz,  
Callum and Charlotte whose  
cherished Mum, mother in  
law and grandmother, Amy,  
has passed away in  
Mauritius.



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

**The Ancient of Days breathes life  
into this land and her peoples.  
We pay our respects**

## ***Foster your faith this week***

***Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6  
1 Cor 13:1-13 Lk 4:21-30***

### **COUPLES & FRIENDS FEBRUARY '19 MEETING**



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February Couples & Friends will be holding their first meeting of the year. As well as being our Annual Election of Officers a night of fun and fellowship is promised. As usual we will be commencing the year with a meal so please bring a plate of food to share for the main course or for sweets and a bottle of drink.

All are invited to join us in the  
Fellowship Centre at 6.30 for 7.00p.m.

# 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.

30 December	Luke 2:41-52	'In my Father's House'
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 4:14-21	The Prophetic Jesus

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네 번째 주현절 (4th Epiphany of Sunday) 2018년 01월 27일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5장 통 3장 이 천지간 만물들아 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) ..... 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 550장 통 248장 시온의 영광이 빛나는 아침

새 439장 통 496장 십자가로 가까이

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마태복음 5:13-16

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 빛과 소금의 신앙

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)  
새 449장 통377장 예수 따라가며

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) 새502장 통 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
마태복음 8:14-22

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
마태복음 7:13-9:26

## Luke 4: 14-21

14 Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee; and a rumour about him went out throughout all the surrounding district. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, according to his custom, and he stood up to read. 17 And he was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah, and opening the book, he found the place where it has been written: 18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor; he has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to liberate the oppressed for release; 19 and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” 20 And having closed the book and returning it to the attendant, he sat down. And all the eyes in the synagogue were upon him. 21 And he began to say them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled”.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

### Being bilingual

One of the tasks facing the life of religious traditions these days is the call to be bilingual. The reason for that call lies in what has been called the levels of ‘hyperdiversity’ within our cultures. We clearly live in a pluralist society where there are many faiths, no faiths, multiple spiritualities, life-style choices, cultures and ethnicities. It can all seem bewildering, especially when the inevitable refrain that will be heard throughout this holiday weekend is “I am ... you are ... we are Australian”.

Being bilingual here does not mean learning another language – like, if English is your first language, then you need to learn Czech. Or, how about becoming a French-speaking Fijian, a Swahili-fluent Filipino, or a Maori-speaking Indian? Being bilingual here does not even mean all of us learning to be fluent in the Darug language and hear for ourselves the lament of their people.

No doubt all these things above would be good in and of themselves. Our life together would (no doubt) be enriched in ways unimaginable. But that is not what this call to be bilingual actually means. It is a rather more strange use of language.

Being bilingual here means being able to speak Christian (i.e. be familiar with the Christian faith and its basic storyline). Being bilingual also means being able to speak into the public domain in a reasonable way on matters of what constitutes a good city, a civil society and the flourishing of all. (Last week's reading from 1 Corinthians included a summon 'to do good to all').

Being bilingual in this way means that, in seeking to engage with public issues that affect the welfare of all, we become translators, interpreters. And that task flows in two directions. The first is how we comment on a public issue – whatever that might be – and do so from a Christian perspective. We do so in a way that is intelligible to others who do not share the life of faith. The other direction is back from the public domain to the church: that has to do with explaining / interpreting what is happening in the world – like climate change – back into the life of the church and doing so in a way that is tied to the Bible and the gospel.

This reading from Luke this morning made me think about this call to be bilingual. Some years ago I worked in Liverpool (England!). At that time Merseyside was a disaster area. There was so much unemployment and loss of confidence. The Bishop at that time was David Shepherd. He would be better known to Australians as an opening batsman for England on an Ashes tour. The Bishop was behind a report on the well-being of the city: he was concerned for a 'good city', not a great one. The Prime Minister of the time was Margaret Thatcher whose policies were being criticized. She condemned the Bishop for being a Marxist (a Communist, in other words) to which he replied, "I have only been reading the gospel of Luke" – and, we might add, passages like this one this morning.

What David Shepherd had realized is that the gospel of Luke has a lot to say to the contemporary world; it has a lot to say about the care for of the poor, the neighbour who is different, gender equality, cultural inclusion. This gospel calls us to be bilingual for Christ's sake.

Clive Pearson.



**Lay Preachers' Courses:** Qo na vei lesoni e so e rawa ni vulici ena yabaki 2019.

- (i) Introduction to Worship in the UCA (1day workshop in April 2019)
- (ii) Living our Values (2 days workshops held through out the year)  
Basis of Union, polity & ethics
- (iii) Exploring the Old Testament (2 weekends at CFM - March 2019)
- (iv) Exploring Theology (2 weekends at CFM – August 2019)

Vakauqeti o keda na Dauvunau meda cakava na vuli qo me rawa nida oka meda Dauvunau (Accredited) ni Uniting Church. Dola raraba talega vei keda na vavakoso na vuli, ke dua e via vakaitavi kina veitaratara mai kei Vakatawa se Chairman.

**Veisiko:** Kerei me tomani tiko na veisiko vaka matamasumasu se yadudua e na veiyasa ni koro duidui eda tiko kina. Talei taka o John Allison (turaga na wati Di'a) nodrau veisiko yani ena macawa sa oti o Talatala Clive kei Chairman. Ke dua e gadreva na veivuke tukutuku mai vei Vakatawa se Chairman.

**Masumasu:** Nuitaki ni sa tekivu na sota vaka matamasumasu ena yabaki vou qo, ia ke se bera kerei me tomani tikoga na masumasu vakavuvale. Ke gadrevi na veisiko VakaiTalatala ki na vuvale yadua se matamasumasu, tukutuku mai vei Vakatawa 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:** Nodratou bose tarava ena ka 9 Feperueri 2019, sa na tekivu kina na veivosaki/veitalanoa (conversation) kei ira era gadreva mera veiqaravi Vaka Talatala ena Vavakoso VakaViti e Parramatta. Kerei meda masulaka nodratou cakacaka me yaco ga nona veidigitaki na Kalou.

**Dikevi na Veiqaravi (VOC) nei Talatala Keith:** Vakananumi veikedra nodratou na tiko ka solia nodratou ripote na vakalesilesi mai na Presbytery ena Siga Tabu nai ka 3 Feperueri 2019. Ena siga Tabu ka tarava (10 Feperueri) eda na digidigi kina (secret ballot) se da duavata se sega ena kena toso tale na Konitaraki nei Talatala Keith. Kerei meda masulaka tiko na tiki ni veiqaravi qo ena Parramatta Mission.

**National Young Adult Leaders Conference (NYALC):** Qaravi rawa na bose ni Taba Gone ena macawa sa oti mai Adelaide, vinaka na vakaitavi - Samu, Ofa, Tupou kei Vuki. Vinaka vakalevu Qase mai Adelaide (Siti Rogoimuri) na veinanumi rawa ni bau dua tu na kedratou vakasigalevu totoka na gone.



FIJIAN Congregation



Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
03-Feb	Rev C.Pearson Vulavou H/Comm			M1		V.Kamotu A.Allison
10-Feb	Rev A.Koh-Butler Multicul.Worship			Youth		
17-Feb	Rooty Hill	J.Foiakau	I.Foiakau	M2	M1	

Public Forum:

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



The Centre for Faith and Public Issues/Parramatta Mission  
is hosting a meeting of the  
State election candidates on  
**Friday 8 February,**  
7:30-9:00 pm.

The venue is **Leigh Memorial Church**  
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.  
All are welcome.

Listen to Liberal, Labor and Greens candidates and their  
visions for our city. Ask your questions.

Facilitator will be Revd. Niall Reid,  
former Moderator of the  
Uniting Church in Australia Synod, NSW/ACT.

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

This forum seeks to express Principle 3 of  
Parramatta Mission's *inspire the Common Good* project:  
*To be a place to pursue the common good where matters  
that enable the flourishing of all are explored.*



# WESTMEAD Congregation

## **SHARON'S BAPTISM**

How wonderful it was to celebrate the baptism of Sharon Nam last Sunday, topped off by a lovely morning tea. We all enjoyed welcoming Sharon through her baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ.

## **AUSTRALIA DAY**

Thanks to the volunteers, Biju and Alan from Westmead, who signed up to help on Australia Day. Parramatta had the largest citizenship ceremony with 1500 people. It was a day of festivities- albeit a very hot day.

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> February. If you are unsure or have any questions then please see Rev Christine.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Please note that all activities are returning in the next 2 weeks. There will be no Bible Study on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> due to a Public Holiday.

## **SPECIAL SERVICES IN FEBRUARY**

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

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

## **OPEN DOOR**

The first Carpet bowls for the year is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. All are welcome to come and enjoy some laughs and a nice afternoon tea.

## **DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship**

### **Sundays 9.45am**

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm Returns Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February

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

# 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: Gary and Rose's family, 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 Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Bidwell Mount Druitt Community Ministry Congregation*
- *We are down one staff member due to the conclusion of the FACS funded Housing Communities Program and are therefore able to do less work in the community. As a result, we are re-organising and re-prioritising our work.*
- *Continuing and hoping to expand the Getting Ahead program which supports people to move out of poverty.*
- *Pursuing work with children and youth – after-school care initiative and 'R-Rules' - a youth version of Getting Ahead.*
- *Leadership changes for the Kids Club due to the Salvation Army officers who run it moving on.*
- *Bidwill Shopping Centre re-opening after being closed more than 20 years: something to celebrate but also needs support to be viable and stay open.*

# 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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