

OUR NEWS
10th February 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

CANDIDATES FORUM – WHAT MAKES FOR A GOOD CITY?

Members and friends are invited to attend on Friday night, 8 February at Leigh Memorial Church (7.30 – 9.00pm) – to hear from State election candidates from the Liberal, Labor and Greens parties regarding their vision for our city and our community. This event is being organized by the Centre for Faith & Public Issues and Parramatta Mission. Forum moderator is Rev. Niall Reid. Many thanks to all involved. Enquiries: Clive.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH

Here is Neo from our Leigh Memorial Sunday School with his Year 3 graduation Bible from the C & F – which was presented during last Sunday's service. A big "thank you" to all & well-done Neo. Thanks also to the Sunday School for supplying ice-creams & ice-blocks for us last week! New kids & families are always welcome to join us at 9.30am on Sundays (during school terms) and we also have a high-school Youth Group available on-site (operating every second Sat. evening, starting 9 Feb.).

Youth Group enquiries: Samantha via 9891-2277.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE + FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The first Worship Committee meeting for 2019 will be held after the service on Sunday 17 February – and the next Future Directions meeting will be held at the Alan Walker College, 7.30–9.00pm on Thursday 21 February.

RSVPs/enquiries: Clive.

CONGRATULATIONS

Warmest congratulations to Jayacynth on her Australian citizenship, which was bestowed on Australia Day this year.

VITALITY OF CALL

Thanks to all members who have supported the stages leading up to this Sunday's vote regarding Rev. Keith Hamilton's placement extension. Your patience and assistance in all matters have been valued. NB: Members must be registered - and in attendance - in order to vote on Sunday. Please contact Ian with any queries.

LOCK-UP – SWITCH-OFF – CLEAN-UP...!

As our regular groups and activities resume during February, members are reminded to lock-up the property after use, safely switch off all lights, fans & appliances and clean up/dispose of any rubbish. Please be aware of personal safety and belongings and report security issues to Reception, 9891-2277.

CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we convey the news of the 2018 passing of **Mr. Stan Kell** at his nursing home in Penrith. Stan was a dedicated and faithful Sunday School teacher and leader at Leigh in the 1940s-1950s. Among others, he taught cheeky little Col Gray. Stan also married his wife at Leigh – and while in his mid-90s, made a special return visit to our church, for which he held a great fondness. Some of his candid observations of post-war/ mid-century life at the church and in Parramatta have been added to our historical record. Thank you, Stan.

FAREWELL & THANK YOU RON



It is with sadness that we convey the news of the passing of **Mr. Ron Miles**, aged 95 (7 March 1923 – 2 February 2019). Ron and wife Betty were active members at Leigh Memorial between 1965 and 1992. In addition to involvements in the Choir and Couples Club, Ron was a Steward and a participant in many, key committees – plus a strong advocate and worker for the set-up and proliferation of Lifeline Parramatta under Rev. Dr. Gloster Udy from 1974. Ron & Betty's son Keith married Linda O'Reilly, and their son Garry married Debbie Payne. Ron & Betty had five grandchildren. Thanks are expressed to the Miles family for their contributions to the life and witness of our church and Mission during an era of significant outreach and development. With them, we celebrate Ron's life and fondly recall his examples of loyalty, hard work, dedication, grace and abiding goodwill towards others. In later years, Ron was part of the Jamisontown Uniting Church, Penrith, with his funeral service being held there on Thursday 7 February. Condolences on behalf our congregation and the Mission have been conveyed to Ron's family members and friends.



Parramatta Mission Community Singing Group



1st Tuesday of Month
3rd Tuesday of Month

1 hour from 10.30am

Anyone interested please
contact Bruce Streatfeild

Cava na Gauna ni Veiqaravi nei Talatala Clive: Sa na mai cava na veiqaravi vaka Supply Minister nei Talatala Clive ena mua ni vula qo Feperueri – rau na gade vakalekaleka kei Talatala Mary na watina ki Sikoteladi ni bera ni mai tomani tale na qaravi tavi. Sa nanuma na Turaga Vakatawa kei ratou na Qase ni Lotu me Vunau o koya ena Siga Tabu 24 Feperueri ka da vakasigalevu vata ni suka na lotu. “Au taleitaka vakalevu na gauna ni noqu veiqaravi vakalekaleka ena Vavakoso VakaViti – (au diva keu a kila vakavinaka na vosa Vakaviti) - noqu vakanuini ni na kune ena dua na gauna totolo o koya me sosomi taki au. Au na tomana tiko na kena veivosakitaki na veika eso e tara na bula ni Vavakoso VakaViti ena gauna keirau lesu mai kina.”- kaya o Talatala Clive.

Veisiko: Kerei me tomani tiko na veisiko vaka matamasumasu se yadudua e na veiyasa ni koro duidui eda tiko kina. Lewe levu na noda mai Viti e ra tiko vakagade, cakacaka se vuli ka gadreva tu na veivuke/veisiko. Ke dua e gadreva na veivuke tukutuku mai vei Vakatawa se Chairman.

Masumasu: Nuitaki sa tekivu na sota vaka mata masumasu ena noda vei yasa ni koro. Ke gadreva 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: Matai ni nodratou sota ena noa (9th Feb) ka sa tekivu na veitalano/veivosaki (conversation) kei ratou na Talatala, gadreva me mai veiqaravi ena Vavakoso VakaViti e Parramatta. Kerei meda masulaka tiko nodratou cakacaka me yaco ga nona veidigitaki na Kalou.

Sunday School: Nuitaki vei kemudrau na Qase ni Vuli ni Wili Vola Siga Tabu ni sa tekivu nodra tuberi yani na luveda ena nodra lakolako ni veikilai kei na veiwekani kei na Gone Turaga ko Jisu Karisito ena 2019. Na vola ni veiqaravi vei ira na gone (Sunday School Resources) mai na Presbytery sa vakau oti yani. Vakananumi tiko na Kids Camp Out (KCO) ena – 2nd & 3rd March.

Youth: Tekivu na sota ena bogi ni Vakaraubuka 8 Feb. raica na Facebook Page ena tukutuku matailalai eso mai vei rau na Veiliutaki. Nuitaki ni na dua na yabaki vinaka na 2019 vakauasivi na kena buli cake vaka vinaka sara na veiwekani kei na veikilai kei na noda gone Turaga ko Jisu Karisito.



Veidigidigi baleta na Veiqaravi nei Talatala Keith: Kerei meda tiko mai ni suka na lotu ni kua me ia na vei digidigi (secret ballot) me baleta na toso ni veiqaravi (extension of contract) nei Talatala Keith.

John Cutts kei Geoff Stevenson – vakamacalataki na ka baleta na toso ni veiqaravi nei Talatala Keith.

Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
17-Feb	Rooty hill	J.Foiakau	I.Foiakau	M2	M1	
24-Feb	Rev C.Pearson			M3		
	Lotu ni Veitala					
03-Mar	Rev K.Hamilton			M1		S.Toa
	Vulavou H/Comm					S.Tuiloma

FIJIAN
Congregation

육 번째 주현절 (6th Epiphany of Sunday) 2018년 02월 10일 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 28 장 통 28 장 복의 근원 강림하사

새 439 장 통 496 장 십자가로 가까이

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 누가복음 4:21-30

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 교향 상실의 시대

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 91 장 통 91 장 슬픈 마음 있는 사람

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 12:22-30

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
마태복음 12:1-13:17

Psalm 138

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
2 I bow down before your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name
and your word above everything,
3 On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.
6 For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
8 The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

(NRSV translation)

Reflections


The setting for the Psalm above is in worship in the temple. The worshipper expresses his thanksgiving in a tightly worded poem. He is moved by both the inner situation of his heart and the outward situation of being present in the temple to praise God. In some way, God has appeared to the worshiper in the temple as steadfast, faithful and magnificent. The poet gives thanks not only for preserving his life from the wrath of enemies, God has given more than he asked for God grants salvation and renewed strength for his soul. Either the expression of verse 4 that “all the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord” is extravagant language of the poet’s worship, or, it looks forward to the end of time when the Messiah reigns. It is maybe a revelation in the same way of a vision in the nature of Isaiah’s in the temple. Though God is magnificent, and wholly other, the one to whom even kings give homage, God intervenes in human affairs on a macro and a micro scale. The salvation of the worshipper forms part of the salvation of the world. The worshiper knows himself to be safe in God’s everlasting grace. God’s cause has become the worshipper’s cause, and God’s saving activity will go on for ever.

Lent commences with Ash Wednesday on 6 March. This year the three congregations, and anyone else who chooses, are invited to follow a Lenten devotions using a book by Walter Brueggemann, *A way other than our own*.

Each of the 40 days of Lent between Ash Wednesday and Easter, have a Bible reading, a reflection and a prayer. The encouragement is that 1 person each week, 6 people from each congregation across the whole of Lent, would share for 1-2 minutes of highlights/learnings/reflections of that week. Additionally, I will offer a 1 hour discussion opportunity at Westmead in the day, and at Alan Walker College at night, for people to discuss with others the reflections of that week. I have ordered Brueggemann books. They will be available free, though people may wish to donate towards the cost.

Lent 1 *An Old Identity Made New*


Isaiah 55:6-7
The Message (MSG)




Seek God
while he's here to be found,
pray to him
while he's close at hand.

Let the wicked abandon
their way of life and the evil
of their way of thinking.

Let them come back to God,
who is merciful,
come back to our God,
who is lavish with forgiveness.




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Lent 1



God of grace and demand,
you challenge us to reclaim
our baptismal identity
as those whose lives
are built on your call
and your promises -
not on the easy,
seductive forces around us.
Stir our hearts
that we may engage
your transforming word anew
and rediscover
its power to save.
Amen.

Walter Brueggemann

To go with the Lenten devotions, Amelia Koh Butler has very helpfully put together pocket sized cards, above, which uses a Bible reading and reflection from each of the six weeks (6 cards in total). These can assist in the Lenten devotions



The PM volunteers who assisted with the balloons on Australia Day, in Parramatta Park. Special thanks to Rev Christine who organised our part in the event.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

**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
www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia
or call 1300 ALANON (1300 252 666)

Foster your faith this week

Jer 17:5-10Ps 1

1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 6:17-26

Pastoral message for this week....

How do we work together to make this place good for all . . . ?

Not just for some

Let the good be news

WESTMEAD Congregation

WELCOME

Welcome to Sam Sadrata who is preaching today. We thank you Sam for being with us and also pray for you as you move to becoming an Accredited Lay Preacher in the UCA.

EXTENSION OF REV KEITH

Following the services in all three Parramatta Mission Congregations there will be congregational meetings to enable members to vote on the extension of Rev Keith as Senior Minister/CEO of Parramatta Mission. This is the culmination of prayerful discernment. Please continue to pray for Rev Keith, Julie and Parramatta Mission.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all who have completed membership forms. The roll has been confirmed by the Leaders' meeting. There will continue to be some follow-up to ensure that everyone is confident of their membership.

OPEN DOOR

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

MISSION ZONE

The Cumberland Mission Zone will meet at Westmead on Wednesday 20th February. If you would like to attend then please see Rev Christine.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Westmead will also host the World Day of Prayer service on 1st March at 11.00am. All are welcome to attend. Please see Rev Christine or Lorna if you will be present. The service will join with people across the world- with a focus on Slovenia.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 5th March 2019 2.00pm

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 and staff. For headspace, the Parramatta redevelopment negotiations. The people we contact every day that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: The Briggs, 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. Let the Leaders know of any additions*
- ♥ *Lyall Weaver and Family following the death of his father*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Senitiki Qata and family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Terry Koh-Butler, Young Adult and their Families.*
- ♥ *The JNC work of calling a Minister of the word for the Fijian Congregation.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Gary and Rose's family, Scott, Sushila and her family, Reg and Heather, Robyne and Phil. 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, 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.*
- ♥ *We prayer for Blacktown Uniting Church; thanks for the diverse and dynamic community of Blacktown and our growth together as a hospitable cross-cultural community - particularly the Tongan Worship Group. For the 2019 focus on two fresh expressions of being church through establishing of a community garden, and Messy Church every month. For the expansion of a fortnightly Mothers of Preschool Children programme hosting a playtime for children on the alternating week. For the events being organised in coming months: A Fire+Clay concert for youth and young adults (February 24); a Looking at Luke Seminar for lay preachers and those who want to go deeper into the Bible with Rev'd Emeritus Professor William Loader on March 16 and a seminar on Diabetes on April 9.*
- ♥ *We join the World Council of Churches in prayer for Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands*

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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