

OUR NEWS
7th April 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

APRIL SERVICES



Sunday 7 April – 9.30am: Regular service, inc. communion
Sunday 14 April – 9.15am: Palm Sunday walk + 9.30am service
Thursday 18 April – 6.30pm: 'Tenebrae' & light meal (Combined)
Friday 19 April – 9.00am: Good Friday worship (Combined)
Sunday 21 April – 10.00am: Easter Sunday worship (Combined)
Sunday 28 April – 9.30am: Regular service

PALM SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Our Palm Sunday service next week will take place at **9.30am**, following the traditional **9.15am 'palm walk'** in Centenary Square and Macquarie Street. Please meet near the Town Hall and bring some palms or other greenery to carry for the walk. Enquiries: Rev. Manas/Leaders' team.



OPEN CHURCH – NEW SIGN

Many thanks to the Open Church volunteers at Leigh Memorial for keeping the church open to the community five days per week and for offering greetings, assistance and supervision to all of our visitors. It's an important task & we're very appreciative. Open Church has also just received a jazzy new and improved 'sandwich board' or A-frame sign to use on the footpath – made for us by our good friends at 'Snap', Phillip Street. Thanks Snap! Photo: Robert (Open Church) with the new sign this week.

DIARY DATE: CONGREGATION 'POT LUCK' DINNER

On **Friday 3 May** in the 'Coffee Shop' at Leigh Memorial, starting at 6.30pm, we'll be having a congregational 'pot luck' dinner. Everyone is invited to come along and bring a plate of food to share as part of a community meal – either savoury or sweet is ok – anything goes!! Lifts to & from the evening are available on request. 'Pot Luck' dinner enquiries: Bruce & Moses.

LENT & EASTER

@ LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH,
PARRAMATTA MISSION, 119 Macquarie St; Parramatta



“A Way Other Than Our Own”

LENT:

Wednesday 6 March: Ash Wednesday worship – 7.00pm

Wednesdays 13 March – 17 April: Lenten studies, Alan Walker

College of Evangelism, North Parramatta, 6.00 – 7.00pm

**NOTE TIME CHANGE: Sunday 14 April: Palm Sunday procession,
9.15am worship @ 9.30am**

EASTER:

Thursday 18 April: Maundy Thursday

‘Tenebrae’ & light meal – 6.30pm

Friday 19 April: Good Friday worship – 9.00am

Sunday 21 April: Easter Sunday worship – 10.00am

*The Leigh Memorial and Leigh Fijian congregations of
Parramatta Mission & the Uniting Church
in Australia/Parramatta Mission Chaplaincy,
Western Sydney University*

Enquiries: Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh & Rev. Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler
via 9891-2277



INSPIRE
PARRAMATTA

Foster your faith this week

Is 50:4-9a Ps 31:9-16

Phil 2:5-11

Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

Pastoral message for this week....

When we are lost in the wilderness of life

God can lead us to the path forward



Can you believe
Back in 2002

SPOW

lunches began, so it's our

17th ANNIVERSARY

of Single People Of Worth
We will meet for LUNCH to-day
7th April
at Merrylands Bowling Club.

Have-a-chat with Beverly.

다섯 번째 사순절 (5th Lent of Sunday) 2018년 03월 31일 오후 1시30

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 28장 **통 28장** 복인 근인 강림하사

새 439장 **통 496장** 십자가로 가까이

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **요한복음 18:1-8**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 너희는 누구를 찾느냐?

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)
새 214장 **통270장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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 25:14-30

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
마태복음 24:36-26:35

Climate Pastoral Care Training

May 28th 2019



Australians are anxious, angry and uncertain about climate change, what it means for their own futures, and what it means for the health and safety of their children and grandchildren.

They are looking for hope and support in these difficult times.

This training day will be an opportunity for ministers, priests, chaplains and religious leaders to share experiences of climate anxiety you have encountered, hear from experts, and to discuss how best to provide pastoral care in an age of climate change and global ecological destruction.

Program:

Training 8:30am - 5:30pm (church leaders and pastoral carers)

Dinner: 6pm (optional)

Evening Talk: 7pm - 8:30pm (everyone welcome)

Discounted tickets for attendees coming from rural and remote areas are available.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/climate-pastoral-care-training-tickets-58622322946>

Uniting



Hosted by Uniting Earth

Venue: Centre For Ministry, 16 Mason's Drive, North
Parramatta NSW

Speakers and Workshops will include:

Dr. Byron Smith - PhD: 'Waking up to a Warming World: Prospects for Christian Ethical Deliberation amidst Climate Fears'
Assistant Pastor at St George's Anglican Church, Paddington.

Professor Glenn Albrecht - Honorary Fellow Sydney University,
coined the term 'solastalgia'.

Dr. Amy Lykins - Co-Director of the Environmental Psychology Research Group,
clinical psychologist and Associate Professor in Psychology at UNE.

Dr. Beth Hill - social researcher studying the cultural and psychological dimensions of
climate change and Psychology for a Safe Climate facilitator.

Merle Conyer - Educator, consultant and psychotherapist providing wellbeing support
for environmental justice staff and volunteers.

Dr. Peter White - PhD (Ecopsychology), Facilitator, NatureConnect Programs for
renewal, connection & healing. Book: 'In
the Presence of Nature : A Guide for Connecting & Healing in a Climate of Change'.

Rev. Dr. Seforosa Carroll - Theological Research & Church Partnerships, Australia and
the Pacific, Uniting World. Currently researching the impact of Christian theology on
disaster preparedness and climate induced migration in the Pacific.

Dr Mick Pope - Author and lecturer in meteorology and climate. His books include "All
Things New: God's Plan to Renew Our World", "A Climate of Justice: Loving Your
Neighbour in a Warming World" and "A Climate of Hope: Church and Mission in a
Warming World" (with Claire Dawson).

Sarah Pant - Holistic psychotherapist specialising in ecopsychology, wilderness
therapy, conflict and executive coaching, and leadership development.

Brooke Prentis - Aboriginal Christian leader from the Waka Waka peoples and
Aboriginal spokesperson for Common Grace.

Dr. Eshana Bragg - Social Researcher and Ecopsychologist, CoCreator and Director of
'The Joyality Project: Empowering Conscious Changemakers.'

Juli Gassner- Environmental Educator and Coordinator at Wildspace Learning.

and **Dr. Deidre Palmer** - educator, counselor, theologian, social worker,
President of the Uniting Church in Australia.

For more information: email jmorthorpe@uniting.org

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2084393374975689/>

Isaiah 43:16-21

16 Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, 17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. 20 The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, 21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reflections

The scripture above was most likely written during a time of great social upheaval, when the people had been carried off from their former land and the city of Jerusalem to exile in Babylon. The former things had indeed passed. Hanging on to the past would not assist live in the present, nor set a course for the future. But of course, then as now we can't just forget the past, and nor should we, so what from the past do we take with us into the future? There can be symbols, stories and memory. We can't take everything. The birth of children in a new place is a joyful occurrence, yet they have no direct connection with the former things, and this will mean some former things and ways are lost. But that happens in whether settled or transient as I see in my children compared to my great grand parents' generation. The days of going to my great grand parents' home at Lakemba for extended family gatherings with 60 plus relatives for what today we would call high tea, the former grand family home, complete with chooks in the backyard, and the family business trucks on the drive that we used to play in, are all long gone consumed by a block of flats for over 40 years. We don't have to physically move very far to have moved very far from the cultural past. Isaiah says even in the new place, God is there doing new things. If we get stuck in the old ways we will become alienated, and eventually cut off. Letting go of former things with God's help enables taking up the new.

Taree News: The staff in Taree have started a Coffee Club and Wellness Walks. These have grown as our program has grown. Staff report it is wonderful to see positive social interactions between our consumers, in an environment that they would never visit without our support. The walks are incorporated in our Wellness Program, and some consumers have enjoyed getting involved in some photography, which has great therapeutic benefits to people experiencing mental health illness. Our consumers enjoy getting back to nature, and we are lucky to be so close to such beautiful locations.



Maitland News: Our staff in Maitland last week engaged in team building.



The staff report:

We visited “The Purple Pear”, an active permaculture farm based just outside of Maitland. Staff were greeted by hosts Mark and Kate and were given a guided tour of the farm, as well as interactive discussions on how the farm operates, who the farm serves and how the community are involved in the farm. Mark also spent some time discussing with staff the philosophy of purple pear which was: Intent, Observation and Intuition. Mark explained this philosophy came from his bible studies as well as Mark and Kates understandings of how as humans we are responsible to the needs of the land, explaining the importance of becoming involved in its upkeep, observing the environment and its many characteristics, as well is the importance of being intuitive and trusting one’s gut when planning and supporting the land. Mark added he was excited to be offering the tour to mental health support workers and highlighted some of the similarities in their philosophy and the important work our team does.



Following the tour staff were treated to an activity of making home made pizzas, which were cooked in the farms clay built wood fired oven.

The staff all report really enjoying this experience, and in particular the opportunity for another avenue to reflect on the work we do in Mental Health in the Maitland region.

Please follow the link to the purple pear, <https://www.purplepearfarm.com.au/> and I have attached some images from the activity.

Lenten Devotions. The two discussion groups meeting Monday at Westmead 2-3 pm and Wednesday at AWCE 6-7 pm continue to meet. Each group has been formulating a list of stand-out words from the week's daily devotions. This past week the Wednesday night group then used the words to formulate the following sentence that summarises the week and connects with the Lenten theme of getting ready for Easter.

Lent is a venturesome journey into the future by disruption and brooding; a transformation of our loss, pain and discontentment, reimagined as abundant joy, newness, healing, wellbeing, and peacemaking, Shalom.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

WESTMEAD Congregation

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Northmead Uniting Church in partnership with Northmead High School is hosting Stations of the Cross. This year there is also a special conversation on Tuesday April 9th 7-9 pm with a focus on grief. Speakers are Dr Liz Mann and Scott Andrews (Liz- Clinical Director, Scott- Senior Counsellor of National Centre for Childhood Grief- for both children and adults living with grief). Everyone is encouraged to attend the Stations of the Cross and there are postcards with more details available in the foyer.

BIBLE STUDY

During the season of Lent we are invited to engage with the book by Walter Brueggemann entitled 'A Way other than our own'. We are following this during our Bible Study times and everyone is welcome to attend and engage with the Bible Study. The books are available in the foyer- and if you are able to contribute to the cost that would be most welcome. Please see Rev Christine.

SPOW AND BOWLS

SPOW (Single People of Worth) is on Today. Please speak to Rev Christine if you would like to attend. Our next Bowls day is Wednesday 17th April at Open Door. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

EASTER SERVICES

Monday 15th – 11.00am- Mayflower Easter Service followed by light lunch

All welcome

Holy Thursday- 6.00pm- includes a light meal

Good Friday- 9.00am

Easter Sunday- 9.45am

ASSISTANCE

Rev Christine is looking for a used stroller (not pram) in good condition. If you have one you are willing to donate it please speak to her before bringing it in.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 7th May- Bus trip- more information to come

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am NB No Play Group during school holidays

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

FIJIAN Congregation

Bula Feeding Ministry:

Era maqusa na sega nodra vale (homeless mera yaco totolo yani ka kua ni calata na kakana totoka sa vakarautaki tu e dela ni tepeli vakakina nai sulu kei na vava e rawa ni rauti ira. Marau na yaloda nida raica nodra taleitaka na veika eso sa vakarautaki tu me baleti ira. Gadrevi tiko e dua na dauni veikoti me veivuke nodra vakasavasava taki – veitaratara kei Tuirara se Radini ke o kila e dua. Veivakadeitaki ni tu na liga me veivuke dinaga ni sega ni lewe ni lotu – Vinaka vakalevu Mr Whippy.



Lotu Cokovata: Rairai vinaka nodra kala vata na Youth ena nodra vakaitavi (Igasere) ena Lotu cokovata ena Siga Tabu sa oti. Rogo vinaka talega na domo ni sere – vinaka vakalevu Samu kei Ofa na veiliutaki.



Youth: Sota ena kena gauna ena Coffee Shop ena bogi ni Siga Vakaraubuka – raica na tukutuku eso mai vei Samu kei Ofa ena nomuni tabana ena facebook.

Sunday School: Tomani tiko nodra vakatovotovo na Sunday School ena veiyakavi ni Siga Vakaraubuka (7.00pm) e na Coffee Shop/Hall ena veiusa na basi, veitaratara kei Sireli se Levi Tuiloma ke ni via vodo.

Veisiko: Kerei me tomani tiko na veisiko vei ira na noda era tu voliti keda ka gadreva tu na veivuke, ke gadrevi na veivuke tukutuku mai vei Vakatawa se Chairman.

Masumasu: Nuitaki ni sa qaravi tiko vakamatavuvale se vakasoqosoqo, tukutuku mai vei Vakatawa se Chairman ke gadrevi na veivuke.

Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
		Lesi	Vakarau	Veiliutaki	Vunau	Stewards
14-Apr		S I G A T A B U N I G O N E				
21-Apr		S I G A N I T U C A K E T A L E				
28-Apr	Fiji Parish	A.Voce	S.Qata	M2	M2	

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS ...
at Northmead 2019***

Monday April 8 to Sunday April 21 -- 10 am to 4 pm

***In the Hall of Northmead Performing Arts High School
End of Campbell Street, Northmead***

***For information and special events see our
Facebook page
Stations of the Cross at Northmead 2019***

***Group visits can be arranged during opening hours:
A limited number of guided tours for groups can be
arranged in the evenings***

***Bookings: Northmead Uniting Church office.
9890-5814***

***Are you troubled by someone's drinking?...
...Did you grow up with a problem drinker?***

***Join us at Al-Anon Family Group
Parramatta Mission
119 Macquarie St, Parramatta
'Coffee Shop'
Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm***

***Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of
alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve
their common problems.***

***We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can
aid recovery.***

For more info go to: www.al-anon.org.au

ph: 1300 ALANON (1300 252 666)

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: : Jolame, Wilhelmina, Col, Joan, Betty E, Hazel, Betty B, Neil & Darlene, Victoria & family, Marcel & Brian, and grieving individuals & families including Shane, Elizabeth, Gloria, Ian and friend, the Matutinas, de Relands and Goodins. Plus the Open Church team, Sunday School & Youth Group (especially this year's HSC students: Johana, Ulita and Shaalane). Please let the Leaders' team know of any additions.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Senitiki Qata and family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Terry Butler, Young Adult and their Families.*
- ♥ *The JNC work of calling a Minister of the word for the Fijian Congregation.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Grace, Gary family, Lisa, Scott, 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, Rebecca, 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.*
- ♥ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Sitiveni Rogoimuri who died last week in Adelaide. Sitiveni was involved here in leadership during the pioneering years of the Leigh Fijian congregation. Also thoughts and prayers for Lyall Weaver, CFO of PM, following the death and funeral of Lyall's mum in New Zealand the other week. This follows on the recent death of Lyall's dad. We also member in our prayers other staff of PM who have experienced recent bereavements in their families.*
- ♥ *We pray for Castle Hill Uniting Church Congregation*
- ♥ *We join the World Council of Churches in prayer for ChinaEast Timor, Indonesia, Philippines*

Worship Services at

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm

Tuesday 1.10pm

Sunday 9.30am



@ Westmead

@ Leigh

1.30pm

7.00pm

Open Church @ Leigh Memorial

Holy Communion @ Leigh

Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh

9.45am

Westmead Congregation

11.15am

Leigh Fijian Congregation

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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