

OUR NEWS  
21st 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

## **HAPPY EASTER – HE IS RISEN!**

Many thanks to everyone who has helped to make our Lent & Easter program this year such a special one – including this week's Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Sunday services. Blessings for all this Easter weekend and prayers for rest, peace, revival and hope. Special blessings for congregation friends separated from us by illness or travel this Easter. We hope to see you again soon and hold you closely in our prayers.

## **'LENT EVENT' – FUNDRAISING TOTAL**

Total funds raised by the Leigh Memorial congregation for Lent Event & the people of Timor-Leste are \$120.00! Many thanks to everyone who supported Lent Event and particularly the efforts of our Sunday School.

## **PALM SUNDAY – THANK YOU**

A sincere thanks to Stuart, who supplied all of Leigh Memorial's beautiful, fresh palm branches for Palm Sunday. These made a big difference to our 'Hosanna' palm walk in Macquarie Street and our worship time.

Praise  
the Lord



## **ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCES**

Due to Easter Sunday, ANZAC observances will be included in the 9.30am service at Leigh Memorial on Sunday, 28 April. On ANZAC day, PM will be represented at the wreath-laying portion of the Parramatta City Dawn Service and wreaths will be laid at the Leigh Memorial war memorials by the PM Heritage Committee.

An ANZAC reflection by Liz is included in this week's newsletter.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH**

Sunday School at Leigh Memorial is now on a break due to the April school holidays. We will resume on Sunday 5 May.

Enquiries Liz/ Samantha via 9891-2277.

## **NOTRE DAME DE PARIS**

Our heartfelt sympathies go to the parishioners of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and the people of France, following the horrendous fire that engulfed their over 850 year old structure during the week. A spiritual landmark of immense cultural and heritage significance, Notre Dame has been a beacon of hope for Paris in many of its darkest days - traversing two world wars and various protests and terror attacks. Prayers for all those impacted by this sad occurrence.

## PM HERITAGE COMMITTEE: ANZAC DAY REFLECTION, 2019



Over a century ago, by the close of 1918 and the end of hostilities, over 100 men from the Leigh Memorial congregation had served in **World War 1** – and 4 had died. Those who gave their lives were James Tamsett, Stephen Booth, Clive Wooster and Morris Hunt. By the close of 1945, over 50 men and women of Leigh Memorial had served in **World War 2** – and 5 had died. Those were Brian O'Reilly, Keith McFadden-Brown, James Hutton, Frederick Pinfold and Lindsay Wilson.

Numerous other women and men of the Leigh Memorial congregation served throughout the wars as both church and community volunteers – dedicated to the cause and offering comfort to others. Many donated food to local war widows and their families, some joined the Red Cross, others conducted prayer services and many more held firm to their values in the face of great calamity. No greater example of this can be found than within congregation efforts at the Parramatta's 'Soldiers' Hut' (1940-1946) – a temporary canteen situated opposite Parramatta Town Hall. There, women of Leigh Memorial, including two of our Ministers' wives – Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Holland – cooked and served food to soldiers stationed in our city. In doing so, they worked alongside members of many other Parramatta churches and community organisations in a spirit of cooperation and friendship. Decades later, during the Vietnam War moratoriums of 1970-71, many Leigh Memorial members advocated loudly and unequivocally for peace. A generation of young people grew their hair, kicked off their shoes, waved their peace placards and energetically delved into the protest movement. On ANZAC day this year, we remember them all. Each one. Those who fought. Those who died. Those who protested. Those who knitted blankets and those who befriended the enemy. Those who prayed and those who wept. Those who served at Gallipoli, on the Western Front, in Palestine, the jungles of New Guinea, in Burma and later in Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East and elsewhere. Those who marched for peace and a cessation of conflict. Those who forgave and those who couldn't. Those who baked biscuits and those who put their boots on and ran head-first into battle. Those who marched and those who obeyed. Those whose bravery remains incomprehensible to us – and those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that our democratic freedoms in Australia could be sustained. In our current worship spaces, where those who served once sat in the same pews as we sit now and where they sang their favourite hymns, shared time with family and friends, and loved and praised God just as we do – let us pause this week to remember their familiarity to us and the profound nature of their commitment and service against all odds. At the going down of the Sun and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest We Forget.

Liz de Réland (Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee).



Help Chaplain Amelia to make ANZAC biscuits for ANZAC exhibition at WSU. Morning or Afternoon shift available!  
Either 10-1am or 2-5pm

Meet some students. Enjoy conversation and maybe eat the broken ones! Helpers also need to do a shift hosting the exhibition at university.

Any two hours Tuesday 23/Wednesday 24/Friday 26 would be welcome.

Blessings,

Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler  
M: 0427 955157

**SAVE THE DATE**

Pre Federal Election Public Forum  
at the  
Leigh Memorial Church  
on  
Friday 3rd May 2019  
from  
7.30 - 9.00pm

ALL WELCOME

***Foster your faith this week***  
***Acts 5:27-32 Ps 118:14-29 or Ps 150***  
***Rev 1:4-8 Jn 20:19-31***



# FAREWELL LISA





**Changes at 175 farewell Lisa Osborne:** Over the past twelve months a review has taken place regarding the best structure to assist Parramatta Mission implement the new strategic directions. This has led to the decision to move hospitality (175 and Wesley Apartments) under a General Manager of Hospitality Services, under the new position of Director of Operations, including Clinical, Community Services and Community Housing. Following extensive discussions and careful deliberation, Lisa Osborne decided not to apply for the role of General Manager of Hospitality Services. Lisa has decided to accept a redundancy to take effect from 26 April 2019. This will mark the end of a 25 year relationship with Parramatta Mission. That is a significant part of one's life. Lisa has contributed to providing hospitality with heart, a place of inclusion that has welcomed people to 175, and has provided a listening ear to guests, 42% who are at 175 because of a family member at the Westmead Hospital precinct, and building connections between 175 and the congregations, particularly the Westmead congregation. Lisa has undertaken this in a professional way that was always true to the values of Parramatta Mission. Lisa leaves a lasting legacy, both in the many staff, current and former, she has trained and encouraged over many years. 175 has the twin aims of providing hospitality in relationship with the Westmead Congregation, and raising a surplus that assists PM in its unfunded programs and activities. A significant amount of the surplus underwrites the ministry of PM. Lisa has held these two aims together well, over a long period of time, and through many changes. A card and gift was presented to Lisa last week on behalf of Parramatta Mission. The card is at reception at 175 until 26 April. If you would like to say farewell to Lisa, and sign the card, please drop in.

# Luke 24:1-12

1 But on the first day of the week, at the crack of dawn, the women went to the tomb carrying spices which they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone having been rolled away from the tomb, 3 and entering the tomb, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And as they became perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes came near to them. 5 And they became terrified and bowed their faces to the earth, and the men said, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has been raised. Remember how he spoke to you while still in Galilee, 7 saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful people and be crucified and on the third day to rise again.'" 8 And they remembered his speech, 9 and returning from the tomb they announced all these things to the eleven and all the remaining. 10 And they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the rest of the women with them. They told the apostles these things. 11 But these words appeared to them as nonsense and they disbelieved them. 12 But Peter, rising, ran to the tomb and peered in and saw the linen wrappings alone, and he went off wondering what had happened.  
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

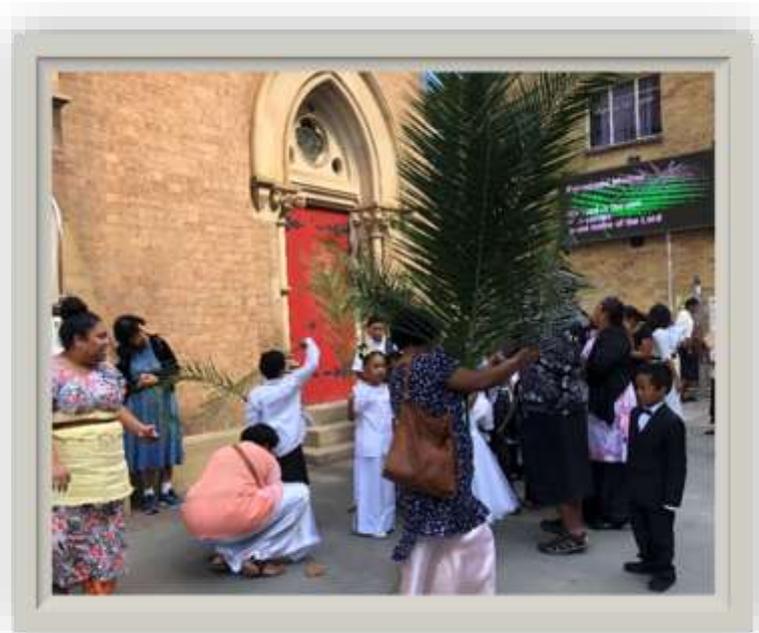
## Reflections

After the trauma of Good Friday, and the deathly silence of Holy Saturday, comes the "but" of Easter Day. Death does not have the last word. Luke's Gospel sets up a political struggle between the Roman Empire and Jesus bringing in the new reign of God. It seems on Friday and even on Saturday that the Empire has prevailed. But, no. There is a resurrection. This is the core of the Christian faith. From death to life. A question many ask when in difficulty: Where is God when people suffer? God is there present in their midst, suffering with the suffering, yet not leaving people there. It might take more than three days, or three years, but the Christian faith is that God will lead people to hope. Some of our staff say that when people have given up all hope, we carry hope for them, until hope is born anew.





There were two Palm Sunday walks last Sunday in Parramatta. One for with the 9:30 congregation, above, and the other with the 11:15 am congregation, below.







This is station 15: Jesus is raised to life, at the stations of the Cross at Northmead high school. The artist: Jennifer Little. *Super life 2019*. This is a still from a digital animation; digital projection, rotating light boxes, acetate, ink, acrylic, silicon, timber stand, gauze. She said:

I was excited to be given this station, because it draws together all the previous stations, in the same way our life is the sum of all our actions, experiences and creations.

The meaning and purpose of life and the next step after death, are so mysterious and difficult to contemplate. As I grow older, death and the fear of it, grow closer, and I wanted to explore this, through Quantum Physics.

At the quantum level, which is mysterious and beyond perception of our senses (like the afterlife), matter can be in 'superposition' . . . many states at once. If observed, the probability wave of these many states, collapses to only one state.

Life, embodied and conscious, is observed, so the wave function is collapsed into one state. Time, place and actions are fixed in one state of being.

I interpreted the idea of 'raised to life' as being in a state of super life, in 'superposition' . . . a soul in superposition . . . floating in an ocean of energy and possibilities, timeless and infinite.

After death, there is not 'nothing', there is 'superposition' . . . 'super life.'

Coming to this point in my thinking, allowed the creation of this work to become playful, unconfined and joyful.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

## FIJIAN Congregation

**Siga Tabu ni Gone:** Totoka vakaoti nodra vakaitavi na Luveda ena Siga Tabu ni Gone (Siga ni Curu VakaTui), Vinaka vakalevu na vei susu kei na vei tuberi kemudrau na Qase ni Vuli vakakina vei kemuni na Tina ena liga ni veivuke. Na vakavinavinaka levu vei Talatala Veiniana Ravetali kei nona matavuvale nodratou tiko rawa ena SoKalou ena Siga Tabu. Vinaka nomuni sega ni dau guilecavi ira na nomu lewe ni Vavakoso e Parramatta.



**ANZAC DAY (25 Epereli):** Qo na siga dau vakananumi kina nodra bula o ira na Sotia ni Ositerelia kei Niusiladi ka yacadra na Australia & New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) era a leqa ena matai ni Valu Levu (1914 – 1918) Na kena vakananumi ena vakayacori ena mataka caca (dawn) mai na Prince Alfred Park ka ni sa sureti kina.

**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:** Sota ena Hall ena kena gauna. Vakananumi tiko veikeda nodra picnic na Luveda ena Siga Vakarauwai (27 Epereli) mai qo ena Blaxland Park – veitaratara kei rau na Qase ni Vuli ena kena tukutuku matalalai e so.

**Veisiko:** Kerei me tomani tiko na veisiko vei ira na noda era tu voliti keda ena veiyasa ni koro eda tiko kina, 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
28-Apr	Fiji Parish	A.Voce	S.Qata	M2	M2	
05-May	Rev K.Hamilton			M3		A.Voce
	Vulavou H/Comm					I.Foiakau
12-May	Rev A.Koh-Butler			Youth		
	Multicul.Worship					

# WESTMEAD Congregation

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Northmead Uniting Church in partnership with Northmead High School is hosting Stations of the Cross. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Stations of the Cross and there are postcards with more details available in the foyer.

## **SAFE EASTER AND HOLIDAY**

We pray for a safe holiday and Easter for everyone.

## **THANKS AND FAREWELL TO LISA OSBORNE**

Words cannot express the thanks we have for Lisa Osborne who has worked at the motel for over 25 years. Lisa has been the motel manager for a number of years. As Lisa finishes her work with us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> we take this opportunity to thank her for all that she has done. She has been the epitome of Christian love and support for us as a congregation and has been encouraging in the new ventures which we have engaged in. Lisa and Rebecca (Assistant Manager) have always worked well with the leaders of the congregation and we will miss them in their roles. Rebecca is continuing at 175 in a different role. If you would like to contribute towards a gift please see Rev Christine.

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

Special thanks to Lorna, Sue and Georgie who assisted with the lunch for the people from Mayflower at the service on Monday. Special thanks to Robyn Hallinan who played the piano. We appreciate the support you always give. Thanks.

## **STAMPS, FOREIGN COINS AND FIVE CENT PIECES**

We do encourage you to keep any stamps you may receive. Please check the board near the kitchenette for the correct trimming around the stamps. This valuable ministry has enabled support for numerous groups over the years. Likewise, foreign coins are able to be donated to some of the international aid agencies. Five cent coins are also helpful with the ministry of the least coin. There are boxes for the stamps and five cent coins available in the foyer and please see Lorna with any foreign coins.

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

### **Sundays 9.45am**

Bible Study - Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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

From death to life  
only God can do it.

Resurrection hope



News: Keith Hamilton will be on leave during the week after Easter.  
Lyll Weaver will be the acting CEO during this time.

***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](http://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.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Corey, Lara and James, John and Judy, 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.*
- ♥ *We join the World Council of Churches in prayer for Djibouti, Somalia*
- ♥ *We pray for Charis Faith Community*



# Worship Services at

**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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