

OUR NEWS
31st March 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.

"Live in such a way that when
people think of honesty and
integrity, they will think of you."

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



Many thanks to Lexi, Joanne, Mark & Tilly (seen above, presenting one of the pumpkins) – a very kind local family who donated over 20 of their beautiful, home-grown butternut pumpkins to Meals Plus last Sunday after our morning service. Rev. Keith accepted the pumpkins on behalf of the Mission and the Leigh congregation helped in expressing everyone's thanks. Meals Plus provides over 35,000 meals to disadvantaged people each year. Meals Plus is open for breakfast and lunch Monday-Friday and offers additional support services for people in need. Meals take place in the hall & courtyard of Leigh Memorial Church/Parramatta Mission, with prayerful and practical support being supplied by dedicated congregation members, staff & community volunteers for almost 30 years. To donate, please go to:
<https://www.parramattamission.org.au/donate/>

COMBINED SERVICE

This **Sunday 31 March**, will be a Combined Service with Leigh Fijian, starting at **10.00am**. Thanks to all contributors, including those providing food for morning tea/brunch.

SPECIAL EVENT: YOUTH NIGHT

On **Saturday 6 April**, 6.30 – 9.30pm, there will be a gathering of Leigh Memorial, Leigh Fijian and other Cumberland Zone youth at Leigh Memorial. 'Pizza & Desserts' are on the menu, as are various fun activities throughout the evening. All welcome! The more the merrier!
Enquiries: Samantha (0423 688 043).

PALM SUNDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Please consult the weekly newsletters for reminders re our Lent & Easter program. This includes service times and morning tea arrangements. Please note that the Leigh Memorial Palm Sunday service on **14 April** will now take place at the regular time of **9.30am**, following our traditional **9.15am 'palm walk'** in Centenary Square and Macquarie Street. Greenery for the walk will be needed. Enquiries: Rev. Manas/ Leaders' team.



'LENT EVENT' DISPLAY – SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School @ Leigh's 'Lent Event' display in the Coffee Shop is steadily growing. We now have two fabulous cardboard chickens and two very cool cardboard goats! These, plus our colourful artworks are reminders of Timor-Leste – this year's focus country – and the needs of many small farmers and communities where peace and basic necessities are often scarce. Fundraising for Lent Event 2019 is being coordinated by the Sunday School and we are happy to accept small coin donations.



Hello from Hazel Knight!

Col and Beverly recently visited Hazel in the very pleasant bush surroundings of her new, Blue Mountains nursing home.

They found her looking well, content and enjoying various activities. Hazel wished to be remembered to all at Leigh Memorial and the Mission.

Photo: Hazel with Col – two of our congregation's most senior and loved members!



COUPLES & FRIENDS APRIL MEETING



All are invited to the next Couples & Friends Group meeting on Monday 1st April at 7.30p.m.in the Fellowship Centre. It will be a fun night of games and smiles. We will also have a book exchange for a gold coin donation so please bring the books you have read and invest in some new reading.

Of course, a delicious supper will complete our meeting.

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.

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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



FIJIAN Congregation

Bula Feeding Ministry: Vakavinavinaka taki na Matamasumasu mai Blacktown ena tavi levu ni veivakani, veivakaisulu taki, veimaroroi me baleti ira sega tu nodra vale (homeless). Sa toki na veiqaravi ki na dua na Hall koto volekata na Westpoint e Blacktown ka solia na Council. Vakaraitaka o Tuirara ni gadrevi na vanua vaka qo me rawa nira mai sili ka samaki ira talega kina. E ratou kerea ke dua e dau veikoti e galala ka rawa ni veivuke qai veitaratara yani kei Tuirara se Radini Tuirara.



Lotu Cokovata ni Marama: A vakayacori na Lotu Cokovata ni Marama (inter-denominational) ena Siga Vakarauwai sa oti e Rooty Hill ka ratou veiqaravi kina na Uniting Church. Totoka nodra yalo vata ka veitokoni na Marama ena gauna bibi eda curuma tiko yani qo ena i lakolako ki na Delana Cecere mai Kalivari.



JNC: Kerei meda tiko mai ni suka na Lotu ni kua me rogoci kina nodratou ripote na JNC ka soli tale na gauna vei kemuni na vavakoso mo ni taro ke so na ka e sega ni matata.

Youth: Sota ena kena gauna ena Coffee Shop ena bogi ni Siga Vakaraubuka.

Sunday School: Ena vakayacori tiko nodra vakatovotovo na Sunday School ena veiyakavi ni Siga Vakaraubuka (7.00pm) e na Coffee Shop/Hall ke dua e gadreva na veivuke ena lako mai Vale ni Lotu qai veitaratara kei Sireli se Levi Tuiloma ka ni sa tu vakarau na basi me vei kau.

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
07-Apr	Rev K.Hamilton			M1		A.Allison
	Vulavou H/Comm					J.Foiakau
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					

*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)

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to him to hear him.
2 And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured saying "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
3 And he told them this parable. 11 And he said, "A certain man had two sons
12 and the younger said to his father; 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me', and the father divided to them the property.
13 A few days later the younger son, having sold of everything, journeyed to a far country and there he squandered his wealth living loosely
14 but, having spent all of his things, a severe famine came throughout that country, and he began to be in need
15 and going, he was united to a citizen from that country and he sent him into his fields to feed young pigs.
16 And he was constantly longing to satisfy his hunger on the pods which the pigs ate, and no one gave him a thing.
17 But coming to himself he said, 'how many of my father's hired servants have abundant loaves of bread but I, in a famine here am perishing.
18 I will arise and go to my father and say to him, 'Father, I sinned against heaven and before you.
19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me just as one of your hired servants'.
20 And rising up, he went to his father, but, when he was still far off, his father saw him and had compassion and ran and fell upon his neck and fervently kissed him.
21 But the son said to him, 'Father, I sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son'.
22 But the father said to his slaves, 'quickly, bring the best robe and clothe him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.
23 And bring the fattened young calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.
24 Because this son of mine was dead and lives again, was lost and was found'. And they began to celebrate.
25 But his elder son was in the field, and as he came and drew near the house, he heard music and dancing.
26 And calling to himself one of the youths he inquired what these things might be.
27 and he said to him, 'your brother has come and your father killed the fattened young calf because he received him back in good health'.
28 But he was angry and he did not wish to enter, but his father coming out, appealed to him.
29 But he answered and said to his father, 'Look, so many years I served you and I never disobeyed your command, and you never gave me a goat in order that with my friends I might celebrate.
30 But when this son of yours who squandered your property with prostitutes returned, you killed for him the fattened young calf'.
31 But he said to him, 'Child, you are always with me, and all the things of mine are yours.
32 But it was necessary to celebrate and to rejoice, because this your brother was dead and has come to life, and having been lost also was found'."

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

Jesus tell three parables. The lost sheep, lost coin and lost sons. The 99 sheep are left to find the one, 9 coins are left to find the one, one son is left to find the other. That is, 1% of sheep, 10% of coins, 50% of children. Not good economic management, but God is interested in the inclusion of all, and will take risks to do so. The challenge is in the final parable. The elder brother stayed at home. He does not join the celebration of the found son. He is a lost as the others. Following on from recent events in Christchurch, we heard the disturbing news this week of attempts by certain groups to obtain overseas funds for an election campaign, and also to reduce the effectiveness of gun laws. This extremism is by white Australians who feel hard done by. Of course, there are political processes that will need great wisdom from the major parties to address the underlying concerns. How do we welcome new neighbours, new members of our congregations, new staff, new volunteers? Do we behave like the older brother? Do we see difference as an opportunity to enlarge our life, or a threat? Walter Brueggemann wrote in last Tuesdays devotion the congregations are using this Lent: "There is a way into the future in your life, because God is at work doing strange, wondrous things for you and in spite of you, and your job is to get your mind off your ways of need and control, to give your life over to God's large, hidden way in your life."

It is still not too late to join the Lenten devotions using the resource by Walter Brueggemann, *A Way Other Than Our Own*. I have copies available. Also, don't forget the weekly discussion, Monday 2-3 at Westmead, and Wednesday 6-7 at Alan Walker College.



The New Parramatta Mission signs in Taree really stand out.



Last week I visited the staff at our office in Taree. Thank you for the hospitality that included lunch and hearing about the inspiring work of walking beside people as they experience transformed.



Some of the social activities planned with clients for April include: indoor sports at YMCA Foster, aqua golf, tennis, baseball, ten pin bowling, movie cinema. Weekly activities are: Monday coffee club at various locations, Wednesday wellness walk, Thursday Bingo.

Good news story: one client who was socially isolated and withdrawn, spoke inappropriately which led to being shunned by others, has been assisted to better read the context and speak in a socially acceptable way and now has become more included, now doing his shopping and soon will have his car on the road.

Success: a lightbulb moment when a client realises they can change, and help is available to them. Success is also when a client who formerly was in and out of hospital, has fewer and shorter hospital stays, because of the support from staff. Success is when clients are able to transition into autonomous living and move into community housing. A challenge on the mid-north coast is that everything is spread out, and this leads to social isolation, particularly for people who do not have their own transport. The staff have found innovative ways to engage with people across this large area.

On Sunday, a presentation will be made to the three congregations by the Joint Nominating Committee of the nominee for the congregations to vote on as the possible next minister of the Leigh Fijian congregation.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Foster your faith this week

Is 43:16-21 Ps 126

Phil 3:4b-14 Jn 12:1-8

Pastoral message for this week....

**Act with integrity:
Let your actions live out our highest ideals
in right relationships**

WESTMEAD Congregation

WELCOME

A Special welcome to Natasha and her family as she begins her Field Education Placement with us here at Westmead! We are so glad to have you with us and look forward to getting to know all of you.

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 next Sunday 7th April. 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.

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 2nd April 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

네 번째 사순절 (4th 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 만물들이 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 29 장 통 29 장 성도여 다 함께

새 439 장 통 496 장 십자가로 가까이

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 디모데 후서 2:1-8

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 주님의 은혜로 은혜어라!

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 449 장 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 23:1-12

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
마태복음 22:23-24:14

The Galston Concerts



2019 Series



Galston Uniting Church, 11 School Road, Galston

Five Sunday afternoons, 2pm till 4ish – relaxed conversational concerts followed by complimentary afternoon tea.

24 March: Russian Revelations

Conservatorium lecturers violinist Evgeny Sorokin, guitarist Vladimir Gorbach, a guest pianist & their Young Performer star students perform music from Russia, Argentinian tangos & more.

26 May: A World of Music

A multi-cultural mix of Classical composers in exotic parts and 'crossover' folksy contrasts as a prelude to World Music Day, including the 'colours' of accordion, harp, organ & more.

28 July: ARCH Trio

Christina Wilson, mezzo-soprano; Alan Hicks, piano; Robert Harris, viola & a Young Performer vocal protégé in a G for Galston program – Germanic Brahms & Schubert plus Gershwin, Grainger, Grieg, Granados & more.

29 September: Paridoro Plus Piano

This Sydney-Brisbane ensemble of clarinets, viola, double bass & piano will perform great Classics by Mozart, Mendelssohn, Max (as in Bruch) & ... music from the movies!

17 November: The Galston Gala

Young Performers Awards: piano, organ, strings & ensembles prizewinners (many of them Hills or Hornsby locals) from leading eisteddfods & competitions - 'stars of tomorrow ... today!'

Bookings for 2019 are now open on www.trybooking.com (search Galston)

Whole series bookings equal one FREE concert – ticket prices still at 2015 levels

For enquiries and telephone booking requests please contact Helen Jordan, our Promotions Coordinator, on 0425 339 841 or keithandhelenjordan@iinet.net.au

With the support of Robert Harris and Dorit Herskovits, Founders and Artistic Directors of The Galston Concerts. 0428 248 348 robdorit@netspace.net.au in collaboration with Galston Uniting Church

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: Gary family, 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, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Mr and Mrs S, Carmen and Rob, David and Christopher, Baby Oliver and Family.*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ♥ *We pray for Castle Hill Uniting Church Congregation*
- ♥ *We join the World Council of Churches in prayer for China, Hong Kong, Macao*

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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