

OUR NEWS
2nd June 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

WELCOME TO WINTER!

We have a busy few months coming up as we all try to keep warm...see our congregation calendar below:

- 1 & 15 June – Youth Group (Samantha/Nadine)
- 2 June – Rev. Dr. Chris Walker, communion service
- 2 June – SPOW (Single People of Worth) (Beverly)
- 3 June – Couples & Friends (Robert)
- 9 June – Pentecost (Rev Manas returns)
- 16 June – Rev Manas
- 23 June – Rev Manas
- 30 June – 10am, Combined Heritage service (Leigh) & Luncheon (Westmead)

REV DR CHRIS WALKER



Leigh Memorial warmly welcomes **Rev Dr Chris Walker** this **Sunday 2 June** to lead our 9.30am and 11.30 services today. Chris spent nine years as a National Consultant with the UCA Assembly, retiring in 2017. He has also served in a range of positions in the Uniting Church, including as a congregational minister, a regional education & mission officer/consultant for evangelism & discipleship in QLD, principal of Parkin-Wesley College in SA and as a mission resource officer for the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery. Chris is the son of the late Rev Dr Sir Alan Walker. His gift as a writer has resulted in a number of publications.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

We have a number of members currently unwell, awaiting surgery, or otherwise in need of prayer, plus young people dealing with Year 12. Thanks for everyone's support for these members and their families. Please convey help/prayer requests to the Leaders' team or Pastoral team.

SAVE THE DATE: HERITAGE SUNDAY 2019

This year's Heritage celebration will take place on **Sunday 30 June**. There will be a combined Leigh Fijian & Leigh Memorial service at 10.00am, followed by a Combined Congregations catered luncheon at Westmead. An acknowledgement of the 40th anniversary of the opening of 175 (Wesley Lodge Motel) will be included. RSVPs for the catered lunch on 30/6 to Liz or Mario.

ALL CONGREGATIONS: WRITERS' PROJECT...Do you like to write in your spare time? Poems, prayers, short stories, song lyrics or other...? If so, please give your contribution (any length from a few lines up to 1,000 words) on the topic: "inspire" to Liz in person, or via emccder4@gmail.com by Sunday 16 June. Contributed items will be part of a special pamphlet. Please see Liz for further information.

SYMPATHIES: REV. BRUCE NOBLE

Thoughts and prayers are extended to Mrs. Alberta Noble and the Noble family following the passing of **Rev. Bruce Noble** on 26 May, 2019, aged 86. Bruce was Leigh Memorial minister, 1971-1975, and also served the Westmead congregation at their first church in Cotswold Street. He was present during the landmark start-up phase of Parramatta 'Regional' Mission with Rev. Doug Fullerton and the start-up of Lifeline Parramatta with Dr. Gloster Udy in 1973-74. During his long and distinguished career, Bruce also held positions at the Central Methodist Mission, Far West Mission, Ryde, Burwood, Dapto, Wesley Mission and West Epping Uniting. His funeral service is to be held on 31 May at West Epping. A condolence message from Leigh Memorial/Parramatta Mission has been forwarded to the family, with an expression of gratitude for Bruce's life and work.



Rev Bruce Noble (second from left) with fellow ministers Rev. Reuben Bird, Rev. Doug Fullerton and Rev. David Taylor, Parramatta Mission, 1971 ('Reunion Sunday', 150th anniversary of Methodism in Parramatta).
Newspaper clipping (Parramatta Mission archival collection).



COUPLES & FRIENDS

JUNE 2019 MEETING



An invitation is extended to all to come to our next meeting on Monday 3rd June at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre. Our guest speaker is Ian Gray who will share the latest news regarding the redevelopment of our property and the progress of our DA Applications with the City of Parramatta Council. All are welcome to this very interesting talk which will be followed by an enjoyable supper.

COUPLES & FRIENDS CLUB NEWS

Last Sunday the Couples & Friends Club led the morning church service as we celebrated our 67th Anniversary. Thanks to the work of the members of our club and friends of our members we were able to present to Sonia from the Women's Services more than 50 handmade blankets to be given to the clients of the Mission for the cold months ahead.



TO-DAY

2nd June
Single People Of Worth

SPOW

LUNCH
At Merrylands Bowling Club.

Have-a-chat to Beverly



Fijian Congregation



It was a great experience to meet President Deidre Palmer, members of Assembly Resource Unit and National Conference Leaders on Friday 24th May. We shared our experiences of God's liberating hope and looked at the growth and future of the Church. I was honoured to represent the 2nd Gen of Fiji National Conference along with National Conference Chairperson Jone Lotu.

– *Milise Foiakau*

IFTAR Dinner at Western Sydney University



Youth members, *Tupou, Josua and Milise* attended IFTAR Dinner at Western Sydney University last Friday. They served, shared in the breaking of the bread with Muslim friends, had great interfaith dialogue, sang and felt the overwhelming sharing of love from communities present.

VEIQARAVI ENA MACAWA MAI OOO

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Tu Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
9/6	Cross Cultural Worship			Youth	

Alpha Park, Blacktown, Tuesdays 5.30pm – 7.00pm

You can volunteer or donate to the Bula Feeding Ministry on Tuesdays. List for donation include sausages, fruits, water, winter clothing, blankets, toiletries and shoes.

Lesoni na macawa mai qo : Cakacaka 2: 1-21, Same 104: 24-34, 35b, Roma 8: 14-17. Joni 14:8-17



WESTMEAD Congregation

RECONCILIATION WEEK

We began the week with Sorry Day and recall other events during the week. Monday 27th was the anniversary of the referendum to acknowledge Aboriginal people's right to vote in 1967. Towards the end of the week we remember the Mabo decision- overturning the concept of Australia being Terra Nullis. We will be spending some more time in worship across the coming months thinking about the theme of the week: 'Grounded in Truth- Walk together in Courage'. This theme is significant for us in the changing world especially as Christians seeking reconciliation with all peoples and the whole of Creation.

REMEMBRANCE TIME FOR JOHN HOLLANDS

We had a wonderful day last Sunday as we remembered our beloved John Hollands in a short memorial service at Castlebrook. Please pray for all who loved John and continue to miss him. Thanks to those who attended.



VISIT BY JOHN BELL

Sue, Karen and Rev Christine attended the workshop by John Bell, from Scotland. It was both a fun and informative workshop with lots of laughs, some singing and food for thought. Thanks to Rev Amelia for organising the evening.

SPOW (Single People of Worth)

SPOW is a time when we get together for a meal at the Merrylands Bowling Club. Please see Rev Christine re transport. We will go together following worship today. Next SPOW 4th August.

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 4th June

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



Foster your faith this week

Act2:1-21 or Gen 11:1-9 Ps 104:24-34,35b

Rom 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21

Jn 14:8-17, (25-27)



Pastoral message for this week....

May the peace and light and love of God be with you all.

*Greystanes Uniting Church
invites you to a*

Sports breakfast **Sat 22 June 8am**

@35 Cumberland Rd Greystanes

**Bacon & egg rolls,
tea & coffee \$10**

**Money raised
supports Uniting Church
Farmers Drought Appeal**

RSVP Sue 9636 3245 or
office@greystanesuniting.org.au

GUEST SPEAKER:



*Michael Condon,
retired QANTAS Captain,
46 years flying
internationally, speaking
about becoming an
airline pilot, the lifestyle,
a typical B747 flight
routine & what happens
after retirement.*

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)



50th

ANNIVERSARY of

Grantham Heights Uniting Church

Sunday 16th June 2019

**Service at 9.30am followed by
refreshments and catch-up**

**WE WELCOME YOU TO CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL EVENT
IN THE LIFE OF THIS CHURCH CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY**

For more information

phone: 9622 0984 email: ghuc.7hills@gmail.com

Check our facebook page or website: 7hillschurch.org.au
for more information & past photos

Send your RSVP before 30th May, for catering purposes (email)

cnr Mackenzie Boulevard & Nipigon Road, Seven Hills

Acts 16:9-15

9 And a vision appeared to Paul during the night; a certain Macedonian man was standing and begging him and saying, "Cross over into Macedonia and help us." 10 So when he saw the vision, immediately we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to evangelize them. 11 And setting sail from Troas, we sailed a direct course to Neapolis, 12 and thence to Philippi, which is the first part of a city of Macedonia, a Roman colony. And we stayed in this city some days. 13 And on the sabbath we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and sitting, we spoke to the women who had come together. 14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple dyed garments, of the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God, listened. The Lord opened her heart to take heed of the things being spoken by Paul. 15 And when she was baptised and her household, she begged them saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay in my house; and she urged us. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The above scripture was used at the 200th anniversary of Rev Samuel Leigh's visit to Aotearoa New Zealand in 1819. I had the privilege of attending and representing Parramatta Mission.

Paul, an early convert to Christianity, and one of the first missionaries, heard the call of God, that came to him in a vision. to take the news of the Christian faith to Macedonia, in so doing, Christianity spread to what today we call Europe.

On 18 centuries later, and on the other side of the world, Samuel Leigh was instrumental in the beginnings of the Methodist Church in Australia and New Zealand. The Methodist Church in Australia became part of the Uniting Church. For this work, Leigh was described by one historian, J. E. Carruthers, as a true successor of the Apostle Paul.

The celebration of Leigh's visit 200 years ago was marked with a conference by the Methodist Church of Aotearoa New Zealand in Auckland, last week. Samuel Leigh made the visit at the invitation of his friend, the Rev Samuel Marsden, who was the Anglican Chaplain to the Colony of New South Wales. Using one of Marsden's ships, they visited the start of missionary work in the Bay of Islands. Samuel Leigh was so moved by the visit that he returned to England to raise funds for a Methodist missionary activity to New Zealand. In England Leigh met and married Catherine Clewes, who also came to share this calling. Indeed Catherine would write from the heart she felt called and would not have peace until she and Samuel had completed the task of starting a church in New Zealand. The Leigh's arrived in New Zealand in 1822 and made a start. It was not easy, but a pioneering start was made that 200 years later is celebrated as the Methodist Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

It is of great disappointment and a matter of injustice that more has not been made of the contribution of Catherine Leigh. It appears that her contribution in New Zealand was perhaps greater than that of her husband Samuel. However, her story has not been told. While we have a portrait of Samuel we do not have a portrait of Catherine. Even a search of libraries and museums in New Zealand could not locate a portrait. The conference in New Zealand raised the matter of the 'hidden' histories of women in the church. The issue is not just that women comprise 53% of the population, as important as that is, it is that in many instances the contribution by women far exceeds that of men, so that the blindness of not valuing the contribution of women means we are missing far more. Noteworthy, the first witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus at Easter, the first preachers, were women. Here in the Acts reading above the first convert to Christianity in Europe is a woman, Lydia. The Heritage Committee of Parramatta Mission is currently working on finding more of the stories of women who have been instrumental in the progress of our church. I note that it was the women who raised funds to pay off Leigh Memorial Church building, and it was the bequest of one that made possible the final payment of our church back in the 1940's. The Methodists of New Zealand are working on a celebration in 2022 to mark the 200th anniversary of the Leigh's starting a church there, and are working on uncovering more of the stories and contributions of women from Catherine Leigh through to the present.



Pitt Street Methodist Church Auckland, had a special focus in worship last Sunday on the 200th anniversary of the visit by Rev Samuel Leigh in May 1819.



Above: The choir, complete with robes, made a joyful noise.



Above: Rev Walter Lawry, the second Methodist Missionary to Australia, and minister at our Church in Parramatta, later also went to New Zealand for many years, before retiring to Parramatta where he later died. This memorial is in the Pitt Street Methodist Church Auckland.



Left: The minister Rev Dr Lynne Frith

Right: The preacher,
Professor Peter Lineham.



Blessings, Keith Hamilton

HOMELESSNESS WEEK PARRAMATTA

SUNDAY 4TH AUG 2019 - FRIDAY 9TH AUG 2019

Homelessness Week is an annual week coordinated by Homelessness Australia to raise awareness of people experiencing homelessness, the issues they face and the action needed to achieve enduring solutions. Homelessness Week came about from various churches and missions running winter vigils to remember people who had died on the streets. These vigils were normally held in August as it is the coldest time of the year and when most people were likely to be overcome by the elements.

Homelessness Week activities in Parramatta bring together a number of church, welfare, government, motorcycle and other community groups who organise events that encourage a positive appreciation of the issues and needs of those who are homeless in the Parramatta Region.

Sunday August 4: 12 noon

Official Launch, Live Music & Lunch in Centenary Square Parramatta

Monday August 5: 10am – 2pm

Western Sydney Homeless Connect in Centenary Square www.wshc.com.au

Tuesday August 6: 12 noon

Live Music in Centenary Square

Wednesday August 7: 10am

Housing NSW & Dept. Human Services, Morning Tea in Centenary Square

Thursday August 8: 12 noon

Live Music in Centenary Square

Thursday August 8: 11.30am – 1pm

Lunch at Meals Plus

Thursday August 8: 1.15pm

Homeless Memorial Service,

Fellowship Hall 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

Friday August 9: 11.30am

Lunch at Meals Plus

Please join us.... All Are Welcome

For further information contact Laurie 8188 7488 – Parramatta Mission

부활후 일곱째 주일 (7th of Easter Sunday) 2019년 06월02일 오후 1시30

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 64 장 통 13 장 기뻐하며 경배하세

새 150 장 통 135 장 갈보리산 위에 십자가 섰으니

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 사도행전 26:12-18

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 결정적인 순간에 일어난 사람

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)
새 436장 통493장 나 이제 주님의 새생명 얻은 몸

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 부활의 주님과 날마다 동행하는 삶 되시길 바랍니다.
2. 매일 말씀 묵상으로 주님과 친밀한 교제 시간을 누리며 승리하시기 바랍니다.
3. 전도와 선교에 힘쓰며 그리스도의 증인된 사명 잘 감당하기 위해 기도합니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) 새501장 통 255장 너 시온아 (1)

축도 전현구 담임 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
히브리서 4:1-13

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
히브리서 2:10-6:20



PITT TOWN'S MASSIVE

MARKET DAY/ GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY JUNE 29

 AT THE UNITING CHURCH, BATHURST ST

9AM - 2PM



FREE STALLS
Book a spot & sell your garage items,
books, clothes, old wares etc.
"Your stall, your money"
Take home what profit you make!



Like us on
Facebook

Our mission is to raise funds for clean water wells in West Papua!

All enquiries call 0439 309 303 or for stall bookings call 4572 3518





CHAPLAINCY

If you are feeling overwhelmed and need to explore some coping tools.

If you want to explore some spiritual questions like "How am I most at peace with myself and others?".

If a discussion in class makes you want to understand other people's religious beliefs and practices or has made you feel angry or hurt.

If you want to clarify your own beliefs.

If you are needing to find a community of like-minded people.

If you are wondering about your sexuality and the implications for the relationships in your life.

If you want to be a better friend to someone.

If you want to discuss involvement in local or global social justice or ecological sustainability issues.

If you need someone to listen. Or if you just need a friend.

Talk to us at Chaplaincy

Multifaith Centres on all campuses

chaplaincy@westernsydney.edu.au

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/chaplaincy>

Find us on Facebook: Western Sydney University - Chaplaincy



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, Mae, 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, Gabe 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. "Emosi Rogoimuri and family grieving over the sad loss of brother, uncle – Siti Rogoimuri – in Adelaide.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Joyte, her brother and family, Our Sri Lankan brothers and sisters, 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 Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland*
- ♥ *We pray for Glenbrook (St Andrews) Uniting Church.*

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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PM WSU Chaplain : Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler 0427 955 157



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