

OUR NEWS
5th May 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 REV. GEOFF STEVENSON

A very warm welcome to Rev. Geoff – Chairperson of the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery – who will be leading our 9.30am service this **Sunday, 5 May**. The Parramatta Nepean Presbytery (PNP) is the regional body of the Uniting Church in Australia, covering the western areas of the Sydney basin, with over 80 active congregations. We are part of the ‘Cumberland Zone’ of congregations within the Presbytery. For further information, go to:

<http://pnp.unitingchurch.org.au/> NB: Interesting fact – Rev. Geoff served as one of our Parramatta Mission ministers (at both Leigh Memorial & Westmead) between 1990-1996.

DRAFT CIVIC LINK DCP – UPDATE

After morning tea this Sunday, 5 May, Ian will be providing a detailed update on the situation regarding our land at Macquarie Street and Parramatta Council’s Draft Civic Link DCP (‘Development Control Plan’). Ian will be prepared to answer all questions regarding this crucial matter for the future of our Church & Mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH

Welcome back to Sunday School for a fun and busy Term 2! We cater for a variety of school years, abilities and interests. New kids & youth are always welcome! Please continue to pray for this year’s HSC students: Johana, Gabe, Ulita & Shalaane. Enquiries: Liz/ Samantha, via 9891-2277.

MOTHERS’ DAY @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

9.30am service – Rev. Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler/ Morning Tea:

Mothers’ Day ‘Cup Cakes’!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Darlene for supplying our poppy badges for last week’s ANZAC commemoration, plus Lucy for her thoughtful organ prelude and Helen for our ANZAC biscuits at morning tea. Thanks also to all those who assisted with our footpath service/ candle vigil for Sri Lanka – Leaders’ team.

POT LUCK DINNER & PUBLIC FORUM

Dinner will start at 6.00pm, Friday 3 May in the Coffee Shop – please bring a plate of food to share. The Public Forum (Election Candidates) will commence at 7.30pm and be followed by supper. Enquiries: 9891-2277.

CONDOLENCES

Our congregation notes with sadness the recent passing of Mrs. Margaret Thompson, who along with husband Len, worshipped with us prior to a move to Canberra. Prayers for the Thompson family.

INVITATION: AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN INC.

A ‘Dedication Day’ (including praise, fellowship and refreshments for women of all denominations) will be held at 11am on Monday 20 May at Marian Court Units, 18 Margaret Street, Strathfield.

RSVPs required by 13 May (Peg: 0418 651 822 or Elizabeth: 9980-2653).

**LOVE & PRAYERS FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN SRI LANKA
FOOTPATH VIGIL FOR PEACE, LEIGH MEMORIAL, 28 APRIL, 2019**





COUPLES & FRIENDS MAY MEETING



Couples & Friends special guest speaker at their meeting on Monday 6th May at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre is Paul Moussa, Coordinator of the Meals Plus Programme.

He will share some stories and antidotes about his work there including visits by Governor General Peter Cosgrove, N.S.W. Governor Phillip Hurly, and Premier Gladys Berejiklin.

All are welcome to come and learn more about this wonderful work of the Mission. Of course, a delicious supper will complete our meeting.

Pastoral message for this week....

When all is at sea,
And we cannot see
Help is at hand to navigate the way

Foster your faith this week

Acts 9:36-43 Ps 23

Rev 7:9-17 Jn 10;22-30

2019년 05월 05일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 2장 통 6장 찬양 성부 성자 성령 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 26장 통 14 장

구세주를 아는 이들

새 150장 통 135 장

갈보리산 위에 십자가 섰으니

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 누가복음 24: 13-27

말씀(Preaching)- 김엘리아 목사 석양길에서 만난 그분

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 360장 통402장

행군 나팔 소리로

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 사명을 잘 감당하길 기도합니다.
4. 2주간 동안 말씀을 전해주시는 김 엘리아 목사님에게 감사를 드립니다.

새501장 통 255장

너 시온아 (1)

축도 김엘리아 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
역대상1:1-54

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
역대상 1:1-6:81

Sunday School - Welcome to Term 2



Here are some photos from the picnic day at Blaxland Riverside Park, Homebush during the School Holidays.



Term 2 has begun on Friday 2nd May.

Next meeting @ the Coffee Shop on

Friday 9th May at 7.00pm

Bose ni Church Council kei na Bose ni Qase ni Lotu

E sa vakayacori na veivosaki kei Samuela Sadrata ena bogi ni Moniti 29 ni Epereli 2019, ka sa na kau cake na yacana kina Bose ni Church Council me vakadonui me Vuli Talatala. O Samu e vakayacora tiko na nona Period of Discernment ka sa veiqaravi tiko vaka Volunteer Chaplain ena university.

Fijian Congregation

Veisiko: Kerei me tomani tiko na veisiko vei ira na noda era tu voliti keda ena veiyasa ni koro eda tiko ki-na, 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.

- Veisoliyaki vei ira na gonevuli kei ira na qasenivuli ni Western Sydney University e voleka ni 700 na ANZAC biscuits ena olidei ni ANZAC.
- Sa marautaka o Rev Amelia Koh Butler na veivuke levu ki vei kemudou na mai vavavi kei na ukuukutaki.
- Era na marautaka tiko na marama na Siga Tabu ni Tina ena Siga Tabu mai oqo (*Mothers Day*), 12 ni vula o Me, ka ra na veiliutaki tiko ena So-Kalou. *Tekivu na SoKalou ena 11.15am*

WESTMEAD Congregation

BUS TRIP

The Fellowship Bus Trip is open to the congregation to attend. It is on Tuesday 7th May leaving Westmead at 10.00am. We will be going to the Panorama at Glenbrook and will have a picnic lunch. There are some seats available so please speak to Jan or Lorna. Cost is \$20.00 per person.

REMEMBRANCE TIME FOR JOHN HOLLANDS

We are invited to attend a small service for our beloved John on 26th May following worship. It is coming up to the year's anniversary since his death. There will be a short service at Castlebrook Crematorium followed by lunch afterwards (Pay for yourself). If you wish to attend please speak with Rev Christine. RSVP Sunday 19th May.

VISIT BY JOHN BELL

We are greatly blessed to host a visit by John Bell, a Scottish hymn writer and liturgist, concerned with the renewal of worship within congregations. He will be speaking on Sunday 26th May, 3.30-5.45pm at Parramatta Leigh Memorial. This will be followed by a worship service at 6.00pm. *Suggested Donation: \$15 (waged), \$10 (unwaged)* -RSVP: reception@parramattamission.org.au

CARD MINISTRY

There are a range of cards available for purchase. They are 70c each and cover a range of purposes.

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 7th May- Bus trip - see below

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

John 21:1-18

1 Later Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias in this way. 2 Gathered together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also go with you." They went out, got into the boat but during that night they caught nothing. 4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; however, the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." 6 Then he said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So, they cast it, and now they were unable to haul it in because of the multitude of fish. 7 At this, the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer clothes, for he was stripped down for work, and cast himself into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a 100 metres off. 9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire, with fish lying on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter drew the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now, none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise with the fish. 14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you have Godly love for me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have friendship affection for you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you have Godly love for me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have friendship affection for you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you have friendship affection for me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you have friendship affection for me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I have friendship affection for you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

How often it is that someone is given a task to do and they fail, and forever everyone remembers the failure and never asks that person to perform a similar task again.

Peter failed Jesus. Three times on the one night! He had other numerous failures, and most of us take delight in making fun of Peter. Good reason for Jesus never to have entrusted any work to Peter again. But Jesus does not work that way, and neither should we. Peter is rehabilitated on the shores of the Sea of Tiberias over breakfast.

Here is another story of the disciples fishing on their own without success - a message for the church maybe? Jesus becomes visible on the shore and offers advice that proves successful. A huge catch is made. When Peter is alerted that it is Jesus, he respectfully dresses and jumps into the water to go to Jesus. The action is important. Peter's answers to the three questions put to him by Jesus match his earlier denial, and his action of rushing to Jesus, demonstrate that his response is supported by action.

Peter is rehabilitated and given a new and important task. By the time this story was written Peter had been dead 20-40 years yet his exploits, as leader of the church would have been known to all. The tendency would have been to declare that "I can never do anything like Peter did in his public ministry and martyrdom". Yet this story shows the opposite. Peter is like us in that we fail often. At crucial moments we deny Jesus. This could be through our words, or actions that deny Jesus' love for the world. The way we treat others can be a denial of Jesus. Peter failed Jesus but he got up and went on to do great things for God. Is that not a message of challenge and hope for us all?



Above: Staff from multiple PM services organised an Easter Extravaganza in Parramatta Park, attend by clients, consumers, members and residents of many PM services. A good time was had by all.



Above: WSLARS band in action. Diggs and Shiloh joined in the fun.



Left:
Executive held a planning day this past week. Left to right, Jo, Katelyn, Chantal, Ulysses, Keith. Absent was Ulysses, whose mother died on Anzac Day, and whose funeral was held on Friday. We remember in prayer Ulysses and his family.

Right and Below:
Part of the large crowd in Newcastle for the Anzac Day commemoration, which included a firing of the Fort Scratchley gun.



Blessings, Keith Hamilton

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/>



Parramatta Mission Lay Preachers' class
invites you to

Leigh Memorial
Church
Coffee Shop
(next door)
117 Macquarie
Street, Parramatta
NSW 2150

An Afternoon with JOHN BELL

exploring

“The Prerequisite called
COMMUNITY”

Sunday 26th May, 3.30pm - 5.45pm

Grazing (afternoon tea) available from 3pm

To be followed by an informal time of worship at 6pm to recognise SORRY DAY.

Suggested Donation: \$15 (waged), \$10 (unwaged)

RSVP: reception@parramattamission.org.au

As church-goers and lay leaders, we have been exploring the links between mission, community, gathered worship/liturgy and culture/music-making. We have asked: Who are we called to be and be with? How do we be community? Where do we relate?

If you are interested in developing community or connecting with different communities, please join in to hear John Bell, enjoy stimulating discussion, participate in community intercultural singing and devour an intercultural afternoon tea.

JOHN BELL is a Resource Worker with The Iona Community, who lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across the denominations. He is a hymn writer, author and occasional broadcaster, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. John is based in Glasgow and works with his colleagues in the areas of music, worship and spirituality.

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: 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 for Sudan and Uganda*
- ♥ *We pray for Ebenezer - Pitt Town Uniting Church - Multi Centre*

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

Contacts

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Leigh Fijian Congregation: 9891 2277

Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588

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Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

Senior Minister/CEO: Rev Keith Hamilton 0417 487 446

Church Office: 9891 2277 **Email :** wecare@parramattamission.org.au

Children's Hospital Chaplain : Sarah Bishop 0429 912 943

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



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