

OUR NEWS
12th 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.

Happy
Mother's Day



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 MOTHERS' DAY!



“Happy Mothers’ Day!” to all of our special Mums, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and ‘mother-figures’ – and we thank you for your love, support, care and multiple sacrifices over the years. Your love has sustained us in our darkest hours, lifted us up as we rejoice and filled our hearts with a comfort that only you can give. We wish all of you a lovely day with family & friends and a few extra hugs on this special occasion! Thoughts and prayers for families who are grieving or missing their cherished Mums and grandmas at this time. After morning worship this Mothers’ Day, our Sunday School children and teachers will be providing a special ‘cup cakes’ morning tea party in the Coffee Shop. All welcome!

MORNING WORSHIP, 9.30am

12 May – Rev Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler

19 May – Rev. Dr. Amelia, Sam Sadrata + Lay Preacher trainee

26 May – Rev. Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler

2 June – Rev. Dr. Chris Walker

THANK YOU: HIMMI & AILSA

Many thanks to Himmi & Ailsa Tang for their years of service to our congregation, including as a regular part of our Morning Tea Roster. Himmi is also one of our church stewards. Both Himmi & Ailsa share their kind smiles and work ethic with us on a regular basis – and we are very appreciative of each contribution and effort that they have made over a long period. Blessings for you both. Many thanks also to the whole Morning Tea Roster & coordinator Helen, for greeting us with a smile and keeping us happy with caffeine and treats after morning worship each week.

Welcome to new roster members, Anand & Moses.



SPECIAL EVENTS @ LEIGH

Saturday 18 May – 6.30pm, Sunday School & Youth ‘Vivid’ Dinner @ Anne’s

Sunday 26 May – 9.30am, Couples & Friends annual service

Sunday 26 May – 3.30pm: John Bell seminar (see newsletter for details)



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.

Fijian Congregation



Ulutaga ena Siga Tabu ni Tina ni kua

Na bula galili ni tu taudua ki na bula e maucokona, vakaveiwekani ni duavata, kei na loloma savu ni Kalou. Ruci 1:1-18

Ena Siga Tabu ni Tina oqo, me da nanumi ira talega na marama ena noda veiyasani koro ka vaka kina e veiyasai vuravura, era veiqaravi galugalugu tu, e so e donumaka tu na kavoro, na dredre, na lolosi, na mosi kei na rarawa. Me ra nanumi ena noda masu.

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI TOLU NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Tu Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
19/5	Rooty Hill	Sosi Toa	Akisi Allison	M2	M1
26/5	Fiji Parish	Siaki Foiakau	Vili Kamotu	M3	M2
2/6	Lotu Vulavou/ Vakayakavi ni Turaga			M1	



Connect and Shake groups next meet @ the COFFEE SHOP on Friday 17th May at 7.00pm Bring your bible and a friend



Eratou marautaka na lewe ni Bula Feeding team ni sa mai cava e e dua na Siga ni veiqaravi e Blacktown.

Dina ni ratou osooso na lewe vica, ia e a qaravi vinaka nai tavi ka ra marau na mai vakayakavi.

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.

Lesoni ni macawa qo : Calacaka 11:1-18; Same 148; Vakatakila 21:1-6; Joni 13:31-35

부활후 네 제 주일 (4th of Easter Sunday) 2019년 05월 12일 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 44 장 통 56 장 지난 이레 동안에

새 150 장 통 135 장 갈보리산 위에 십자가 섰으니

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 요한복음 9:35-41

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 보는 자와 보지 못하는 자

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 515장 통256장 눈을 들어 하늘보라

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
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
역대상 16:23-43

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
역대상 15:1-18:17



National Fair Trade Faith Conference

Examining how the Christian Gospel
relates to the way we do our shopping

Friday 31st

May and Saturday

1st June, 2019

Springwood Uniting Church.
Lewin Street, Springwood. NSW
Conference includes all meals

Saturday

1 June 7.30pm

Noelene Martin

Fair Trade Memorial Lecture

Speaker: Rev John Bell

Keynote

Speaker

John Bell is a Resource Worker with the Iona
Community, Scotland. John is one of the world's
foremost hymn writers and combines his imaginative
musical gifts with a passion for justice for the world

Workshops

Stimulating workshops on
topics relevant to
fair trade in faith
communities

WESTMEAD Congregation

BUS TRIP

We had a wonderful day on our bus trip last Tuesday. The Panorama is incredible and we spent a lot of time there looking at the work of an amazing artist. The Picnic in the park was blessed with good weather and wonderful food prepared by Jan and Lorna. Thanks to all who attended and especially Jan (who organised it) and her and Lorna for their hospitality.

OPEN DOOR INDOOR BOWLS

The next Bowls day is Wednesday 22nd May from 1.00 pm.

All are welcome to attend.

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.

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



Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. 3 He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake. 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Q. What is it about this psalm that makes it so 'popular'?

Reflection

The intimate relationship between the psalmist and God expressed in the psalm as “the Lord is my shepherd” touches us at a deep level. This psalm seems to be one of those passages of scripture that grows on people and people grow into it as they grow older. At the same time, for many people, this psalm takes them back to a former time, almost a mythical time, perhaps a childhood time when things were simpler. One interpretation of Psalm 23 is that it is an older person looking back over their life. Their faith and joy continue to be almost child-like. They can recall occasions when it seemed they were on the good pasture and it seemed as if God was leading them beside still waters – an image that conjures up a sense of serenity and also of life-giving. At other times when the shadow of death was near – perhaps when life was under threat, or the psalmist was being pursued, or ill, or perhaps others around were dying or had died, or perhaps life was dark and it seemed that the *shadow* of death was close – the psalmist came to realise – perhaps then or perhaps later – that God was with them, leading them and giving comfort. The poet has had very difficult days. God did not take them away. God led the poet at these times as well as during the times of idyllic childhood in pastures green. God helped the poet face their fears and endure their troubles.

The rod and staff suggest the direction that the shepherd gives to the sheep, as well as the staff that was used not only to direct but to rescue from danger. Palestinian shepherds usually carried two implements – a club to ward off wild animals, and a crook or staff to guide and control the sheep. So, the imagery in the psalm suggests protection and guidance.

The spreading of a table suggests worship in the temple. Indeed, perhaps the poet is casting their mind back to attendance at many festivals in the temple, and the joy that this has given. The presence of the enemies is difficult to interpret. Does it mean that the psalmist has endured affliction and has risen above it, or does it mean that they have had enemies in the past and will have enemies in the future, perhaps there are enemies present in the temple?

Certainly, the psalmist rejoices in the banquet, and celebrates God's provision that gives confidence.

In verse 6 the psalmist speaks of goodness and mercy following them. The usual translation of the word 'follow' is inadequate. To follow is like a trailer following a car. Whereas the word has the sense of pursue. The goodness and mercy of God pursue, chase after the poet. In contrast to the enemies who pursue, God's goodness and mercy pursue the psalmist. This leads back to the opening statement that the Lord is not a shepherd, but my shepherd.

The psalmist can say that the Lord is my shepherd because the psalmist considers themselves as one of the flock, a sheep. The words "You are with me" – the first time in the psalm that the word 'you' is used - in verse 4, in the Hebrew are preceded by 26 words, and followed by 26 words, thus structurally, the psalmist is saying that 'God is with him' is the central feature of the psalm.

Left

We get around! Banner on the chapel in Castle Hill raising awareness of the needs of people during the colder months.



Left & above

Some of the Couples and Friends Club meeting last Monday. Guest speaker was Paul Moussa, coordinator of Meals Plus. Paul gave an update of Meals Plus. This sparked discussion as to how the Couples and Friends can further assist the great work undertaken.





Our Church Council meeting last Thursday night. At right, is new member, Rev Geoff Stevenson, Chairperson of the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery, and former minister at PM. The Church Council membership includes ministers and lay people from our three congregation's. From time to time, staff such as Katelyn Director of people and Culture, and Lyall, CFO attend to assist the Church Council on particular matters.

Thank you to all who made the candidates forum held last Friday night a success. The speeches by the candidates on what makes a great city good were mostly inspiring. There was good discussion both during the forum and over supper.

Today we remember mums. For some that is a memory of joy and thankfulness, particularly if mum is still with us. For others, perhaps also sadness mum is not here, and for others regrets or pain. For some women sadness that they did not become a mum. Today we remember. For those who can, Happy Mother's Day. For all we pray.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

**BLUE MOUNTAINS
CENTRE for FAITH and PUBLIC ISSUES**

Sunday, 19 May 2019

**‘Tuning into the spirit of our forerunners
in the Blue Mountains’**

- how can we understand and embrace the Aboriginal heritage in the Blue Mountains?
- how might we benefit from learning how Aboriginal people were inspired by the Blue Mountains?

By Dr EUGENE STOCKTON

Scholar and expert in Aboriginal archaeology and spirituality.

at 2 pm in the Leura Uniting

Public Forum

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at 2 pm in the Leura Uniting Church Grose Street, Leura

Sunday, 18 August 2019

**‘Faith in a changing climate: Disappearing Islands,
Displacement and Justice’**

By Dr SEFOROSA CARROLL

Mother, academic, theologian and social activist.

Originally from Fiji, of Rotuman heritage.

at 2 pm in the Santa Maria Hall

next to Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Church

254 Great Western Highway, Lawson

Refreshments available

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/>

Pastoral message for this week....

Vote with your hands and feet and voices for a 'good' state

Foster your faith this week

Act 11:1-18Ps 148

Rev 21:1-6 Jn 13:31-35

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, 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 a*
- ♥ *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 Kenya, Tanzania*
- ♥ *We pray for Emu Plains 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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<http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree>

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