

OUR NEWS
30th 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 HERITAGE SUNDAY

This Sunday 30 June, there will be a combined Leigh Fijian & Leigh Memorial service at 10.00am, followed by a Combined Congregations luncheon at Westmead at midday. Thank you to all at Westmead for your wonderful hospitality as always. The feature of our heritage acknowledgements in 2019 is the **40th anniversary of 175/Wesley Lodge Motel and Christian Centre (inc. 'Upper Room'), Westmead** (opened 10 June 1979). The commencement of Parramatta Mission's Motel at Westmead was part of a visionary plan by Dr. Gloster Udy (1918-2003) and an enthusiastic cohort of Mission members & supporters at Parramatta and Westmead who sought to provide a site offering accommodation, refreshments, prayer and comfort close to the Westmead medical precinct. As they say, the rest is history! Read more in Liz & Lorna's pamphlet, **Celebrating 40 years: 175-Wesley Lodge 40th Anniversary** – available this weekend. This year, we are also celebrating the 180th anniversary of 'Macquarie Hall' (the second church on our Macquarie Street site, opened 1839) and the 42nd anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia (commenced 1977) – PM Heritage Committee.



HERITAGE PUBLICATIONS

This Heritage Sunday, a new PM Heritage Committee book titled **Samuel Leigh: First Wesleyan Missionary to Australia and New Zealand** will be released. It includes multiple contributors (Keith, Ini, Clive, Christine, William, Liz & Manas) and presents a variety of perspectives on Samuel & Catherine Leighs' important legacy. It will be on sale for \$10.00 per copy. A second, 'pictorial' booklet titled **Luminous: The stained-glass history of Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta** will also be available. Enquiries: Liz/Heritage Committee.

THANK YOU

A warm thanks & happy 10th anniversary to the Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee and its dedicated members, who represent all the PM congregations. Many thanks also to Ken Morgan who generously designed the covers for this year's heritage books. Ken's efforts are both eye-catching and meaningful. Great job Ken!



**1st JULY '19 COUPLES & FRIENDS
MEETING AT 6.30p.m.**

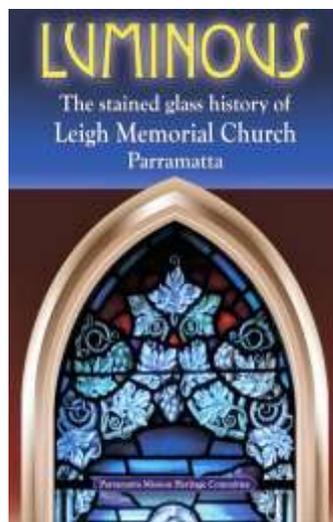
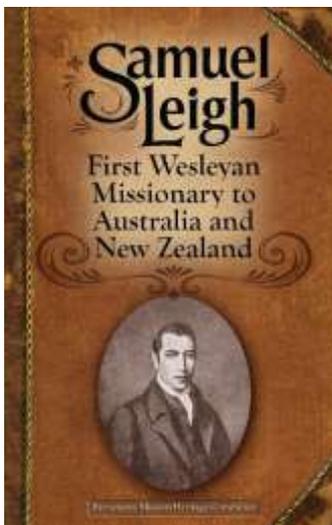


You are invited to a Couples & Friends Meeting with a difference **commencing at 6.30p.m.** It is our fourth **Winter Warmer Meal** with Soup and Damper Rolls followed by delicious Apple Pie & Custard. We will also have a book exchange for a gold coin donation so please bring the books you have read and invest in some new reading.

All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Centre for this event.

NEW BOOKS!

This Heritage Sunday, Parramatta Mission is releasing two wonderful new books: *Samuel Leigh: First Wesleyan Missionary to Australia and New Zealand* – and – *Luminous: The stained glass history of Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta.* Cost is \$10 per copy. The books will be for sale at Westmead on 30 June during the congregational gathering/ further enquiries & purchases: Liz (Leigh Memorial), Lorna (Westmead) and Inise (Leigh Fijian).



Hi everyone,

Another good news story, today I would like to acknowledge the amazing efforts of Lifeline Western Sydney team, what an awesome service.

Across the month of May, Lifeline Western Sydney reached a grand total of **624** logged in hours and answered a total on **1380** calls from people in need

82% of those calls were from people in crisis
83% of those calls involved a discussion on suicide

In order to do this, we provided an average of **156 shifts** during the month.

Imagine how many lives we potentially saved, How many people we averted suicide for and how much positive change we have made.

1380 calls per month means we could help over 16,000 people each year.

Well done Lifeline Western Sydney what an amazing achievement, keep up the great work!!!

Thanks,



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네번 성령강림(4th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 6월30일 오후 1시30분

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) 이사야 60:15-22

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 구원과 찬양

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 412 장 통 469 장 내 영혼의 그윽히 깊은데서

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) 새 502 장 통 259 장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
살전 2:18-20

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
살전 1:11-5:11

WESTMEAD Congregation

40TH ANNIVERSARY- 30th JUNE

The 40th anniversary of the opening of Wesley Lodge is on the 10th June. It is amazing to think of the 40 years of service that Wesley Lodge, now 175 has given to so many people with the faithful service of many. There will be a worship service and special celebration followed by a catered lunch. Please join with us following the service.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of Billie Robinson. Billie was a member of the Westmead Congregation, worked as a volunteer at Wesley Lodge, was involved in many ways in both Westmead and Leigh congregations. Our prayers go to her daughter Jan, granddaughters Nicole and Claudine and their families. The family is with us in our thoughts and prayers as a Peace banner was made by Jean Jackson and dedicated to Billie's daughter Ann who died. There are some cats in the banner- reminding us how much Billie and her family loved cats. Billie's funeral will be at Castlebrook Crematorium on Monday 1st July at 11.00am.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Rev Christine will be on annual leave from Monday 8th July for 2 weeks. During this time worship will be led by different people, and Sarah Bishop from the hospital will preach on the 14th. Thanks to all who will continue all the great work of Westmead Congregation while Rev Christine has a well earned break. During her absence, please contact any of the Elders if you have a need.

THE COFFEE CHALLENGE

Across the next 2 months we are encouraging as many people as possible to go to a shopping centre, open some general conversation with someone who appears to be alone (and who might be lonely) to encourage them and hopefully make them feel a little more connected to other people. We hope this can happen in all of the congregations in the Mission Zone. We trust that God will enable some amazing conversations to come about. Are you up to the coffee challenge?

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 2nd July

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



FAREWELL & THANK YOU BILLIE

Our Mission family are saddened to learn of the passing of Ms. Billie Robinson, last week. Billie was a member of the Westmead congregation over a long period and worked in various roles, including as a volunteer, within Westmead's hospitality services. Her bright, positive and caring energy assisted many staff, members and visitors to feel at ease – and her belief in the Mission's values and objectives compelled her work ethic and her warm commitment to others.

Billie's funeral will take place at 11am, Monday 1 July at Castlebrook, Rouse Hill, with refreshments afterwards at the Flower Power cafe Prospect, where Billie liked to visit. Further details are available from Rev Christine. Blessings of comfort and peace for Billie's family and friends at this time.



Foster your faith this week

2Kgs 5:1-14 Ps 30

Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16 Lk 10:1-11, 16-20

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

1 For freedom, Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not be entangled with a yoke of slavery. 13 For you were called to freedom, sisters and brothers; only do not use freedom for the advantage of the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. 14 For the whole law has been fulfilled in one word, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch you are not destroyed by one another. 16 I mean this, walk by the Spirit and there is no likely hood you will desire the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the Spirit is against the flesh; for these oppose each other, in order that you not do what you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest: fornication, impurity, indecency, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, divisions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and like things to these; which I warn you as I warned you previously, that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflection

Paul writes to the church in Galatia expressing his concern that they are about to lose their freedom in Christ by choosing to be bound to legalism. He makes it clear that the church in Galatia has not only been released from something, it is freedom for something, namely for a relationship with the God who loves all and with all that God loves.

Giving people the commandment to love, telling people that they must love others does not help unless their "default setting" has been altered. People will become loving towards others as their lives reflect more the goodness of God. That means dealing with the hurts and false hopes from the past, in order to receiving healing and release.

Hugh McKay suggested that people have become disconnected from people, and this disconnection leads to a fragmentation. People are unlikely to develop sensitivity towards others unless we regard them as members of our community. Hurtful acts are usually perpetrated against people whom we do not value. Hugh MacKay wrote "Freedom to choose is no freedom at all unless it is accompanied by the confidence of knowing we have made the *right* choice."

A certain footballer has miss-quoted a scripture that has some resonance to a few verses in the scripture herein. The miss-quote from the Bible then has been used to exclude. The exclusive language has breached employment contract law that in the footballer's case, included social media. The hypocrisy of the debate that follows is the suggestion that it is a matter of free speech, yet the groups who have grabbed the microphone proclaiming free speech are the very same groups who insist on selective employment practices about gender, sexuality, race and religious beliefs in their schools and organisations. A second hypocrisy is that a multimillionaire, with multiple million-dollar assets has raised millions of dollars to run a court case he is initiating and is supported by people who want religious freedom but whose practise are religious restrictions to a certain religion. The people who are supporting the funding are noteworthily absent from funding the 60% of prison inmates who are illiterate, the schools where teachers fund activates out of their own pockets, people facing homelessness, women and children escaping domestic violence with nowhere to go but sleep in cars, or under bridges or prostitute themselves for accommodation, and the list goes on. Two million dollars could make a tremendous difference to the lives of people who live on the edge every day. Just \$200,000 would make a tremendous difference through Meals Plus.

Meanwhile, I'm informed that 12 people in our Meals Plus community have died an early death this year. One, David, this week, was 57, and had been part of our community for more than 10 years. A highly intelligent man with a Master's degree in English Literature from Sydney University, yet tormented by experiences of the past. It is less than a month since PM assisted with some clothes and a member of staff accompanied David to the Iftar dinner, where he engaged in theological and philosophical discussion with scholars. I shall miss our daily chat. Rest in Peace David.

WOMEN OF PARRAMATTA

What can Women of Parramatta do?
What is essential to us all?

THE LONG TABLE

This is a performance of a dinner table conversation.

Anyone seated at the table is a guest performer

Talk is the only course

No one will moderate

But a host may assist you

It is a democracy

To participate, simply take an empty seat at the table if the table is
full you can request a seat

If you leave the table you can come back again and again

Feel free to write your comments on the tablecloth

There can be silence

There might be awkwardness

There could always be laughter

There is an end, but no conclusion.

This past week I was privileged to be invited to attend a Women's Long Table and lunch to discuss how to make the Female factory precinct a living space beyond the current funding. The visit included a tour of the site in Fleet Street Parramatta.

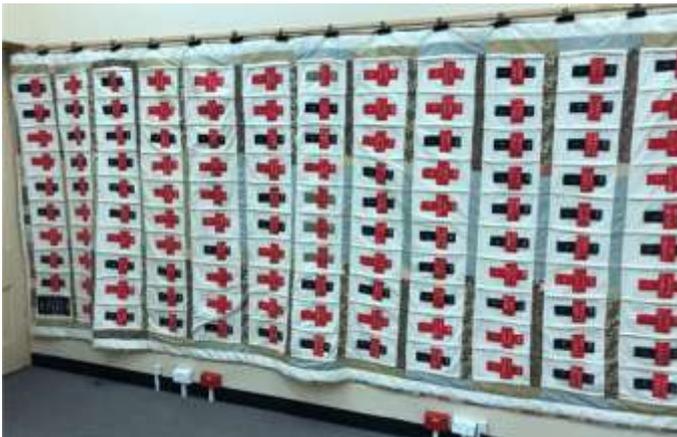


The building is called Bethel, after the name of the government officer in charge of the female factory. Jews and Christians would be familiar with the name of Bethel as the name of a sacred place; this place was a house of horror, where all sorts of atrocities occurred, some included in the recent royal commission for institutional responses to child sexual assault.





Former Parra Girl, Bonny Djuric OAM, artist, and instrumental in the preservation and heritage listing of the Parramatta Female factory. (And a member of my family).



This quilt that Bonny made honours the orphans who are buried at the site. The red crosses represent girls, the blue, boys, and the grey in the middle children whose gender as well as name is unknown.



These scratches on the walls are from girls who were locked in solitary confinement.

The call to love our neighbour is a relevant today as always.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Pastoral message for this week....

**Sometimes it is hard to love someone with a different view,
but love them anyway**

YOUTH BONFIRE
 END OF SCHOOL TERM
 FRIDAY 5TH JULY
 reflecting on the end of another school term with smores and more!

Share the Warmth

drop off donations to one of the Bula Feed Team members

scarves
 socks
 jackets
 gloves
 blankets

BULA FEEDING MINISTRY

Vukevuke ni Chairperson: We are seeking to fill the role of Vukevuke ni Chairperson. If you are called to the role, or want to nominate someone, please contact Vakatawa. Young adults are encouraged to consider this. Ena veivosakitaki ena bose ka tarava.

Supply Ministry Sa vakadonui ena bose ni vavakoso ena macawa sa oti me mai Supply Minister o Rev Tony Floyd ena loma ni vula tolu. Na macala ni siga ni veiqaravi ena qai tabaki yani ni sa vakadeitaki. Nuitaki ni da na masulaka na veikacivi oqo ka da vakavinavinakataka tiko na veivakarautaki ni Kalou ena nodatou Vale ni Lotu.

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI TOLU NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
7/7	Vulavou/ Holy Communion			M1	
14/7	Multicultural Worship	Akisi Allison	Ini Foiakau		
21/7	Rooty Hill	Josefa Foiakau	Anare Vocea	M2	M2
28/7	Fiji Parish	Sosi Toa	Vili Kamotu	M3	M3

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: Sosi Toa and family, Adriu Rogoimuri and Rogoimuri family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Terry Butler and Talatala Amelia Koh Butler, Ravetali family, Tuiloma family, Sunday School Ministry, Young Adults and their families, Bula Feeding Ministry, Soup Kitchen Ministry, Samu Sadrata.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Billie Robinson's family-(Jan and family), Wendy, Jan's neighbours, Sunny and family, 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 Bolivia, Chile, Peru*
- ♥ *We pray for Hindu Fellowship—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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