

OUR NEWS
14th July 2019

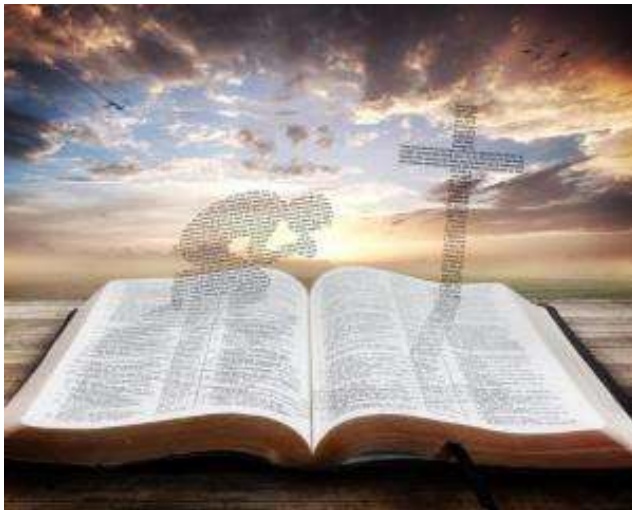


Parramatta
Mission



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

ABRAHAM CONFERENCE

On **Sunday 28 July**, Leigh Memorial will be hosting the 2019 Abraham Conference (an inter-faith gathering of Christian, Jewish and Islamic leaders, groups and supporters) in the Fellowship Centre (start time, 1.00pm). This year's theme is "Healing Memories, Making History." The event includes speakers, discussion and afternoon tea. Volunteers needed.

Please see Rev Manas/ Leaders team.



SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH

Sunday School is on a break for two more Sundays of the school holidays (14 and 21 July). Our Term 3 class will resume on Sunday, 28 July.

Enquiries: Samantha, Anne & Liz.

LEADERS TEAM MEETING

A meeting of the Leigh Memorial Leaders team is scheduled for after Take 10, this Sunday 14 July.

PASTORAL UPDATE

We currently have members who are very unwell and needing support. Thanks for everyone's care for these members & their families, plus the many people in need beyond our congregation. Please convey assistance/prayer requests, including those for LEAP ('Leave Everything and Pray') to Rev Manas/Leaders' team.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

Two new books, titled *Samuel Leigh: First Wesleyan Missionary to Australia and New Zealand* and *Luminous: The stained-glass history of Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta*, are available from Liz (Leigh Memorial), Ini (Leigh Fijian) and Lorna (Westmead). Enquiries: Liz/Heritage Committee.

WRITERS' PROJECT - ALL CONGREGATIONS

This Sunday, the 'Writers' Project' - a 'boutique' collection of original writings on a range of topics by members of the PM congregations - is being released. The collection is diverse, inspirational and great reading! Thanks to all of our contributors. Don't forget to pick up a copy!

NAIDOC theme 2019:

Voice. Treaty. Truth. Let's work together for a shared future

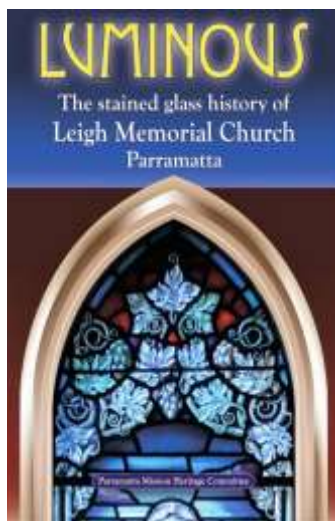
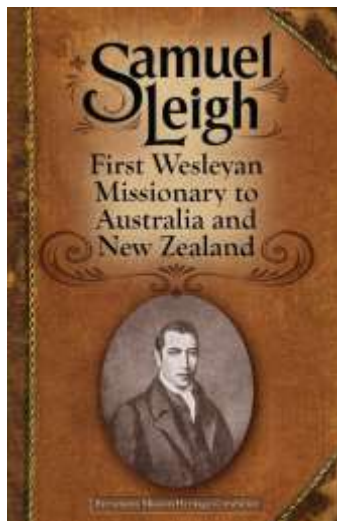
PARRAMATTA MISSION CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A small number of copies of the June Church Council minutes are available from the Stewards. A copy of the minutes may also be obtained by contacting Robert Key on either 9624 1797, 0412 100 947 or email robert.key@parramattamission.org.au

NEW BOOKS!!!

The Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee has released 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. Please see Liz (Leigh Memorial), Lorna (Westmead) and Inise (Leigh Fijian) or contact Reception, 9891-2277.






Annual Interfaith Pilgrimage:

A visit to the Sikh Temple has been organised on Saturday 27 July. It will commence at 10am at 2-18 Meurants Lane, Glenwood and will include face to face meeting with our Sikh brothers and sisters, an introduction to Sikhism, QA style discussion, guided tour of the Sikh Temple and finish with a vegetarian lunch. If you are interested please contact Rev Dr Manas Ghosh on 0429892548 or email manas.ghosh@parramattamission.org.au before 15 July. RSVP is essential. Some important Protocols: Visitors entering the main prayer hall and the Dining area must remove their shoes and cover their head. Head covering for men/boys will normally be available but a large knotted handkerchief is acceptable. Free Parking is available onsite.

Help wanted: English speakers to provide some conversation practice for an Afghani refugee woman and her adult daughter. They are located in the Parramatta/Merrylands area. If you are interested or want more information please contact Allison Forrest (Assistant Chaplain at Western Sydney University). Phone 0425 231 412



Monday 15th July - 6.30-8.30pm
LAY PREACHERS and others - WORSHIP Workshop
Building on what the PM Lay Preacher students have been doing so far this year, Amelia will lead a class at WSU PSQ, Level 2, Room 26 (to the left of the lifts).
Extras are welcome for this workshop.
Please FB message or text Amelia to let her know you are coming 0427955157.

ABRAHAM CONFERENCE



HEALING MEMORIES MAKING HISTORY

**Genuine encounters in the present will
redeem our past for a different future**

International Keynote Speaker

Diego Sarrío Cucarella, M.Afr., Ph.D.
Rector of the Pontifical Institute for Arabic
and Islamic Studies (PISAI) in Rome

Moderator

Mr John Cleary
Broadcaster

Sunday, 28 July 2019
2pm-5.30pm
Registration from 1pm

Parramatta Mission
Fellowship Hall
119 Macquarie Street
Parramatta NSW 2150
Cost: \$20 (\$10 concession)

Click on the link to register → <https://events.humanitix.com.au/>

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COLLOSSIAN CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIAN MUSLIM RELATIONS



WESTMEAD Congregation

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. Natasha will lead worship on the 14th and Sarah Bishop from the hospital will preach on the 21st. 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.

THANKS TO NATASHA

Thanks to Natasha for leading worship. It is great to have Natasha engaging with more of our activities. We are enjoying her presence.

NO TOC ON TUESDAYS

There will be no TOC on Tuesday 16th. Please pray for more volunteers for TOC to enable us to cover people when they are ill or away.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please remember Ruth in your prayers. Ruth has now come closer to Westmead as she convalesces following a broken ankle. Please pray for a good recovery so she might return home soon. Please also pray for members of the congregation who are recovering from illness, who have ill family members and for those who are travelling.

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?

COMMUNION.

Next Sunday, 21st July, 2019, Sarah Bishop, Chaplain at Westmead Children's Hospital will lead worship, and will also administer Holy Communion, as Rev. Christine will be on annual leave.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 6th August

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

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

17-21

종려주일 (Psalm of Sunday) 2019년 04월 14일 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 15 장 **통 55 장** 하나님의 크신 사랑

새 439 장 **통 496 장** 십자가로 가까이

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **고린도전도 1:18-25**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 하나님의 능력과 지혜

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)
새 150 장 **통135장** 갈보리산 위에

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
마태복은 27:11-26

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
마태복음 26:57-27:66

Luke 10:25-37

25 Now notice this, a certain lawyer stood up, tempting Jesus saying, "Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" 26 Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" 27 And he answered saying, "You shall love the Lord your God out of all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." 28 Jesus said to him, "Rightly you answer; do this and you shall live." 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" 30 Taking him up, Jesus said, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among robbers. And they stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half-dead. 31 Now by coincidence a certain priest was going down that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise also a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 33 And a certain Samaritan, travelling, came to him, and when he saw him he had compassion on him. 34 He went to him, and bound his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put him on his own riding animal and led him to the inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out and gave two silver coins (two day's wages) to the manager and said, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend I, on my return, will repay you." 36 "Which of these three do you think became a neighbour to the man who fell among robbers?" 37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and you, you do likewise." (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections on the Lections

Yes, this is the parable of the Good Samaritan. It has entered into popular parlance. It has shaped our negligence laws, and even the Good Samaritan act.

The parable is well known, yet perhaps not so. Behind the parable stands a culture that ties people in knots. The road down to Jericho from Jerusalem was deserted and robbers frequent. The man is bashed to the point of death. A priest comes by, probably after finishing his weekly term at the temple on his way home, and possibly riding an animal. He is as well equipped to stop and render aid as the Samaritan. To stop and go near a dead person, or to touch someone so injured would put the priest in breach of temple cleanliness rules, requiring him to return to Jerusalem in disgrace and undertake the purification rites that could take a week, and certainly were expensive.

The Levite follows. The priest may be visible in the distance. If the priest did not stop, it would be difficult for the Levite. His touching the near dead man would not have the same repercussions as for the priest. But the Levite is probably on foot, being of lower social class than the priest. While the priest does not come close, the Levite does. However, he would not have the medical facilities to render aid. At the risk of becoming a victim himself, he leaves.

The Samaritan is hated by the Jews. Samaritans were considered to have profaned the Jewish line through intermarriage following the fall of the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC. Christians continued this hatred, by killing Samaritans during the fifth century, in order to build a church.

The Samaritan comes; he approaches the near dead man. The meaning of the word 'compassion' is an overwhelming gut reaction to the sight of the injured man. He risks his life by stopping. He uses oil to soften the wounds and wine to disinfect, and then he binds the man's wounds. Note: the parable mentions binding wounds first, perhaps an allusion to the way God binds the wounds of the hurting such as in Jeremiah 30:17 and Hosea 6. Oil and wine were also used in the temple in sacrificial worship. The Priest and the Levite fail in their sacrificial worship, while the despised Samaritan does what God requires. He places the man on his animal and leads him to an inn. It is likely, from the way the parable is told that the Samaritan had more than one horse, probably carrying his merchandise. The magnitude of his generous act is becoming apparent. He has done more than what is required, yet he stays the night at the inn. Then, the next day he gives equal to 2 day's wages for the innkeeper to look after the man, with the promise that if it costs more, he will pay more. In this he risks his life. By identifying himself, the Samaritan runs the risk of having the family of the near dead man seek him out for vengeance. It often happens that the families of the victim blame the helper. Here is sacrificial giving, irrational and over the top.

The lawyer wanted a list to debate. He got a parable. It is not who is our neighbour, but to whom must we become a neighbour? "In order to love God, we must express costly compassion to all people, even to enemies."

A further thought from Martin Luther King Jnr said,

On the one hand we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside; but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.

I will be away with Julie for two weeks on annual leave visiting Scotland, including a weekend with Clive and Mary Pearson, who are coming to the end of their time at Kintyre. Clive is providing a supply ministry to a Presbyterian Church, while Mary is enjoying catching up with family. While I am away, Katelyn Barakat will be the acting CEO.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Fijian Congregation

Last weekend Samu and I attended our first Synod meeting. It was a three day gathering at Knox Grammar. We looked into issues like Climate Change, Uniting Church's advocacy priorities, working towards a new Formation Process and the Church's growth strategy, amongst a few. Of the 360 members that attended Synod, one third of attendees were young people. It is encouraging to be part of a Synod that values young people and we hope this trend continues and grows for future Synods. It is also our hope that Assembly gatherings attract young membership as well.

Leigh and Leigh Fijian youths attended the Saturday night program, Revivify: Many Cultures, One in Christ worship. Jon Owen from Wayside Chapel spoke passionately about no matter who we are or where we're from, we're all called and loved by God. Worship was exciting!

Overall, attending Synod allowed Samu and I the opportunity to participate in our wider church, and to connect with other leaders and members of UCA. We even chatted freely with our Moderator Simon Hansford, and President Deidre Palmer.

A big *vinaka vakalevu* to the congregation and to the Church Council for the support. It is our prayer that more young people are given such opportunity in similar wider church events.

Ofa Foiakau



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 veisiga oqo ena veiqaravi kina, ka na qai vakadeitaki : 22/7/19 ki na 6/8/19, 24/8/19 ki na 6/9/19, 21/9/19 ki na 4/10/19.

Masumasu kei na Veisiko Eda rogoca na vakadre mai vei Talatala Qase ena vunau ena macawa sa oti. Na bibi ni masumasu kei na wiliki ni Vola Tabu ena bula ni veivakatisaipilitaki. Sa vakakina na noda uqeti me da veisiko vei ira na tu tikivi keda. Me noda vata na loloma ni noda Kalou.

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VA NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
21/7	Rooty Hill/Campbelltown	Josefa Foiakau	Anare Vocea	M2	M2
28/7	Fiji Parish	Sosi Toa	Vili Kamotu	M3	M3
4/8	Vulavou			M1	

Pastoral message for this week....

Anyone who is affected by my actions is my neighbour.
 Anyone who is affected by our actions is our neighbour
 May our actions show mercy

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

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



OPERA & SONG FOR GALSTON CONCERTS



The Galston Concerts will offer opera,
song and instrumental colours in their next program

2pm Sunday 28 July
Galston Uniting Church
11 School Road - Galston



PM HASIPLUS
therapy dogs
Diggs and Shiloh
dropped into the
Fellowship Centre last
week to catch up.



**WINDSOR UNITING CHURCH
INVITE YOU TO HEAR THE LATEST NEWS**

“ISRAEL, PALESTINE, PEACE-BUILDING”

GUEST SPEAKERS:

LYNDA BEN-MENASHE

REV DR ROBERT MCFARLANE

SUNDAY JULY 21ST 2019

TIME: 2.00 pm (followed by afternoon tea at 3.30)

WHERE: Windsor Uniting Church Hall

Corner of Macquarie & Fitzgerald Streets,
Windsor

COST: FREE

RSVP: Rev Sharon Cutts 0424 366 962

sharoncutts@bigpond.com

WINDSOR UCA PHONE: 45773147



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: Marly, Billie Robinson's family-(Jan and family), Ruth, Wendy, Jan's neighbours, Sunny and family, Joyte and her family following the death of her brother in India, 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 Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama*
- ♥ *We pray for Indonesian Church at Maroubra/Wentworthville – Faith Community*

Foster your faith this week

Am 8:1-12 Ps 52

Col 1:15-28 Lk 10:38-42

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


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



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