

OUR NEWS
18th August 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.

*What can we do
to protect our
world?*



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

THANKS TO OUR SUNDAY MORNING HELPERS!

Many thanks to all those who give their time each week to make our Sunday mornings work so smoothly – and so well. This includes our set-up/PA team, singers/musicians, stewards/welcomers, worship contributors, morning tea helpers, Sunday School teachers & many more. We couldn't do it without you! A special shout-out to Mario who also braved a very chilly morning last Sunday to work the boom-gate for us.

PROPERTY UPDATE

A number of property-related matters in the church, coffee shop & car park are currently being resolved with the support of PM property and maintenance personnel. Updates will be provided asap.

AUGUST TOILETRIES DRIVE

Please bring donated toiletries items to the coffee shop on Sunday mornings. These will be distributed to various Parramatta Mission programs. Thanks to everyone who has contributed so far.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Margie is accepting 5c and other small coin donations for 'Fellowship of the Least Coin' over the next few Sunday mornings. Thanks to the dedicated coin gatherers who have already donated!

THANK YOU EDNA

Many thanks to the wonderful Mrs. Edna Oakes & her team of Blue Mountains UCA knitters, who have just donated another generous supply of beanies and scarves to Parramatta Mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH

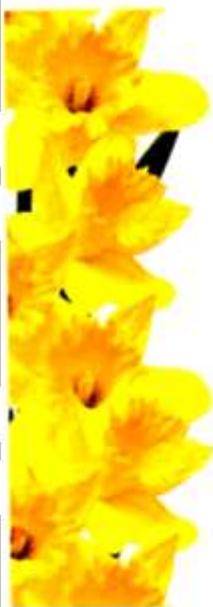
Sunday School @ Leigh Memorial is open to children of all ages from pre-school to Year 12. We have an inclusive and creative learning program and new kids are always welcome!

VITAL MINISTRY CONVERSATION

Special Church Council Meeting: Monday 26 August, 7.00 – 9.00pm – 'Vital Ministry Conversation' @ Westmead (not Parramatta as indicated last week). Congregation members are encouraged to attend.

HERITAGE BOOKS

Our newest PM Heritage Committee books on PM pioneer Samuel Leigh & the stained-glass history of Leigh Memorial Church are still available from Liz or the office for \$10 per copy.



Daffodil Day Service 2019

West Epping Uniting Church
cnr Carlingford Rd & Orchard St, Epping

Friday 23 August, 10am

Guest Speaker: Rev Niall Reid

morning tea to follow

*A service for those who have
experienced cancer
themselves or in a loved one.*

All Welcome!

Pastoral message for this week....

God gave us a home

Look after it

Foster your faith this week

Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-6

Heb 12:18-29 Lk 13:L10-17



 Lifeline's

Out of the Shadows

A walk to remember those lost to suicide

You can make a difference by participating in Lifeline's Out of the Shadows - national suicide prevention walks held to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day.

Join us as we walk to raise awareness, remember those lost to suicide and unite in a commitment to prevent further deaths by suicide.

Walk with us on

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019

Meet at (and returning to)

153 GEORGE ST PARRAMATTA

5.00AM START

Followed by breakfast BBQ

RSVP for catering

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/out-of-the-shadows-walk-paramatta-tickets-68094738195>



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Lifeline

Western Sydney



열번째 성령강림(11th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 8월18일 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 341 장 통 367 장 십자가를 내가 지고

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 누가복음 17:7-10

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 무익한 종의 고백

성찬 및 봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 292 장 통 415장 주 없이 살 수 없네

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
에스겔 24:15-27

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
에스겔 23:36-27: 25

WESTMEAD Congregation

NANCY MITCHELL

It is with sadness and celebration we give thanks for the life of Nancy Mitchell who passed away in her sleep on Friday 9th August. Nancy was the last of the Westmead congregation who moved from the Cotswold Rd site to the café. Over recent years she has been unable to attend church but has had frequent visits from different members of the congregation, most often her cousin Jean. Our condolences go to Jean and all of the family. Nancy's thanksgiving service will be at Westmead church on Monday 19th August at 2.00pm. Following the service, the funeral directors will take her on the last leg of her journey however we will remain at Westmead to share some afternoon tea. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate a life well lived.



MEALS PLUS MONTH

During August we are collecting food/money for Meals Plus to help them restock after the cold of winter. We are seeking canned goods (with ring pull lid), longlife goods, 2 minute noodles (light and easy to carry for those who are living rough). Cereals etc are always welcome as are some of the larger items such as rice. Thanks to all of you for your generosity, care and prayers.

FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP

The next meeting of the Fellowship will be a bus trip on 3rd Sept. More details to follow.

SPECIAL PRAYERS, SPECIAL MEETING

Please pray for our congregation and the other congregations of Parramatta Mission- that we might grow in discipleship, in faith and increase the numbers of people who are able to assist with the ministries we engage with. There will be a special church council meeting on Monday 26th August at 7.00pm at Westmead. The Church Council is forming a group which needs terms of reference under the heading of Leadership and Pastoral Resourcing Plan (including the succession plan for Senior Minister/CEO which was identified in the Life and Witness Consultation). Interested members of the congregation are also welcome and encouraged to attend that meeting. Please pray for all of us in this discernment process.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 3rd Sept- BUS TRIP

please speak to Lorna, Jan or Rev Christine.

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

FIJIAN Congregation



A unique opportunity for youth leaders to gather for training and fellowship

for Uniting Church youth leaders from across NSW/ACT

When: Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 August

Cost: \$50 with accommodation and meals included in your REGO!

Bula Feeding @ Meals Plus:

Looking for a few more volunteers with the Bula Feeding Team to host a Meals Plus lunch on 2nd October. Please contact Suguta if you are available to help serve or donate to the menu. Vinaka

Lunch after Church 18/8: Sa veivosakitaki ena bose sa oti me da na vakasigalevu vata, ni suka na Lotu. Me na veitalanoataka kina na veika me baleta na JNC, lesilesi ni Talatala kei na veika me baleta na noda Lotu ena veisiga ni mataka

Task Group Mai na Church Council, me lewe rua me matataki keda ena Task Group ka ratou na raica na I lesilesi ni Talatala I Parramatta Mission kei na kenai votavota.

Veisiko kei na Masumasu Eda kerei ka vakauqeti me da veisiko vei ira na wekada era tiko leqa, tauvimate kei ira era gadreva na veitokani, ka tomani tiko na masumasu ena vei yasani koro



VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VA NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veifutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
25/8	Rev. Dr Tony Floyd	Anare Vocea	Akisi Allison	1	M2
1/9	Vulavou/Holy Comm			3	
8/9	Multicultural Worship	Sam Sadrata	Ini Foiakau		
15/9	Rooty Hill/Campbelltown		Viliame Kamotu	1	M3

Psalm 80

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

³ Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁴ O Lord God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbours;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

⁹ You cleared the ground for it;

it took deep root and filled the land.

¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade,

the mighty cedars with its branches;

¹¹ it sent out its branches to the sea,

and its shoots to the River.

¹² Why then have you broken down its walls,

so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?

¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it,

and all that move in the field feed on it.

¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts;

look down from heaven, and see;

have regard for this vine,

¹⁵ the stock that your right hand planted.

¹⁶ They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;

may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Reflections

The bible contains many different genres of literature. Psalm 80 is a lament. Laments are an open and transparent cry to God about the grief of an issue or issues. They often express raw emotion. This lament has probably been edited at a later date, mixing concerns about the destruction of Samaria, the northern Kingdom of Israel, and picking up later images and concerns about Jerusalem. God is addressed in several ways (vv. 1, 4, 7, 14), there is lament itself (vv. 4b-6, 12-13, 16), petition (vv. 1-2, 14-15-17) and the vow of praise (v. 18). The refrain in vv. 3, 7, and 19 reiterates the petition for deliverance throughout the psalm. Laments are an expression of faith in God, even while having harsh words or questions of God. This one finishes with a petition to be restored to God.



ABOVE: The latest PM engagement day enjoyed morning tea at HASI Plus. Thank you to the staff, particularly Teija, kneeling left front, for your hospitality.



ABOVE: Shiloh with her winter coat.



ABOVE: Diggs with his winter coat. Shiloh and Diggs also live at HASI Plus.

The engagement day included a visit to Lifeline Western Sydney:
Did you know this about Lifeline Western Sydney?

- Last year LLWS answered 11,135 calls from people in need. That is an average of 928 calls each month.
- Total logged in hours: 4740 hours
- Average of 100 volunteers
- So far in 2019 there has been two classes to train up new volunteers, February and June.
- Each class requires classroom lectures usually of a Tuesday night in the Lifeline Training Room in the Fellowship Centre in Parramatta, followed by time on the phones.
- The June class are now in the phone room preparing to take calls.
- Each telephone volunteer is required to give 92 hours voluntary telephone counselling over 12 months, each year to maintain accreditation.
- We answer calls for reasons including:
 - ◆ Suicidal thoughts
 - ◆ Relational difficulties
 - ◆ Mental illness
 - ◆ Domestic violence
 - ◆ Addictive behaviour
 - ◆ Social isolation
 - ◆ Disabilities
- 80% of calls by LLWS specifically addressed suicide.
Lifeline Australia is launching a new CARE model of training in 2020. The LLWS Out of the Shadows Walk is planned for 10 September. It will commence at 5 am at 153 George St, Parramatta, and proceed along the riverbank towards Lennox Bridge. It will be followed by breakfast at 153 George St, Parramatta. Other Lifeline centres will also be conducting Out of the Shadows Walks.
- A comment from a care seeker of LLWS:
I clearly remember feeling that my life had purpose and there was a reason to stay alive after calling lifeline. I was so sick of the routines in the mental health system. But, Lifeline is so accessible, unintimidating and immediate. They listen and care without judgement.

Thank you David Peters, manager of LLWS, and staff and volunteers.
Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Commending the Faith Study Series



How will we **COMMEND THE FAITH** in Australia today?

A study series led by **Rev Dr Chris Walker**

When: 7.30-9.30 pm (with a short break for supper halfway)

Four Mondays: 2, 9, 16 & 23 September

Where: "The Cottage", 30 Highfield Rd, Quakers Hill
(Quakers Hill Uniting Church)

Why: The series is for anyone who is interested in how to speak about faith in Christ in the context of Australia today.
There will be input, stories and engagement with the topics.

Come for all four sessions, or only a couple. Topics listed in the flyer. We will provide some recommended readings and light supper.

Leader in Exploration

Rev Dr Chris Walker has recently been a National Assembly consultant for Doctrine, Discipleship and Worship. He has been a presbytery minister in Parramatta Nepean, a theological college teacher and principal, and a local minister. He has authored and edited a lot of books, and is known for his down-to-earth solid communication.



No charge but a gold coin donation for supper would be appreciated.

Register now by sending an email to John Cutts: johnc@pnpuca.org.au

Have a question that you would like to ask?

Contact Rob, if you have an enquiry about the study series:
rob@pnpuca.org.au or 0400 825 739

SPECIAL SCREENING

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.30 PM

Leigh Memorial Church, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta

HALF A MILLION STEPS



Uniting



This documentary is a part of the [Fair Treatment campaign](#) to advocate for drug law reform and enhanced access to treatment and harm reduction strategies. In October 2018, as part of the Fair Treatment campaign, 100 supporters walked the 500,000 steps from Dubbo to Sydney to highlight the distance a person in regional NSW may have to travel to reach the drug treatment they need. To find out how to get involved in the campaign go to www.fairtreatment.org. You can view the trailer [here](#) or at <https://vimeo.com/327615416>

Please RSVP your attendance [here](#) or at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/half-a-million-steps-screening-at-parramatta-mission-tickets-66978284853> by 16 September 2019.

800th Anniversary

A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SCREENING OF THE
EMMY-NOMINATED FILM BY UNITY PRODUCTIONS FOUNDATION

THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT

Two men of faith, a Muslim and a Christian,
meet face-to-face in a time of conflict to make peace.

Eight-hundred years ago, at the height of the Fifth Crusade, St Francis of Assisi crossed the battle lines between warring armies to meet with Sultan Malik al-Kamil of Egypt. He came on a mission of peace in a time of war. See the dramatic film about their historic encounter. Be inspired to reach out and make Christian-Muslim friendship a reality in our time.

7pm, Thursday
5 September 2019
Event Cinemas
Westfield Parramatta
159-175 Church Street
Parramatta NSW 2150
Tickets \$12

Click this link to purchase your tickets
at Humanitix: [https://events.humanitix.com.au/
the-sultan-and-the-saint-800th-anniversary](https://events.humanitix.com.au/the-sultan-and-the-saint-800th-anniversary)

www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com

For details contact the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations: info.cccmr@columban.org.au, (02) 9672 3616



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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, 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 The Pacific islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanaky) and French Polynesia (Tahiti)*
- ♥ *We pray for Kurrajong Heights 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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