

OUR NEWS
15th September



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

PEACE SERVICE – NEXT WEEK

Everyone is welcome to attend this year's International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Service at the Fellowship Centre: 2pm – 5pm, on Saturday 21 September. Helpers will be needed for set-up, meet & greet, stage supervision and afternoon tea etc. Enquiries: Rev. Manas/ Leaders' team.

KEY DATES: SEPTEMBER @ LEIGH

Sundays, 8.45 – 9.15am: 'Future Pastoral Directions' prayer gatherings

Wednesdays, 7.00 – 7.30pm: 'Future Pastoral Directions' prayer gatherings

Saturdays 7 & 21 September (pm): Youth Group

Saturday 21 September: 2pm, International Day of Peace inter-faith prayer service.

Sunday 28 September: 10am, Combined Leigh Memorial + Leigh Fijian service.

PASTORAL CARE

Loving thoughts & prayers are with our members who are unwell or grieving, including the Gray and de Reland families. Also – continued prayers for our HSC students: Johana, Gabe, Shalaane and Ulita.

THANK YOU

The Gray and de Reland families, and Beverly, wish to express their sincere gratitude to everyone at Leigh and PM for their kindness and support during the past week, including at Col's funeral service last Wednesday. It has been greatly appreciated at a challenging time.



Pastoral message for this week....

When we have lost someone or something precious,
God seeks us out with unlimited mercy.

Foster your faith this week

Jer 8:18-9:1 Ps 79:1-9

1 Tim 2:1-7 Lk 16:1-13

WESTMEAD Congregation

SPECIAL PRAYERS, SPECIAL MEETING

As an outcome from the meeting on Monday 26th, we are calling people to prayer. Westmead church will be open from 9.00-9.30 for prayer to listen to God. Wednesday evenings there will be a time of prayer down in the vestry of Leigh Memorial Church. There will also be time each day for us to join in prayer together- irrespective of whether we are able to be present with others or not. Please see Keith's reflection for more information.

LEAVE

Rev Christine will be on Study leave on the week beginning Monday 16th September, back for the week beginning 23rd. Rev Christine will have annual leave from Friday 27th September returning Thursday 17th October. During this time worship will be led by various people including Natasha, Sarah and elders. During this time please contact elders as needed.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We have had an extra busy time with people in hospital. Thankyou for all of you who pray through the prayer chain and from the newsletter. Prayer breaks through in amazing ways.

We encourage everyone to spend some time each day praying for others and coming closer to God.

LEAST COIN

Today is the last day for Least Coin. We have raised nearly \$200. This is a wonderful effort from 5c pieces. The money from Least Coin joins with money from other congregations, denominations and countries in being pooled so that it can be used to support disadvantaged women across the world to gain education or in other support. Thanks too all who have contributed.

COMMUNION

On the 2nd Sunday in October, when we normally have Communion, those who do the set up are all away, so the leaders have moved Communion to Sunday 20th October. Communion will be on the 2nd Sunday in November and December.

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



The 55th session
of the General Assembly
of the United Nations
designated 21 September as

**International
Day of**



peace

You are invited
to join at the **Interfaith Peace Service** to be held on
Saturday 21 September 2019, 2pm
at the **Fellowship Centre, Parramatta Mission**,
(next to the historic Leigh Memorial Uniting Church)
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.

Keynote Speaker: Professor Peter Shergold AC,
Chancellor of Western Sydney University.

Representatives from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmakumaris,
Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaeen, Sikh,
Sufi and Zoroastrian Communities will offer prayers for peace,
and there will be time for silent reflection.

Community groups will provide cultural items.
Refreshments will follow the service.

For further information contact **Rev Dr Manas Ghosh**
on **0429 892 548** or
email: **Manas.Ghosh@parramattamission.org.au**

Do you want to become a Telephone Counsellor?.....

We hold regular classes throughout the year!!

Email lifeline@parramattamission.org.au or call 9891 6213 to secure your spot!!

Benefits of volunteering at Lifeline Western Sydney...

- Supportive family environment
- Receive monthly newsletter straight to your inbox!
- Access to FREE Professional Development sessions
- Access to FREE Supervision (group & individual)
- Continuous support from Supervisors

Lots of fun activities!

As always, if you are in any crisis and need to speak with someone, please call 13 11 14....24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

A secure home for all

What could and should housing in NSW look like?
Join us to contribute to the vision of a sustainable and effective housing system



Workshop with us on ShelterNSW's 5 key elements

- Everyone deserves a secure home to call their own
 - A diverse and integrated system provides various options
 - All tenures provide dignity, stability and affordability
 - Cities, neighbourhoods and homes are built for diversity and inclusion
- Communities are supported and engaged through change

Lead facilitator: **Bernie Coates**, *Visiting Fellow at City Futures Research Centre UNSW Sydney. He has done research projects for City Futures, Shelter NSW and The Tenants Union NSW. Until his retirement, he was the Director, Community Renewal at NSW Land and Housing Corporation.*

Monday 16 September 2019 9.30am – 12.30pm (including morning tea)
Parramatta Mission, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta NSW

Information

ShelterNSW Leah Emmanuel

admin@shelternsw.org.au Phone: 02 9267 5733

Masumasu Cokovata Ena yakavi ni **Vukelulu**, ena 7pm ena Vestry, veiliutaki ena macawa oqo o Rev Keith Hamilton. Eda sa vakauqeti me da mai duavata ena kena masulaki na I lakolako ni Parramatta Mission kei ratou na kena i vakalesilesi vakai Talatala. Sa vakabibi taki talega na masu yadudua, vakavuvale, vakamatamasumasu.

Curry Drive Fundraising Fiji National Conference Vakarauwai 28 ni Sepiteba Kerei me da nanamaki tiko ena fundraising oqo, me vukea nai lakolako ni Koniferedi ki Adelaide.

Uniting Church Women's Gathering

Na vakavinavinaka levu ki vei kemuni kece sara ni sa mai qaravi vinaka na Lotu ni Marama ena Vakarauwai 7/09. A vakaitavi kina o Di Sala Raiwalui McGoon, ena ulutaga na CULTIVATE.



Climate Strike!

When: Friday 20 Sep
Time: 9.30am - 2pm
Where: The Domain, Art Gallery Rd, Sydney

Youth Performance at

Annandale Creative Arts Centre
When: September 20th and 21st
Time: 7pm
Tickets @ sydneyfringe.com

Half A Million Steps

documentary
on Thursday
19 September 2019
@ Parramatta
Mission.

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VA NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tafi Vunau
22/9	Rev. Tony Floyd			2	
29/9	Combine Worship				
6/10	Vulavou/Holy Communion			1	
12/10	Cross Cultural Worship	Akisi Allison	Ini Foiakau	Youth	

열네째 성령강림(14th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 9월15일 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 14 장 통 30 장 주 우리 하나님

새 341 장 통 367 장 십자가를 내가 지고

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 데살로니카 3:1-5

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 사랑과 인내의 신앙

성찬 및 봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 382 장 통 432 장 너 근심 걱정 말아라

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
여호수아 7:1-15

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
여호수아 5:13-8:29

Luke 15:1-32

1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to him to hear him. 2 And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured saying "This man receives sinners and eats with them." 3 And he told them this parable, saying, 4 "What person among you having a hundred sheep and loosing one of them does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and journeys after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it places it upon his shoulders rejoicing. 6 And going to the house calls all his friends and neighbours together saying to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my sheep which was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. 8 Or, which woman having ten silver coins, if she looses one silver coin does not light a candle and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, because I found the silver coin which I lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents"

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

God is like the shepherd who risks losing the rest to go and find the lost, like the woman who diligently, persistently, urgently searches for the lost, until she discovers the lost coin. But that is not the end of the matter. God then is like the shepherd and the woman who celebrates with great energy and much rejoicing. The value of grace comes to mind as a value of not giving up, and see the best in the other even when they are at their worst.

Out of the shadows walk was held this past week. Check out the photos here and on our Facebook. Gathering at 5 am, the 40 people walked along the Parramatta River bank, to a point where people placed daffodils on the water, as a symbol of remembrance of the more than 3,000 people (about 8 every day) whose lives ended through suicide in the past year, and the more than 10,000 (about 30 every day) who attempted suicide. The walk then continued east into the rising sunlight, back to the Lifeline Western Sydney centre, where Outback Steakhouse provided Bacon and egg rolls for breakfast. Thank you to all who organised the morning, including David Peters and Jenny Fulda. All of us can make a difference; if we all undertook the Mental Health First Aid Certificate (2-day course), and the ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) we could help others. People could also become Lifeline telephone crisis support volunteer.



Lifeline's

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Shadows



Scenes from outside the church after Col Gray's funeral last week.



The latest Engagement Day group ready for lunch at Meals Plus. On the right is Andrew, Meals Plus support worker and Paul, Meals Plus coordinator.

Future Pastoral Directions

The congregations and Church Council over the next 6 months will be making decisions regarding the future arrangement of ministry in our congregations. This includes the Senior Minister / CEO, our current two congregation ministers at Westmead and Leigh Memorial, and future ministry for the Leigh Fijian congregation. The extended Church Council recently agreed to a time of prayerful listening through September. This is in the lead up to the next Church Council meeting 27 September. Prayer has been described as keeping company with God. When we keep company with another there is a time for listening and a time for speaking.

A prayer gathering will be held every Sunday at:

- Leigh Memorial before church at 8.45-9.15
- Westmead on Sunday morning at 9-9:30
- Leigh Fijian at their Masumasu.

Weekly prayer gathering every Wednesday evening 7-7:30 in Leigh Memorial Church Parramatta. This week to be led by Rev Keith Hamilton.

We encourage everyone at 8 am each day to prayer for our congregations, ministers, staff, volunteers, and people PM meets every day.

People may wish to follow a pattern of prayer: adoration, confession, Bible reading, silence, prayers for PM, concluding prayer. (You could include your daily devotions.)

It is important to allow plenty of silence. If silence is new, start with 1 minute, and build up from there. Often after five or ten minutes of silence we go to a different space as thoughts subside, and we can feel ourselves relax further.

Sometimes repeating a word or phrase can assist in silent prayer to focus of God.

Here are some prayers that can be used as a mantra.

- Jesus, have mercy on me.
- Maranatha
- The Lord is my Shepherd
- Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.
- Lord
- Jesus

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

On the 9th of August Youth Service held a Youth Homelessness Sleepout event to raise awareness of youth homelessness. The event not only brought together the community it also raised funds to go directly towards birthday celebrations for young people within the services. Thank you to all those involved in not only the planning of such an amazing event, but to all those who spared their evening to sleep out. Having a safe, warm and consistent place to sleep is a privilege and together we can make a difference.

Youth Case Managers Nora and Jacinda share their thoughts on the night below;

The night commenced with a welcome to country by Uncle Bruce Gale. We had amazing guest speakers starting with Paul Moussa from Meals Plus who kindly shared his knowledge and passion for the homeless community. He was followed by Adam Judkowski an AOD Counsellor from Ted Noffs who spoke about the impacts of homelessness and the impacts of Alcohol and Other Drugs. The most inspirational and emotional speech by Max, a previous client who shared his experiences and the struggles he personally faced on his journey in gaining safe and suitable accommodation for his young family.

We had a total of 22 people stay overnight in the hall with us, five of those people were last minute additions who decided to join the sleepout on the night after attending the earlier part of the evening.

We felt the biggest impact from one of our outreach clients attending the event with a friend, despite having no phone he still remembered to come to our event. These two young people had a great time, despite them both having no where to sleep for the night. Together they completed a registration form and participated in the sleepout. It was extremely rewarding to be able to provide a safe place for them to sleep for the night. One of the young people returned home and the other moved into our refuge Koompatoo the following Monday and has since been enrolled in TAFE , gotten himself a phone and has started AOD counselling with Ted Noffs.

We couldn't have run such an incredible event without the support of all participating organisations and especially Advanced Personnel Management (APM) who kindly donated over \$500 worth of items such as gift cards, blankets, gloves, beanies and sleeping bags which was distributed amongst all young people who attended. APM also sent their representative, John Cardile who showed support on the night and also participate in the sleepout. Their generous contributions are highly appreciated.

Together Youth Services managed to raise \$4000 for our birthday program- this is an outstanding display of the community coming together to provide support for our young people.

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.

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.*
- ♥ *Prayers for the De Reland and Gray Families on the death of their father Col Gray.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Jolame, Wilhelmina, 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: Jayden and his family, Marly, Jan and family, Ruth, Wendy, Jan's neighbours, Sunny and family, Joyte and her family, Corey, Lara and James, Judy, Grace, 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's family and friends, 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 Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia*
- ♥ *We pray for Liverpool 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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