

OUR NEWS  
29th September 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

## **COMBINED SERVICE**

This Sunday, 29 September, there will be a Combined Leigh Memorial + Leigh Fijian service, commencing at 10.00am. Attendees are invited to bring a plate of food to share for morning tea.

## **PEACE SERVICE: THANK YOU**

Many thanks again to everyone who assisted at last Saturday's International Day of Peace Prayer Service at the Fellowship Centre. A report on the event plus photos is included in this newsletter.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Those interested in joining a fortnightly Saturday evening bible study group for women, are welcome to contact Samantha: 0423 668 043. Further details to follow.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: PARRAMATTA LANES "OPEN CHURCH"**

This year's 'Lanes' festival will operate over four nights from Tuesday 15 – Friday 18 October. Although we are not part of the official program this year, one of the 2019 sites will be almost opposite us in Batman Walk – so the Leaders' team would like to try and keep Leigh Memorial open for a couple of hours each night between approx. 5.30 – 7.30pm. If you would like to be added to a roster, please see Liz, leave your details at 9891-2277 or message us at [LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com](mailto:LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com)



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH**

Sunday School is now on a break for the school holidays: 29 September & 6 and 13 October. Our multi-age class will re-commence for Term 4 on Sunday 20 October. Many thanks to our teachers for their efforts this term and to our wonderful children & families, who light up our day! Continued prayers for our HSC students.

## **INVITATION: WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**

World Community Day (Australian Church Women) for 2019 will be held from 10.00am on Friday 25 October at the Salvation Army, Good Street, Granville. The program will include a service at 10.45, followed by morning tea. The theme for the day will be *Open Hearts, Serving Hearts*.

Scripture readings: Mathew 20: 29-34, Mathew 25: 31-46, & Thess. 3: 6-13.

All are welcome to attend. Enquiries: Beverly & Ruth.

## PEACE SERVICE

The International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Service on 21 September was a wonderful gathering, with 350 in attendance at the Fellowship Centre – and 15 different religious groups represented. Keynote speaker was Prof. Peter Shergold, AC, Chancellor of Western Sydney University, whose address was titled: *Having Faith in Refugees*. 100 children participated in this year's program. Special guests included Dr Zeny Edwards, Hon. Julie Owens MP, Hon. Dr Geoff Lee MP, Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop Paul, Most Rev Fr Dr Shenouda Monsour, Cllr James Shaw, Cllr Donna Davis & Inspector Daniel Nugent. Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh for his leadership of the event – and to the team of helpers from the Leigh Memorial congregation, Knox Grammar & the Mission who worked tirelessly to bring about a successful event. Photos by Mario de Réland.



**Masumasu** Kerei me tomani na noda masumasu vaka matamasumasu, vakavuvale **Vakacurumi ki na Church Council** e walu na yaca ka ratou sa volai ena nodatou I vavakoso Lotu: Ratu Meli Donu Naburebalavu, Adi Vakacegu Vulimailaucaka Naburebalavu, Rusiate Vunidakua, Jane Francis, Moulton Fisihoi Foiakau, Asinate Foiakau, Moulton Fisihoi Foiakau Jnr kei Salote Taumolau Koroi.

**Fundraising ni Koniferedi – Matai ni Curry Drive** : Sa mai rawa vinaka na matai ni noda fundraising ni Koniferedi. Sa vakavinavinakataki na nomuni yalovata kei na cakacaka vata me rawa kina nai levu tavi oqo.



Bula feeding team and volunteers are hosting Meals Plus this Wednesday, 2 October, 2019.

For more information contact Suguta.

### School Holidays Prayer

Thank You Loving God for another term of school. We pray that the students recharge during this holiday and prepare themselves for the final term. That they also have fun, sleep in and soak in each spring filled day. We pray for the students that have graduated. May they rest well and prepare themselves for the upcoming HSC exams.

May they feel Your love during this time, and the love of the community.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, God's only Son. Amen.

### Climate Strike

Over 8 million people around the world united for Climate Action! Many of our members, including our youth gathered together for the strike at the Domain. May God continue to guide us through this climate crisis. Let us listen to what God is calling us to do, hear the cries of the land that we live on and those fighting to save it, and strive to be better stewards of this land, a gift our Creator God has given us.



### VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI TOLU NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veituvaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
<b>6/10</b>	Vulavou/Holy Communion			1	
<b>13/10</b>	Cross Cultural Worship	Akisi Allison	Ini Foiakau	Youth	
<b>20/10</b>	Rooty Hill/Campbeltown	Samu Sadrata	Sosi Toa	2	2

# WESTMEAD Congregation

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

During the school holidays there will be no Play Group. It returns on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Open Door is on next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and there will be NO Open Door on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **LEAVE**

Rev Christine will have annual leave from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September returning Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. During this time worship will be led by various people including Natasha, Keith, Sarah and elders. During this time please contact elders as needed.

## **SPECIAL PRAYERS, SPECIAL MEETING**

As an outcome from the meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **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.

## **OPEN DOOR BOWLS**

The next Open Door bowls is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November commencing 1.00pm. All are welcome.

## **COMMUNION**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Communion will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in November and December.

## **DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship**

### **Sundays 9.45am**

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2.00pm

### **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



# GOSPEL YARNING 2019

NOVEMBER Sunday 17, 5pm – Wednesday 20, 5pm , at  
the Centre For Ministry, North Parramatta

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS HOW CAN WE BE THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST IN A SECULAR WORLD?

Gospel Yarning will again inspire, empower and connect us. This event will significantly raise your understanding of how the context of secularism affects the church, and introduce tools for strengthening your ministry in that context. This affects the whole church.

*Gospel Yarning 2019 is for ministers, chaplains,  
deacons, presbytery-workers and leaders of ministries in the Uniting  
Church in Australia and in Uniting NSW/ACT.*



GY2019 follows to very successful 2017 *Gospel Yarning* on the way the Uniting Church shares the gospel cross-culturally. We knew at the end of GY2017 that we had started something life-giving for the whole church. This is the next step – see the 2017 video [www.vimeo.com/218120986](http://www.vimeo.com/218120986) & our really useful library guide 2017 is at <http://nsw-uca.beta.libguides.com/resources/gospelyarning>.

### **THE CORE QUESTION: HOW CAN WE BE THE CHURCH OF JESUS IN A SECULAR WORLD?**

Our answers to this core question in the recent past have simply not worked. We are not confident. Gospel Yarning will help the church to speak to the wider world and not diminish with age.

If we re-connect to the core purpose of the church, Jesus and his Kingdom, we will gain direction, grow stronger, and find our distinctive voice. What will we say when society forms its impression of the church and Christians from the images and comments in the media? What is the Gospel that we can speak as the good news? We must admit that our credibility is low. Our bad deeds have brought us shame and our many good deeds are not well connected with our good news. How can we find our voice to say, with integrity and respect, so why do we do so much for the common good – what is it about this love of God in Christ?

Our secular society with its economic rationalism has turned each person and each place into resources for profit. It is wounding our young people, crushing local cultures and trashing the planet. Where is the voice of the church? What is our Gospel?

If you resonate with this, register for GOSPEL YARNING 2019 and join others.

**COMMENCING** Sunday 17 Nov 5pm **WORSHIP** – Preacher: Rev Simon Hansford, NSW/ACT Synod, Moderator. Then, Monday 18 Nov – Wednesday 20 Nov @ 9-5.



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev Dr Peter Hobson,  
Wesley Mission Queensland**

Formerly a local minister, university chaplain and lecturer. Peter is a good communicator, a story-teller who is a good thinker about the world we seek to reach.



**THEOLOGICAL RESPONDENT AND COMEDIAN:  
Pastor Paul Montague**

One-half of Pirate Church, he knows how to tell us the truth about ourselves, make us uncomfortable like the Holy Spirit does, and help us to see the road ahead.

**WE WILL MEET TO TALK/TALANOA/YARN** in OIKOS Groups, Open Space sessions, Elective discussions and share our stories.

**COST:** \$200 each. Lunches included. No evening meals included. Those on the leadership team will be half price.

**REGISTER:** *on the UME website*. Anyone can register. We have reserved two places for each presbytery, for each CALD Conference and for Congress. No limit to registrations, they close Nov 10.

**MORE INFORMATION:** Chair of the working group Rev Dr Ian Robinson, is the Alan Walker Lecturer in Mission, Evangelism and Leadership at United Theological College. Phone him on: 0417 687 746 or email: [ianr@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:ianr@nswact.uca.org.au)

## Luke 16:19-31

19 Now there was a certain man who was rich, and who used to put on a purple robe and fine linen and who feasted every day splendidly. 20 And there was a certain poor man named Lazarus covered in ulcers who had been placed at the rich man's gate, and he sought to be satisfied with the things that fell from the table of the rich man; and even the dogs came and licked his ulcers. 22 So it happened that the poor man died and was carried away by the angels into the bosom of Abraham; and the rich man also died and was buried. 23 Now in Hades, and being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham from afar, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And calling he said, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and may cool my tongue, because I am suffering in this flame." 25 But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you received your good things in life, and Lazarus likewise the bad things; but now here he is comforted and you are suffering. 26 And as if this is not enough, a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those who wish to pass from here to you cannot, neither no one can cross from there to us." 27 And he said, "Then I ask you, father, send him to my father's house; 28 for I have five brothers; so he may witness to them without which they might also come to this place of torment." 29 "But" said Abraham, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them." 30 But he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead should go to them, they will repent." 31 But he said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise again from the dead."

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

## Reflections

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus opens with a powerful description of contrasts. The rich man wears a purple robe, fine linen and feasts sumptuously every day, while Lazarus is a pitiful sight lying at the gate hoping to feed on leftovers, his ulcers 'treated' by dogs. The rich man has closed eyes, mind and heart to the needs of the less well off. He does not even see the poor man at his gate. There is a reversal in the world of the dead. In Hades, Lazarus is in the bosom of Abraham, a difficult metaphor to unpack but points to a place of honour with the ancestors, and an echo of paradise. While the rich man is in torment.

Howard Marshall suggests the parable has an Egyptian folktale background. He wrote,

An Egyptian was reincarnated after his death as Si-Osiris, the miraculous son of a childless couple. When his 'father' one day remarked on how a rich man had a sumptuous funeral while a poor man had simply been buried, Si-Osiris took him to Amnte, the land of the dead, where he was able to see the rich man in torment and the poor man in luxury. The explanation was that the good deeds of the poor man had outweighed his evil deeds, while the opposite was true of the rich man.



Research has found that the story entered Jewish lore in at least seven versions. Jesus has taken and altered the story as part of his teaching ministry. The alteration from reincarnation to resurrection is significant. The brothers of the rich man in the house are blind to the needs of others and to the spiritual significance of events such that even if a person were to be raised from the dead they still would not believe.

Luke speaks to Christians who believed that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, and did appear to the disciples. It is here that Luke returns to his theme: the need to honour and care for the poor.

Tim Costello said, "Spiritual values are only truly authentic if they exhibit themselves in help for others."

### **Likemind Seven Hills**



The other week LikeMind Seven Hills and the co-located WSLHD team had an R U OK day event for staff. This event was a huge success with participation from all staff from both teams. T U OK day is a good reminder to check in with colleagues, friends and family on a regular basis, and particularly if we perceive some change in the other. This is a timely reminder that October is mental Health month. Across PM we will be holding events to raise awareness of mental health.

## PM Executive



Mark, Ulysses, Katelyn, Amelia – who is my EA and provides secretarial/admin support to the executive meeting, Jo, Lyall and myself enjoying lunch at the Outback Steakhouse, supporters of PM. Note the birthday pavlova in front of Jo, celebrating her birthday last Sunday.

### ***Pastoral message for this week....***

Thankyou young people for challenging us.  
We dare not ignore your message.  
We all need to care for God's creation

## 175 WA Westmead congregation meetings



The regular meeting of 175 / Wesley Apartments (WA) and the Westmead congregation recommenced this past week, after an abeyance. The happy faces express the tone of the meeting, which included cake and tea. From left to right, Mark, Ian, Margaret, Christine, Lorna, Jan, Cameron, and Belinda. We celebrated the approval of the DA for WA, the birth of a baby at WA, 175 40, remembered the life celebrations of several members at Westmead who have lived well and long and who have recently died. We discussed the impact of the Light Rail works on access to both 175 and WA, and how we work with that. Also the Breakfast/coffee cart overlap with TOC (Time Out Café) to ensure everything runs smoothly.

### **Lyll Weaver Acting CEO**

Julie and I will be away on leave 28 September to 5 October. Going to visit family on the farm, and family in Melbourne. While away, Lyll Weaver, CFO of Pm, and also the Treasurer of our congregations, will be the acting CEO.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

열육제 성령강림(16th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 9월29일 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 28 장 통 28 장 복의 근원 강림하사

새 341 장 통 367 장 십자가를 내가 지고

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 사도행전 18:5-11

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 복음의 소리를 내라

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 325 장 통 359 장 예수사 함께 계시니

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 19:1-23

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시  
여호수아 18:1-21:19



Centre for Faith  
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# PARRAMATTA IS 'GREAT' *good enough?*

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2019

9 AM – 5 PM PUBLIC FORUM

Parramatta Mission 119 Macquarie St Parramatta  
including lunch at Meals Plus

\$50 per person | \$25 per student/pensioner

6 PM – 8.30 PM DINNER AND SPEAKER

Western Sydney University 169 Macquarie St Parramatta

Speaker: Dr Andy Marks, Assistant Vice Chancellor WSU

\$40 per person inclusive of dinner

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL

TO REGISTER, PLEASE EMAIL [RECEPTION@PARRAMATTAMISSSION.ORG.AU](mailto:RECEPTION@PARRAMATTAMISSSION.ORG.AU)

CALL 9891 2277 OR REGISTER ONLINE

[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM.AU/IS-GREAT-GOOD-ENOUGH](https://events.humanitix.com.au/is-great-good-enough)

Our monthly Prayer meeting  
LEAP (Leave Everything And Pray)  
would be held on Wednesday 2 October at  
7.30pm in the Choir Vestry.  
All welcome.

***Foster your faith this week***

*Lam 1:1-6    Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137*

*2 Tim 1:1-14    Lk 17:5-10*

**IS ALCOHOL A PROBLEM IN A  
RELATIVE OR FRIEND?**

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS** provide  
support and understanding for families affected  
by someone else's drinking.

Meetings every Thursday 5.30 – 6.30pm

Parramatta Mission, 119 Macquarie St Parramatta

**ALATEEN** is a meeting for children & teens affected by  
another's drinking.

For further information and meeting details for Al-Anon &  
Alateen visit

[www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/australia)  
or call 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, 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 Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia*
- ♥ *We pray for North Rocks Community Uniting Church – Congregation*

# 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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