

OUR NEWS

27th October 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.



We can't heal
the world today,
but we can begin
with a voice
of compassion,
a heart of love,
an act of kindness.
mary davis

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.



Centre for Faith
& Public Issues

PARRAMATTA IS 'GREAT' *good enough?*

TUESDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2019

9 AM – 5 PM PUBLIC FORUM

Parramatta Mission 119 Macquarie St Parramatta

Speaker: David Berger, Executive Director,
Western Sydney Business Chamber

\$50 per person | \$25 per student/pensioner
including lunch at Meals Plus

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@PARRAMATTAMMISSION.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)

PROGRAM

Daytime 9.15am - 6pm

Parramatta Mission, 119 Macquarie Street Parramatta

9.15 am Registration | Meet and Greet | Tea & coffee

9.35 am Welcome Rev Keith Hamilton, Senior Minister / CEO Parramatta Mission

9.45 am Setting the framework for the day Assoc Prof Clive Pearson Leigh Memorial Church

10.00 am Keynote Speech 1: Is Great 'good' enough?

How does the Western Sydney Business Chamber contribute towards making Parramatta a 'good' city?
David Borger, Executive Director, Western Sydney Business Chamber

10.45 am Morning Tea

11.15 am Panel Discussion 1: Where (and how) has best practice occurred? Transport, Law, Urban Planning

- Melissa Monteiro, CEO, Community Migrant Resource Centre
- Billie Sankovich, CEO, Western Sydney Community Forum
- David Barrow, Lead Organiser, Sydney Alliance

12.00 pm An introduction to "Meals Plus" Paul Moussa, Coordinator, Meals Plus

12.10 pm Lunch at Meals Plus

1.15 pm Keynote Speech 2: How do we build upon / celebrate what we have received from the past for the sake of the future?

Assoc Prof Clive Pearson / Dr Liz de Reland Leigh Memorial Church

2.00 pm Panel Discussion 2: How do we negotiate the politics of an emerging 'good' city?

- Julie Owens MP Federal Member for Parramatta
- Phil Bradley, Councillor, City of Parramatta
- Sameer Pandey, Councillor, City of Parramatta

3.00 pm Afternoon Tea

3.30 pm Keynote Speech 3: What is the role of a theatre / museum / art gallery / sporting complex in the making of a culturally diverse city?

Mark Crees, Group Manager of Cultural Strategy, City of Parramatta

4.15 pm Panel Discussion 3: What values best sustain a 'good' city? Business, cultural diversity, ecology

- Dr Glen Powell, Executive Director, Uniting Mission and Education
- Schon G. Condon, Managing Principal, Condon Associates
- Dr Jessica Morthorpe Uniting Earth

5.00 pm Keynote Speech 4: How do we balance competing interests for the sake of a 'good' city?

What values best sustain a 'good' city?

Professor Paul James, Director, Institute for Culture and Society, Western Sydney University

5.40 pm Summing up the Day Theological Reflection / Rapporteur

Rev Peter Walker, Principal, United Theological College

6.00 pm Close

Evening 6.15pm - 8.30pm

Western Sydney University Level 9, 169 Macquarie St, Parramatta

6.15 pm Registration

6.30 pm Welcome | Meet and Greet Rev Dean Drayton, Rev William Emlsen, Uniting Church

6.50 pm Dinner

7.30 pm Keynote Speech 5: Is great 'good' enough? How do we nourish a civil society?

Dr Andy Marks, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Western Sydney University

8.15 pm Closing Remarks Rev Keith Hamilton

8.30 pm Close

Leigh Congregation

PUBLIC FORUM + DINNER

A forum on the topic: *Parramatta: Is Great Good Enough?* – will be held in our hall between 9am – 5pm this **Tuesday 29 October**, followed by a dinner at the WSU Parramatta campus with speaker, Dr. Andy Marks, Asst. Vice Chancellor. The day session will include a talk by Paul Moussa and lunch at Meals Plus.

All welcome – registrations essential & concessions available.

Please contact Reception, 9891-2277.

PARRAMATTA LANES ROUND-UP



Many thanks again to our generous Parramatta Lanes volunteers from the Leigh Memorial congregation (some pictured here), who maintained an 'open church' and welcomed visitors each evening during the recent event. On display throughout was 'Buraga' (a Darug word meaning 'Arise') – our new Aboriginal artwork by Leanne Watson – plus – our new Leigh Memorial pull-up banner. Next year, we are hoping that our site will be involved on a larger scale and include some great food plus cultural points of interest. Those interested in being part of the Parramatta Lanes planning committee in 2020, please speak with Ian or Liz.

CONGRATULATIONS

Warmest congratulations to our Chairperson, Bruce Bennetts, on his recent "milestone" birthday – and – to Ian & Margie's daughter, Emma, on her engagement to Harry. Many of us watched Emma grow-up as part of our Sunday School and other programs here at Leigh Memorial and are delighted by this special news!

POT LUCK DINNER

Following on from our 'pot luck' dinner earlier this year – we are planning another congregation meal together on **Friday evening, 8 November, 6.30 – 8.30pm in the Coffee Shop.**

All are welcome to attend and lifts can be provided if needed. *Please bring a plate of food to share* with your fellow diners and remember to let us know about any special food requirements or allergies in advance. We look forward to your company!

Enquiries/ rsvps: Bruce & Moses.



WESTMEAD Congregation

LEAST COIN

Thank you to all who donated 5c coins over the year. We were able to give approx \$200 for the work of the Least Coin which provides education, support and assistance to people in disadvantaged countries across the world. This money was dedicated at the service on Friday 25th.

LEADERS MEETING

The Leaders will meet this afternoon from 3.30-6.30pm. Please pray for the leaders of the congregation as we seek to do the work God has called us to.

WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD- NEW EDITION

With Love to the World is a UCA daily devotional which follows the pattern of readings we use in church (called the Lectionary). Please place \$5 in the offering to cover the cost of the publication.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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.

HEALTHY NOVEMBER

In the lead up to the Christmas season we want to try and assist in us all being healthier. The scriptures speak of the body being a temple so being healthier is something for us all to aim for. Likewise, as we age (and we all do) it is important to try and keep active, both in mind and body. So on Wednesdays during November we are trialling some fun Body groove exercise from 12-12.30. It is moving and walking (no running involved at all) and you can move in whatever way you are able. Please see Rev Christine for more details.

OPEN DOOR BOWLS

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How do you live out your faith each day?

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday Nov 5th 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



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 & 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

19째 성령강림(19th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 10월20일 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) **로마서 15:7-13**

말씀(Preaching)- 권현구 목사 서로 용납하라!

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)
새 315 장 **통 512 장** 내 주 되신 주를 참 사랑하고

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 매일 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 권현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
시편 128:1-6

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
시편127:1-134::3

Fijian Congregation

Supply Ministry Rev Dr Clive Pearson

3 na siga ena dua na macawa na nona veiqaravi ka oka kina na : SoKalou, pastoral care, veisiko, Vakayakavi ni Turaga, ka rawa ni tokoni keda ena noda masumasu kei na wili Vola Tabu

Supply Ministry Rev Dr Tony Floyd

2 na siga ena dua na vula (2 days a month per block)

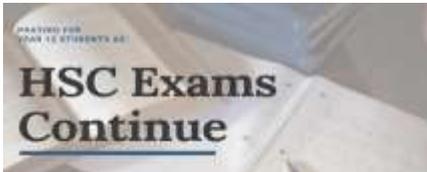
Ka sa vakarautaka me na veituberi vei keda ena rua na siga ena Vula ko Noveba. E waraki tiko na qaravi vakavuniwai nei Talatala Tony me na qai vakadeitaki na siga ni veituberi. Proposed Dates : 17/11 & 22/11

Bose ni Vavakoso 10 ni Noveba ni suka na Cross cultural service. Eda na vakasigalevu vata.

Masumasu Kerei me tomani na noda masumasu vaka matamasumasu, vakavuvale

Me ra nanumi na veiwekani era donumaka tiko na gauna dredre: Vuvale na Sadrata kei na Qereqeretabua, Talatala Tony Floyd, Terry Butler kei Talatala Amelia, noda qase lomani o Adriu Rogoimuri , vuvale na Delana, King kei nai sema ni veiwekani, vuvale na Ravetali kei na Tuiloma

Fijian National Conference Kerei me sa soli mai na yacadra na gole ki na Koniferedi me vukea na cakacakataki ni lakolako



“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”
-Philippians 4:13



VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI TOLU NA MACAWA

Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vaikarau	Veilitaki (Tu vaikarau)	Tafi Vunau
3/11			Vulavou Holy Communion	
10/11			Cross Cultural Worship	
17/11			Rev. Tony Floyd	

Luke 18: 9-14

9 And Jesus also said this parable to some of those who are confident in themselves because of their own righteousness and who despise others. 10 “Two people went up to pray at the temple; one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee was standing by himself and this is what he prayed, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like other people – an extortioner and swindler, unjust, an adulterer or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I tithe ten percent from all which I receive.’ 13 But the tax collector standing at a distance dared not even lift his eyes to heaven, but beat his chest saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ 14 I say to you, his man went down to his house having been justified rather than the other. For everyone who exalts themselves shall be humbled, and anyone who humbles themselves will be exalted.” (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

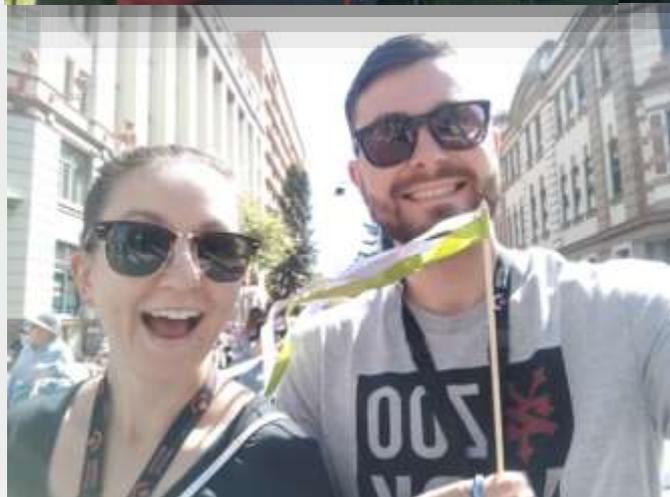
Reflections

Religious practices are important, and can assist us in our pilgrimage with God. Daily prayer and reading and reflection on the Bible, and other practices such as stillness and silence, can be of great facility, but that is not all. The scripture above is set in the context of Jesus about to enter Jerusalem riding on a humble donkey, leading to his arrest and crucifixion. Jesus is humble. He is teaching his disciples likewise. In the parable above, the Pharisee trusts in his own rightness, while the tax collector, humbles himself before God. The tax collector uses 6 words (in Greek), “God, show mercy to me, the sinner.” Nineteen words are used to describe his body language. The Pharisee is full of words, 29 in all. His words include five first-person verbs. The Torah, which guided the religious practice of the Hebrew people mandated an annual fast, but this Pharisee fasts twice per week. If the Torah mandated a tithe on what one produces, he goes further by tithing on what he buys. But it does him no good. There is nothing wrong with such practices if the underlying assumption is humility, but the practices cannot help someone who is self-justifying. The Pharisee’s prayer is contempt for others whom he assumes are morally deficient and therefore out of favour with God. He seeks honour for himself. By the end of the parable, it is the tax collector who is righteous and not the Pharisee. There is a status reversal, “all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.” Here is an invitation not to jump too quickly to condemn the Pharisee and consider what we might learn from this character

As part of Mental Health Awareness month our staff in Charlestown and Maitland HASI teams have been actively involved. They participated in the Newcastle Wellness Walk on Saturday, 19th October at Civic Park.

Thank you to the staff at our Newcastle offices who sent me the photos of the event .







ABOVE: The latest engagement day visit at Hope Hostel. The outdoor space is a favourite of both staff and clients.

I was pleased to attend and officially open the Parramatta Mission HASI Taree photographic exhibition this past week, held at the Red Dove café, Manning Uniting Church. The exhibition will be open to the public for four weeks. The exhibition highlights some of our work with the people we walk beside. The Manning River Times reported on the event on their front page the day after. Congratulations to staff who made this happen, and clients who participated. Also thanks to Manning UC and staff of Red Dove Café for the partnership.









We keep in our prayers the family from rural NSW who were staying at Wesley Apartments, whose daughter died this past week. We also remember our staff in our prayers.

Tuesday is our one day public forum "Is great good enough?" We will be exploring what makes for a good city, a good town, a good place to live? Please see the brochures in this edition for more details.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Foster your faith this week

Dan 7:1-3, 15-18 Ps 149

Eph 1:11-23 Lk 6:20-31

Preparing for An Advent Study

The church's new year begins on the first Sunday in Advent. That is not far off now. You may already have heard the occasional Christmas carol being played in the mall! In this season of the year we change the gospel in whose company we will travel for the next 12 months. For 2019/2020 it is the gospel of Matthew.

- Some of us have explored the distinctive themes of Matthew in the past.
- This Advent we will look at 3 key texts and consider what they say and how they inform our spiritual life.

Clive will lead three studies:

Choir vestry, Leigh Memorial, Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon.

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| 1: Emmanuel, God with us. | 30 November |
| 2. The Sermon on the Mount. | 07 December |
| 3. Whatever you did for one of these ... | 14 December |

Volunteering at Meals Plus and other services

Our Volunteer Manager, Bianca Ferrari, is constantly looking for volunteers across Parramatta Mission Services, especially Meals Plus.

If you or your group, would like to volunteer it is essential that you contact Bianca on 9891 2277

or email bianca.ferrari@parramattamission.org.au

Thank you!

Pastoral message for this week....

The temperature is rising
Create a climate of mercy & compassion.

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, Ullita, 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, Rita, Ruth, Wendy, Jan's neighbours, Sunny and family, Corey, Lara and James, Judy, Grace, Lisa, Scott, Sushila, 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, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Vita, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Rebecca, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, 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 Indian Ocean islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives*
- ♥ *We pray for Penrith 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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PM WSU Chaplain : Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler 0427 955 157



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