

OUR NEWS

17th November 2019



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THAT MAKE
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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

GIVING TREE – NEXT SUNDAY

Our Leigh Memorial 'Giving Tree' starts next Sunday, 24 November. It will operate for 3 x Sundays and provide gifts for men, women & children receiving assistance through Parramatta Mission programs. Gifts need to be new & unwrapped, and practical options are always greatly appreciated, ie. caps, wallets, t-shirts, toiletries, towels, sunglasses, back-packs etc. Many thanks for everyone's support. Enquiries: Liz & Mario.

MUSIC NEWS

News in this week is that our much-loved and valued Leigh Memorial Music Team will give its final performance at the Carols Service at Leigh on Sunday 22 December, 9.30am. The Music Team has operated for many, many years, providing uplift and inspiration via church and concert performances – and is widely known for its talent, heart & longevity, and the immense skill and dedication of its director: Malcolm Dunbar. From 2020, Robyn & Malcolm, who have served with us in various leadership & creative capacities over a number of decades, will be worshipping elsewhere with daughter, Noni and family. A festive, 'thank you' morning tea for Malcolm, Robyn & the whole Music Team will be held after the Carols Service. Further details to follow.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Young mother, Kamini, and her infant son, are urgently in need of safe, temporary rental accommodation. This may be in the form of a spare room in someone's house or a granny flat. Please see Rev. Manas to offer your help - or for further information.

COMMUNITY PEACE DINNER

Please give RSVPs for this year's Peace Dinner to Liz by 1 December, or call Coral at the PM office: 9891-2277. Features of the event: Keynote speaker – Dr. Deidre Palmer, President of the UCA – 3 course vegetarian meal – great company & some delicious festive treats. No cost. Lifts are available to congregation members on request – please see the Leaders team.

DIVINE STEPS FESTIVAL

Last Sunday, Rev. Manas provided a stirring Christian message and prayer to a crowd of 5000 at Pymont Bay, who were gathered to acknowledge the 550th birthday of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion. Singing at this special event was also Lalaja's daughter, Shalaane. Christian literature & bibles were distributed and an afternoon of peace, spirit and hope was shared by all.

Ecumenical visit: A visit has been organised to the St Mary & St Cosman & St Demian Coptic Orthodox Church in Kellyville to enjoy a cultural and religious experience.

Date: Saturday 30 November 2019

Time: 4.00 - 6.00pm

Address: 118-120 Arnold Ave, Kellyville, NSW, Australia

The evening will conclude with a delicious homemade vegetarian dinner.

RSVP Essential: The Rev'd Dr Manas Ghosh by **27 November**

Email: manas.ghosh@parramattamission.org.au Mob. 0429892548

Pastoral message for this week....

Now is the time to pray and to speak words of wisdom.
Your labour is not in vain.

Foster your faith this week

Jer 23:1-6

Lk 1:68-79

2 Thes 3:6-13

Lk 23:33-43



“Reminder Christmas day lunch is happening again this year. You may remember last year’s event was fantastic and more than 500 people attended our lunch. This year we are expecting up to 1000 guests from across our community. In order to ensure a fun and safe environment we will once again need to utilise the space in the car park. We encourage you to seek street parking which is free on Christmas day. Thank you for your cooperation in helping this day be a huge success.”

21제 성령강림(21th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 11월10일 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 9 장 **통 53 장** 하늘에 가득찬 영광의 하나님

새 341 장 **통 367 장** 십자가를 내가 지고

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **호세아서 11:1-11**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 끝없는 사랑

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)
새 374 장 **통 423 장** 나의 믿음 약할 때

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 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
시편 143:1-12

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
시편141:1-오바댜1:21

ANGEL TREE

Across November there will be boxes in the foyer for people to place donations as you are able. Again we are aiming to support 10 children which is a cost of ap.\$300. Thank you for your generosity!

OPEN DOOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Party on the 18th is for all who would like to attend. Please RSVP to Sue or Rev Christine.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE (NICM) CELEBRATION

We are invited to the Opening of NICM on Wed 18th Dec from 10.00-11.30am. All are welcome to attend and see the beautiful renovation of the Old St Vincent's Boys home which is the Westmead Campus of Western Sydney Uni (RSVP Rev Christine) We hope to build more connections across the coming years.

END OF YEAR AND CHRISTMAS

As we move quickly to the end of the year and Christmas there will be a number of parties and Services.

- Christmas Service with Mayflower followed by a light lunch Monday 16th at 11.00am.
- Congregational Christmas/Multicultural celebration Sunday 15th followed by food.
- Christmas Remembrance Service Monday 16th at 5.30pm.
- Carols and Lessons Sunday 22nd.
- Christmas Day Service 9.00am.

Rev Christine hopes to have a special Children's Service-date and time to be decided.

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.

WESTMEAD
Congregation

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others worship- Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm Last Day Monday 9th

Fellowship- Christmas Party Monday 2nd December

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm Last day Tues 10th Dec

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am

Last day Wed 11th

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm Last day Wed 18th

HALF A MILLION STEPS

A film calling for change in our response to illicit drug use

When: Thursday, 21st November, 6.45 pm (for a 7pm start) - 9.15pm.
Including a special panel discussion and light refreshments.

Where: Northmead Bowling and Community Sports Club, 166 Windsor Road, Northmead. (Why not come early and have a drink or meal before the film?)

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/HAMSNorthmead>

Join us for this community screening and a special panel discussion featuring Dr Robert Graham, Staff Specialist in Addiction Medicine at Blacktown and Mt Druitt Hospitals.

For screening info contact Rev Niall Reid 02 9890 5814;

niallr@northmeaduc.org.au

For information on the campaign visit: www.FairTreatment.org

See the trailer for the documentary here: <https://bit.ly/2p8c1JT>

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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.

1: Emmanuel, God with us.

2. The Sermon on the Mount.

3. Whatever you did for one of these ...

30 November

07 December

14 December

CHRISTMAS CAROLS @ LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH!



*Come and join us for a morning of Christmas
carols, fellowship and good news at
Leigh Memorial Church,
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.*

*When? Sunday 22nd December at 9.30am.
The service will be followed by great coffee & tea
and some very 'festive' treats.*

ALL welcome!



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Isaiah 65:17-25

- ¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
- ²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

Reflection

Isaiah 65 is part of the closing remarks of third Isaiah and of the book of that name. The people have returned from Exile to devastation. The familiar has been destroyed, the place of their memories meets the vista of their new reality, and the two are not the same. For those who were born and have grown up in Babylon, this reality does not match the stories of their parents. Where is hope in the midst of destruction? A timely question for people returning to bush fire ravaged areas, or people grappling with the cataclysmic destruction of a typhoon or a family dealing with the fracture of a broken relationship or the terminal illness of a loved one, or a person dealing with interpersonal conflict in a dysfunctional work place.

Place and space are important. So are relationships. The scriptures do not deny that importance. What they do speak of is what can be the bedrock of life. The bedrock is the place and space and relationships on which we build our life and relationship with all else. It does not deny all else, nor is it a 'let's pretend everything is ok' when things are clearly not. It is not about effervescence. There are things in life that are sad, and we will carry sadness about many things with us, within us, and yet sadness need not dominate our whole of life, though it will if our bedrock is misplaced. Anger at injustice, mixed with hope, will not lead people to avoid issues and to give up, or to fight fruitlessly against such things in oppositional defiance; anger and hope will drive people to work for change, even change that might not happen in our lifetime. Abraham and Sarah did not live to see the promise fulfilled. Many who worked to end slavery did not live to see that happen, but they strove with anger at the injustice and with bedrock hope of a new day towards the goal.

Constantly bubbling up through the scriptures, even in the most dreadful of situations, is the hope of God. This is not magic. People still suffer, and all people do die. When families gather after the death of a loved one, there will often be sadness and tears and also joy and laughter as stories are told. We carry that sadness and that joy onward with us. Isaiah and the scriptures paint a picture of hope of what might be that takes trauma and sadness and mixes it with laughter and joy into a life well lived.



Cameron Westman and Christine Bayliss Kelly speaking to the latest Engagement Day group at 175. The bus tour visits 175, Wesley Apartments, Hope Hostel, HASI Plus, AWCE, LikeMind, Meals Plus and the Fellowship Centre, WSLARS and Epworth House, Leigh Memorial Church, the Youth Hub and Lifeline. They take a full day, and include coffee at 175, morning tea at HASI Plus, lunch at Meals Plus. The tour takes 12 people, plus driver (me) and organiser from People and Culture.



Last Sunday Julie and I visited Rooty Hill Uniting Church, the congregation of which I was the Minister 1999-2008. Here Edward Martin, the congregation chairperson presented on behalf of the congregation a donation of \$1,000 for Meals Plus. A donation was also made of quilts for our women's services. There are many Uniting Church congregations, who partner with Parramatta Mission.





A selection of what the Rooty Hill congregation have at morning tea, which for many is breakfast. It included waffles.

Spare a thought and a prayer for our staff and consumers on the Mid-North Coast. Some of our staff have been hospitalised, affected by the smoke and breathing difficulties. The fires were very close to the home of one member of staff. Consumers have been supported through phone contact. I plan to visit our staff this coming week.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Masumasu Me vakabibitaki na noda masumasu vaka matamasumasu, vakavuvale. Me ra nanumi na veiwekani era donumaka tiko na gauna dredre: Terry Butler kei Talatala Amelia Koh Butler, Talatala Tony Floyd, noda qase lomani o Adriu Rogoimuri , Niko Balavu, vuvale na Banuve kei Vunivalu, vuvale na Ravetali kei na Tuiloma, vuvale nei Sosi Toa, vuvale nei Taito Dovibua

Veidigidigi ni Veiliutaki ni Lotu Ena vakayacori tiko na veidigidigi ni veiliuliu ni ni cava na vula qo. Sa kerei me na masulaka ka dolava na yaloda kina kaci ni vei qaravi ena loma ni Lotu

Looking for anyone who is able to take up the responsibility for the Fijian weekly insert to Our News newsletter, update to our Facebook page and website. If you're also keen or called to help with youth and leadership transition, please contact Ofa.

Reminder : FINAL CALL to those keen to attend FNC, please let Ofa know by the end of today, Sunday 17 November. We need to confirm numbers to organise our trip.



Lord God, we pray for the victims of the bushfires, for those who have lost their homes, for those who have lost their lives. We pray for the men and women who bravely and tirelessly worked on containing the fires. We pray for the emergency chaplains who are providing pastoral care to those in need. We pray for the kindness and giving hearts of our communities. We pray for our government, that they make right decisions to better support those affected by these fires. Lord, we lift these prayers up to you, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VULA O NOVEBA/TISEBA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tafi Vunau
24/11	Sosi Toa		Anare Vocea	2	2
1/12	Vulavou/Holy Communion				
8/12	Cross Cultural Worship				

Christmas Day LUNCH

Wednesday 25th December 2019



Parramatta Mission and Meals Plus are hosting Christmas Day Lunch again this year.

We welcome everyone to attend.

Lunch will be served from 11am until 2pm.

If you would like to support the day through a donation or by volunteering,
please contact christmas@parramattamission.org.au or visit

www.parramattamission.org.au/christmasday

AFFINITY CLIMATE EMERGENCY LECTURE SERIES

Faithful Responses to Climate Emergency: **ACTING IN HOPE**



Panel Speaker
Assoc. Prof. Mehmet Ozalp
Centre for Islamic Studies and Civilisation,
Charles Sturt University



Panel Speaker
Thea Ormerod
President, Australian Religious
Response to Climate Change



Facilitated by
Assoc. Prof. Clive Pearson



Affinity
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VENUE: Affinity Intercultural Foundation
DATE: Thursday, 14 November 2019
TIME: 12:00 - 1:45 pm
ADDRESS: Level 5, 51 - 57 Pitt Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Refreshments will be served
from 12:00 pm

Panel will start at 12:30 pm

RSVP by 5pm, Tuesday 12 November
to info@affinity.org.au or [click here](#)

This event is free and open to the public. Due to limited space, we request that everyone registers via the link above.

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: Mae & Stephen, Jolame, Wilhelmina, Joan, Betty E, Hazel, Betty B, George, Neil & Darlene, plus grieving individuals & families including Beverly, and the Grays and de Relands. Also, Manas & Nita, the congregation leaders team, Open Church - and both leaders and members of the Music Team, SPOW, Couples & Friends, Sunday School & Youth Group. Please advise the Leaders' team of any additions to this listing.*
- ♥ *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 Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea*
- ♥ *We pray for Riverstone 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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