

OUR NEWS

1st December 2019



Parramatta
Mission



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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

ADVENT 2019 @ LEIGH

30 November – Advent Study 1 with Clive
1 December – Sunday School Prize Giving
1 December – SPOW Christmas Lunch
7 December (am) – Advent Study 2 with Clive
7 December (pm) – Peace Dinner
14 December – Advent Study 3 with Clive
15 December – Sunday School Nativity Play
19 December – Carols in Centenary Square
22 December – Carols Service + Music Team
celebration & Morning Tea.

NB: Our beautiful Advent wreath features native flora & tinsel and was created by Robyn, with thanks.



UNVEILING of 'BURAGA' ARTWORK – THIS TUESDAY

Members & their friends are kindly invited to attend the official unveiling and dedication of 'Buraga' ('Arise') – Leigh Memorial's new artwork by Leanne 'Mulgo' Watson of the Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation. When? 11am, Tuesday 3 December in the church – followed by refreshments.

'GIVING TREE' 2019 IS HERE!

Gifts for the Leigh Memorial 'Giving Tree' need to be new & unwrapped, and practical options are always greatly appreciated. Many thanks for everyone's kind support. Enquiries: Liz & Mario.



WILHELMINA & FAMILY

Very soon, our dear friend Wilhelmina (pictured here, seated between Bruce and the late Col at a SPOW lunch) will be relocating north with son Issac and his family. Wilhelmina is a much loved member of our congregation, including the SPOW group, and has worked diligently as a volunteer at our Peace Services, Peace Dinners and Mission programs such as Meals Plus over a significant period. She has also brought

her lovely grandchildren, and their cousins & friends to our Sunday School. Thank you Wilhelmina. Our thoughts and prayers go with you as you prepare to leave and then settle into your new home. We hope that you & your family will keep in touch. Blessings.

PEACE DINNER

This Sunday, 1/12/19 is the final opportunity to RSVP for this year's Peace Dinner on Saturday 7 December with keynote speaker, UCA President, Deidre Palmer – commencing at 6.30pm. Enquiries: Rev. Manas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH

This Sunday, 1 December, we will be having our annual Prize Giving – and on 15 December, we'll be presenting a very special Nativity Play for the congregation during worship. An Advent artwork by the children, titled 'The Best Present is Jesus' is currently on display in the church.

CHRISTMAS @ PARRAMATTA MISSION

Christmas is approaching fast! Support from congregation members and friends is sought in a number of ways, including via donations to both 'Donate a Plate' and the Mission's hamper drive – and by volunteering for the Christmas Day lunch. Please check christmas@parramattamission.org.au or call 9891-2277 and please indicate that you are a congregation member when signing up.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS

*Do you enjoy singing
Christmas carols?*

It would be great to have you join
Rev Keith Hamilton on
Christmas Day
at the Parramatta Mission
community Christmas Day Lunch at
the Fellowship Centre.

To sign up please contact
Coral Harris via phone 9891-2277

Email: coral.harris@parramattamission.org.au





COUPLES & FRIENDS DECEMBER '19 MEETING



On Monday 2nd December Couples & Friends will be holding their Christmas meeting. As our motto is “Friends, Food and Fellowship” we will celebrate all 3 with lots of friends and lots of fellowship and lots of food. All are invited to join us at 6.30 for 7.00p.m. in the Fellowship Centre.

Please bring a plate of food to share for the main course and a bottle of drink.

Christmas Pudding for dessert will be provided.



- The new Aboriginal painting for Leigh Memorial Church and Parramatta Mission is called 'Buraga', a Darug word meaning 'Arise'. It was painted by Darug artist, Leanne 'Mulgo' Watson, from the Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation.

Please join us in the unveiling of “BURAGA”

3rd December in the Leigh Memorial Church Foyer at 11am

- light refreshments will be served -

The painting represents the Mission's acknowledgement of the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which our church is built and of the site on which our staff, congregations, visitors and those in need have regularly gathered for work, worship, fellowship and support.

Artist's statement - 'BURAGA': "unity, sharing, healing, connections, love..."

ANGEL TREE

Thanks to all who contributed to Angel tree this year. We raised ap \$418. This enables us to cover the gifts for the children and some small hampers for the families.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday 8th December following worship. At this point we will not have elections (which will be in February) but there will be reports from the 2 main Church Council meetings on the 26th November and the 5th December. It is an important way for us to have a good picture of what is happening in the congregation and the broader picture in Parramatta Mission.

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.

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.

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.

WESTMEAD
Congregation

Thought for the month: *Preparation for Christmas includes the preparation in our hearts and lives for the advent of Jesus- Emmanuel- God with us. Are we being prepared?*

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

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am Last day Fri 13th Dec

Pastoral message for this week....

Christmas 2019
Be ready for the unexpected.
Work together in peace.
Let light fill your day

Foster your faith this week

Is 11:1-10

Ps 72:1-7, 18-19

Rom 15:4-13

Mt 3:1-12



“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.”

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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Psalm 122

1 I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

2 And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem;

3 Jerusalem, built as a city
that is at unity in itself.

4 Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,
as is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

5 For there are set the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

6 O pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
'May they prosper who love you.

7 'Peace be within your walls
and tranquillity within your palaces.'

8 For my kindred and companions' sake,
I will pray that peace be with you.

9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek to do you good.

(Uniting in Worship People's Book)

Reflections

It is possible that the poet is on the way down from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, for a festival and worship. He carries those warm thoughts with him as he descends and goes his way. It is a kind of rehearsal of what has happened in order to again experience what has taken place, like a kind of afterglow. The poet thus hopes not to forget, nor to allow that joy to diminish. His feet have been able to tread that sacred place. The Psalmist remembers the anticipation of the preparations before the event, the journey to Jerusalem, and the festival there. It includes a prayer and blessing for Jerusalem and the people. The original meaning of the word Jerusalem is peace and salvation, and peace and salvation is prayed for the people there, and the people taking their leave of that sacred experience. It has some similarities with the reflections that people make after a significant experience, when on the way home, there is a rehearsal of what has happened, and even a prayer and a commitment that the blessing of that experience will continue into the everyday.

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, which marks both the start of the new church year, and the preparations of the church for Christmas. Many churches across Australia participate in the Christmas Bowl Appeal.

The Christmas Bowl began in 1949 when Rev Frank Byatt, a Methodist Minister in Victoria, set an extra bowl on the table on Christmas Day, and invited people to donate an equivalent to the cost of their place-setting to the bowl to support people going without. The money raised was used through the Inter-Church Aid which was organized in Australia by the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches. This body changed its name to 'Australian Council of Churches (ACC)' in 1960. The ACC became the National Council of Churches in 1994. Today the NCC continues the work through the program called Act For Peace

The action by Frank Byatt began a tradition that continues today of people making a donation that is used for the alleviation of poverty and for education for the alleviation of poverty in Australia and across the world. This year the gifts will go to programs conducted by churches in Gaza, West Bank, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Iraq, Jordan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Philippines, Pacific Islands, and Australia. You can read about the projects at: <https://www.actforpeace.org.au/Christmas-Bowl>.

If you would like to join in singing Christmas Carols at our Christmas Day lunch, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta, please contact Coral in reception.

If you would like to be part of the annual Carols in Centenary Square on Thursday 21 December, 6-7 pm, please contact either myself or Amelia Pereira.

The second PM leadership development session occurred last week. It was good to have staff from the Central Coast, Hunter and Taree join in. It has been a torrid time for some of our staff in Taree and Newcastle offices, and some missed the first session due to the fire conditions. The bush fires were very close to the homes of some staff and some of their family members have lost property and livestock. We keep them in our prayers.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

COMMUNITY PEACE DINNER

Saturday 7 December

6.30 – 8.30pm

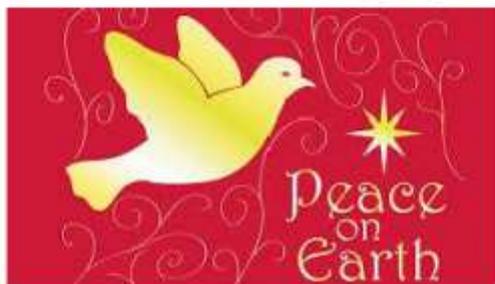
Leigh Memorial Fellowship Centre

119 Macquarie St; Parramatta

Keynote speaker

President of the Uniting Church in Australia:

Dr. Deidre Palmer – *Abundant Grace, Liberating Hope.*



Dinner: 3 course vegetarian meal (inc. *biryani*, mild curry, *raita* – Indian yoghurt - pappadams and 'festive' desserts).

Parking: There will be limited parking available onsite for this event. Free parking is available at Parramatta Westfield and paid street parking is available within a few minutes' walk of the venue.

NB: There is no cost to attend this event.

RSVPS are essential for catering purposes by 1 December: Please contact Coral or Tracey at the Mission office, ph. 9891-2277 or message an rsvp to LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com



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Christmas Day LUNCH

Wednesday 25th December 2019



Join us for our

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH CELEBRATION

Parramatta Mission are hosting Christmas Day Lunch.
We welcome everyone to attend.

Wednesday 25th December 2019

Where: Parramatta Mission Meals Plus
Ground Level, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta NSW 2150

Lunch will be served from 11am until 2pm.

To ensure you are able to be seated with minimal waiting time, please
arrive after 11am and before 1pm.

There will be plenty of food available for all.

There will be lots of food, entertainment and great company.



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www.parramattamission.org.au/christmasday



Ena macawa sa oti, e sa mai qarava kina o Talatala Amelia Koh-Butler noda veidigidigi ka sa tabaki toka qo na yacadra ko ira era sa digitaki me ra vei qaravi ena yabaki 2020-2021

Chairperson	Sosi Toa	Vakatawa	Anare Vocea
Vukevuke Chairperson	Senitiki Qata	Tuirara	Emosi Rogoimuri
Vunivola	Taito Dovibua	Vukevuke ni Tuirara	Ratu Meli Donu
Dauniyau	Steven Vosalotaki	Daunisere	Mele Dovibua
Tuirara ni Valenilotu	Suli Sadrata	Vukevuke ni Daunisere	Amelia Vocea
Church Council Reps	Sitiveni Nasalo	Youth Leaders	Tupou Kamotu
	Joe Sadrata		Anare Seru
Alternate Member	Sosi Toa		Mereani Toa
Sunday School Leaders	Dalana Satala		Tomasi Vunivalu
	Mereani Toa	Mata ki na Presbytery	Sosi Toa
Vakatawa ni Gunu Waini	Sainiana Vute	Mata ki na Community Network Board	Sosi Toa
	Suguta Rogoimuri		

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

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VULA O TISEBA/JANUERI

Vunau e Parramatta	
1/12	Vulavou/Holy Communion Rev Clive Pearson
8/12	Cross Cultural Worship
15/12	Rev. Clive Pearson
22/12	Rev Clive Pearson(TBA)
25/12	Combined Service Christmas Day
29/12	Combined Service
5/1	Combined Service
12/1	Combined Service

RAISE THE RATE

Invitation: Roundtable On Newstart And The Raise The Rate Campaign

I am writing on behalf of ACOSS (Australian Council of Social Service) and the Raise the Rate campaign. I would like to invite you, as a representative of a faith community, to a special roundtable with the Raise the Rate team and people who are on Newstart or Youth Allowance and struggling to get by on \$40 a day (or less), to discuss poverty, its impact on our communities, and the campaign to raise these payments: **Thursday December 5th, 10:30 am-12:00pm ACOSS, Level 3, 219-242 Cleveland Street, Redfern**

Despite being a wealthy country, more than 800,000 people live on unemployment and student payments that do not cover the cost of housing, bills, food, transport, and healthcare. Newstart for a single person is only \$282 per week (less than \$15K per year) and has not been raised in real terms since 1994 (Youth Allowance, is even lower). People on this payment are forced to skip meals, are unable to cloth themselves, do without medicines, and struggle with unavoidable expenses like rent and power bills. Socially isolated, lonely, and demoralised, these members of our community are increasingly turning to charities and food banks, who themselves are struggling with higher costs and increased demand. ACOSS believes that lifting the rate of Newstart, Youth Allowance, and related payments would be the most effective first step Australia can take to reduce poverty. We would like to invite you to meet with us, to hear from those directly affected, share your experiences and ideas, and find common ground on how we can work together to reduce poverty in our community. For more info, or to RSVP, contact Raise the Rate campaign coordinator Pas Forgione at pas@acoss.org.au or on 02 9310 6216 or on 0444 590 297.

Kind regards,

Pas Forgione. Raise the Rate campaign coordinator.

ACOSS (Australian Council of Social Service).

E: pas@acoss.org.au

P: 02 9310 6216/0444 590 297



첫번째 대강절 (1st Advent of Sunday) 2019년 12월01일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5장 통 3장 이 천지간 만물들아 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 21장 통 21장 다 찬양하여라

새 415장 통 471장 십자가 그늘 아래

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 빌립보서 2:5-11

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 그리스도 예수님의 마음

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 455장 통 507장 주님의 마음을 본받는 자

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
계시록 9:13-21

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
계시록 8:1-11:19

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: Shirley and family, Yvonne, Rietha, Marly, Rita, Ruth, Wendy, Jan's neighbours, Sunny and family, Corey, Lara and James, Judy, Grace, Lisa, 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 Liberia, Sierra Leone*
- ♥ *We pray for Springwood 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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Leigh Fijian Congregation: Rev Dr Clive Pearson Supply Minister 0409 523 024

Leigh Korean Faith Community Minister: Rev Hyun Goo Jun 0433 320 588

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Senior Minister/CEO: Rev Keith Hamilton 0417 487 446

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PM WSU Chaplain : Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler 0427 955 157



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