

OUR NEWS

15th December 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

'HAPPY CHRISTMAS' FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH!



On Sunday 15 December, Sunday School @ Leigh Memorial will be presenting a short 'Nativity Play' for the congregation, plus holding our annual prize giving and party. Many thanks to the team: Anne, Samantha, Liz and Ken, our guest presenters and supporters, and our lovely kids, ranging in age from pre-school to Yr. 12: Christian, Gabby, Ayaansh, Neo, Rico, Salma, Eroilin, Darren, Sarah, Shanelle, Shiana, Seini, Opal,

Thomas, Gabe & Johana. Congratulations to those in our Sunday School & Youth Group who completed their HSC and graduated from high school this year. We wish them well for the future. This year's recipient of the 'Jo & Les Goodin Friendship & Effort Award' is Shiana Srambikal (Yr. 6). Well done Shiana! Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday 2 February, 2020. Colouring-in and bible activities/puzzles/board games will be available in the church throughout the school holiday period. Please see the stewards for assistance as needed. Sunday School @ Leigh happily welcomes new children and their families, and operates an 'all-ages' class every Sunday morning during school terms. Enquiries: [9891-2277](tel:9891-2277)/ LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY – CAROLS + MUSIC TEAM CELEBRATION!



On **Sunday 22 December** from 9.30am, we will be having a very special congregation celebration. Firstly, our Music Team will lead us in our annual Carols Service in the church, and then we'll enjoy a 'festive' morning tea together in the Coffee shop – celebrating the fabulous Music Team and farewelling Malcolm & Robyn. Everyone is invited to bring a plate of food to share and to wear something 'festive'.

PEACE DINNER 2019

Over 100 people joined in the 5th Annual Peace Dinner in the Fellowship Hall last Saturday night. Guests enjoyed a celebratory evening that included speaker Dr. Deidre Palmer, contributions from Clr. Phil Bradley and Father Shenouda, the lovely singing voice of Shaalane, a great meal and the assistance of a wonderful team of participants and volunteers. Many thanks to Rev. Manas for his leadership, plus PM staff and everyone who supported this key event in the life and witness of our congregation and Mission. The Dinner was one of many, well-attended inter-faith and community events hosted at Leigh during 2019. Photos are included in this newsletter.

'GIVING TREE' – THANK YOU

Many thanks again to everyone who contributed to our "Giving Tree" this year. All donations are now in the hands of the PM team & will be distributed where most needed.

'DONATE A PLATE' – CHRISTMAS @ PM

Thanks to everyone who has written a friendly Christmas message on one of this year's paper plates. Please note that \$25 will also provide a plate of food for someone at this year's Christmas Day Lunch at Parramatta Mission. If you would like to donate a plate or volunteer on the day, please pick up a donor form in the church foyer and/or contact Reception on 9891-2277 or check <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/christmasday/>

ADVENT 2019 @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Remaining dates: **19 December** – 6.00pm, Carol singing in Centenary Square; **21 December** – 10.00am, Advent Study with Clive; **22 December** – 9.30am, Carols Service + Music Team celebration & 'Festive' Morning Tea.
NB: Combined Christmas Day worship: 9.00am!

MEALS PLUS LIBRARY



Many thanks to the congregation's 'Couples & Friends' group for their recent donation of new bookshelves for the Meals Plus Library in the Fellowship Hall. These wonderful shelves are accommodating a much larger number of books and magazines for the use of clients and adding to the broader intentions of the program. New and secondhand books are being donated by a number of sponsors on a regular basis - and are making a significant difference to the capacity of the library.

Thank you C & F!!!

PEACE DINNER 2019

A Christmas Celebration of Goodwill, Harmony & Peace
Parramatta Mission



Photo: 'Lighting of the Peace Candle' at our Peace Dinner, 2019.
From left: Pearl Wymarra from the Aboriginal Community, Kati Haworth from the Jewish community, Sangeeta from the Hindu Community, Sharan from the Sikh community, Maroos from the Bahai community, Dr Zeny Edwards from the UN and Rev. Manas Ghosh.



Peace Dinner special guests, including Dr. Palmer,
Clr. Bradley and Father Shenouda



Shaalane Srambikal singing 'O Holy Night'/
Rev. Keith Hamilton leading a prayer



Dr. Deidre Palmer, UCA President –
giving the occasional address/ Deidre with Manas



Guests enjoying the evening – Fellowship Hall, Parramatta Mission.



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

Christmas Day LUNCH

Wednesday 25th December 2019



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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

Pastoral message for this week....

Christmas 2019:
Whatever you are looking for at Christmas
Christ still comes to you.

Prayers:

Those at risk of bush fire, smoke, heat, drought; and victims of volcano in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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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PARRA
LEAGUES

\$20K Monster Raffle

15 DECEMBER

TOP PRIZES

Volvo Kids Ride On,
Apple Air Pods,
Cyclops Ladies Bicycle

22 DECEMBER

TOP PRIZES

BILLABONG Offset Smoker,
Nintendo 2DS XL,
JBL Bluetooth Speaker Flip



*Tickets
on Sale*
1PM



*Raffles Rules available at Reception, images for illustration purposes only. Subject to change.

세번째 대강절 (3rd Advent of Sunday) 2019년 12월15일 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 114장 **통 113장** 그 어린 주 예수

새 270장 **통 214장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **예레미야 33:6-9**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **하나님의 약속**

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 191장 **통 427장** 내가 매일 기쁘게

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 18:9-20

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
계시록 17:1-20:15

Psalm 146:5-10

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Reflections

The Psalmist calls people to praise God. Praise of God might be through song, dance and prayer, also through living ethical lives. We also praise God through care of creation, through the inclusion of people and assisting others to live life to the full, through living as peace makers.



Our thoughts and prayers are with members of the PM community grieving the death of loved ones.

Mark Newton and family following the death of Mark's Dad, and funeral last week.

Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler, and family and friends, following the death of her husband Terry Butler, who was a member of the Leigh Fijian congregation.

Details of a thanksgiving and celebration of Terry's life will follow.

The annual Peace Dinner was held last Saturday. People from many religious and community groups gathered.





Some of the more than 100 people who attended the Peace Dinner. Dr Deirdre Palmer, President of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia is holding the flowers, given in appreciation of her attendance and speech. Deirdre spoke of the Assembly theme during this triennium: abundant grace liberating hope. She called us to “Walk together on pathways of peace.” She suggested that whenever the Gospels speak of Jesus saying ‘Peace be with you,’ it was in times when the people were fearful. Inner peace enables us to deal best with potentially threatening situations. She invited people to discuss with another: where are moments of peace? Deirdre directed her remarks to justice for first people’s, and gender equality. In include here some quotations from her speech. ‘Living harmoniously we might flourish.’ ‘Gender inequality gives rise to domestic violence.’ ‘A spiritual person is someone whose highest purpose is loving others.’ ‘Together work and walk with first people in peace.’ ‘Parents who are consistent in being with and caring for their children raise children who have hope.’ ‘Give space to people to give voice to their stories.’ Deirdre used the following prayer:

God you know the challenges and struggles we will go through today. Be with us in those moments that we might be know your peace. Amen

Two other prayers are below:



Parramatta Mission Staff Christmas Party 2019



The PM staff Christmas party was held at the Outback Steak House Wentworthville the other Friday night. Staff from across our services gathered to celebrate. The dance floor was full all night.



Return and Earn Dolphin Cruise 28/11/19. Phoebe shared this good news story from our Maitland Office.

This was made possible by the Parramatta Mission staff and consumers collecting return and earn bottles and cans and donating them to Maitland office for the purpose of cashing them in for a unique experience at the end of the year.

This initiative started in February 2019, Parramatta Mission staff and family members and consumers raised over \$400.00 which made it possible to book a Dolphin Cruise at Port Stephens for 9 consumers to enjoy a 1 ½ hour cruise and sighted around 8 dolphins, there was complimentary tea and coffee and biscuits that were available. Staff paid independently to attend this cruise, which showed a wonderful commitment of staff.

After the cruise at the Nelson Bay Marina, we all enjoyed ½ foot long subway roll and mixture of fruit including watermelon and rock melon and kiwi fruit and bottles of water were supplied with the money collected by return and earn.

There was a presentation to one consumer David Richards who had helped with donating and participating in the return and earn process. David received a certificate of Recycling Champion for the environment and a voucher for a haircut at his favorite barber and after shave.

The feedback from all consumers has been very positive and already has inspired some consumers with donating bottles and cans for next year. Everyone stated they appreciated the outing and all congratulated David for his recognition. Thank you to our staff



thank
YOU!



Our hearts go out to the friends and families of all affected by the volcano eruption on Whakatane this past week. We prayer for those who are grieving, and for people severely injured and their families and friends.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Foster your faith this week

Is 7:10-16

Ps 80:1-7, 17-19

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-25

PARRAMATTA MISSION COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK BOARD

The Parramatta Mission Community Care Network Board has determined that the minutes of its meeting should be made available to any interested congregation members. The only exception would be matters of a sensitive or confidential nature.

A copy of the minutes of the November Board meeting may be obtained by contacting Robert key on 9624 1797 or robert.key@parramattamission.org.au

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This will follow on from the service. All are welcome to stay and enjoy time together. Thanks to all have brought food to share. Thanks to all who have contributed to the life of the Congregation as we seek to worship, witness and serve others in the name of Christ.

CONDOLENCES

The Westmead Congregation extends condolences to Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler on the death of Terry- an extraordinary person who served God, the Church and the community so very well.

Information re a Thanksgiving service for Terry are to be made available once confirmed.

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.

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?

WESTMEAD
Congregation

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship- Sundays

9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship

Returns Monday 27th January

Returns Tuesday 4th February

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

Return date tba

Return Mon 3rd Feb

Returns Wed 5th Feb

Returns Friday 7th Feb



Congregation Bible study and Fellowship party last Monday



Play Groups Christmas Chain.
(They made a 15m paper chain for Christmas! So much fun.)



Terry Butler
22.4.1952 – 10.12.2019

Rest in Peace Terry,
as you return to
Our Creator.
Paint God's Kingdom
vibrant blue.



Confirmed Names For FNC

Adults (+ some children)*	Sosi Toa Silo TabuaLevu Taito Dovibua Salote Koro Oni Seru Marica Sadrata Senitiki Qata Emosi Rogoimuri Anare Vocea Mela Vocea*	Maca Toa Mele Dovibua Christine Dovibua* Sainiana Vute Ini Foiakau Remavini Wati Suguta Rogoimuri Amelia Vocea Talatala Amelia
Young Adults	Tupou Samu Tuvuki	Rusi Jane Mereani
Youth	Meresaini Pasepa Nau Lo Ken Josh Leisha	Julia Henry Isa Luisa Laisa

Polo Shirts are being done for FNC 2020. The shirts are \$22 each. Payments to be sent to Steve Vosalotaki, all need to be paid by Saturday 18th January 2020.

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VULA O TISEBA/JANUERI

Vunau e Parramatta	
22/12	Rev Clive Pearson(TBA)
25/12	Combined Service Christmas Day
29/12	Combined Service
5/1	Combined Service
12/1	Combined Service

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: Amelia and her family, Joanna and family, Shirley and family, Faith and her sisters, 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 Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo*
- ♥ *We pray for St Clair 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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<http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree>

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