

OUR NEWS
22nd September



Parramatta
Mission



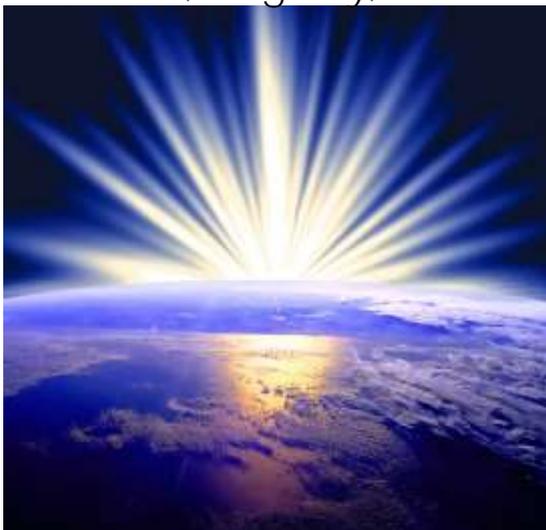
uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

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

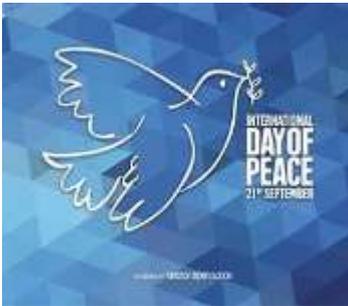
PEACE SERVICE

Many thanks to everyone planning to attend this year's **International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Service** at the Fellowship Centre: **2pm – 5pm, on Saturday 21 September** – and to our wonderful, volunteer team from the congregation, plus PM staff: Coral, Tracey & Paul. Peace services have been taking place at our site for 6 years and are always inspirational and friendly occasions, with wonderful music, multicultural afternoon teas and a spirit of community togetherness.

ALL PM CONGREGATION MEMBERS, STAFF & FRIENDS ARE WELCOME

Please join us & support this key event.

Enquiries: Rev. Manas/ Leaders' team.



SEPTEMBER @ LEIGH

Sundays, 8.45 – 9.15am: 'Future Pastoral Directions' prayer gatherings

Wednesdays, 7.00 – 7.30pm: 'Future Pastoral Directions' prayer gatherings

Saturday 21 September (pm): Youth Group

Saturday 21 September: 2pm,

International Day of Peace inter-faith prayer service.

*** Sunday 29 September: 10am, Combined Leigh Memorial

+ Leigh Fijian service.

HSC STUDENTS

Continued prayers for our hard-working HSC students: Johana, Gabe, Shalaane and Ulita, and all those who are in the final weeks of study & preparation. Blessings for all.

ADVANCE NOTICE

World Community Day 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. All members are welcome to attend.

Enquiries: Beverly & Ruth.

WESTMEAD Congregation

GOODBYE TO SHEILA WILLIAMSON

It is with both joy and sadness we lost our 'Queen' Sheila Williamson. Sheila played the Queen on more than one occasion, was a regular member of worship, Bible Study, Open Door, Fellowship and a regular visitor to TOC. Sheila was 94 in August and has been a good friend to many. There will be a semi-private cremation on Tuesday at 10.00am at Castlebrook followed by a service of Thanksgiving at Westmead at 12.00md. There will be a light lunch following the service.



SPECIAL PRAYERS, SPECIAL MEETING

As an outcome from the meeting on Monday 26th, 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.

LEAVE

Rev Christine is back for the week beginning 23rd. Rev Christine will have annual leave from Friday 27th September returning Thursday 17th October. During this time worship will be led by various people including Natasha, Sarah and elders. During this time please contact elders as needed.

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.

COMMUNION

On the 2nd 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 20th October. Communion will be on the 2nd Sunday in November and December.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday Octo 1st 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

Fijian Congregation

Masumasu Cokovata Ena yakavi ni **Vukelulu**, ena **7pm** ena Vestry, veiliutaki ena macawa oqo o Rev Keith Hamilton. Eda sa vakauqeti me da mai duavata ena kena masulaki na I lakolako ni Parramatta Mission kei ratou na kena i vakalesilesi vakai Talatala. Sa vakabibi taki talega na masu yadudua, vakavuvale, vakamatamasumasu.

Curry Drive Fundraising Fiji National Conference Vakarauwai 28 ni Sepiteba Kerei me da nanamaki tiko ena fundraising oqo, me vukea nai lakolako ni Koniferedi ki Adelaide.

Tagata Pasifika Theological Symposium

A very inspiring Tagata Pasifika Theological Symposium organised by Talatala Clive, Talatala Matagi and Talatala Sef. We heard a vast range of research and passion on Pacific Theology, worshiped together and shared meals together. A big vinakavakalevu to the women who helped out all weekend!



Papitaiso

We welcome **Tikoibua Isreal Nakarawa** into Christ's Church. Blessings to Tikoibua and the family, may they always feel the love of the community and the love of God.

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI TOLU NA MACAWA

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veiliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
29/9	Combine Worship				
6/10	Vulavou/Holy Communion			1	
13/10	Cross Cultural Worship	Akisi Allison	Ini Foiakau	Youth	

열오째 성령강림(15th Pentecost of Sunday) 2019년 9월22일 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 19 장 **통 44 장** 찬송하는 소리 있어

새 341 장 **통 367 장** 십자가를 내가 지고

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **이사야 48:17-22**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 자기가 만든 감옥에서 나오라

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 410 장 **통 468 장** 내 맘에 한 노래 있어

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) **새 502장** **통 259장** 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
여호수아 14:1-15

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
여호수아 13:1-16:10



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

1 Timothy 2:1-8

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. (NRSV)

Reflections

The writer of this letter to an early church leader provides teaching and encouragement. This excerpt is of directions for public worship. Public worship includes prayers, and these include prayers for public leaders. In a time of emperor worship praying to God for the rulers rather than praying to the rulers is a public statement of faith, and radical. The teaching affirms the Christian conviction that the mediator to God is Jesus Christ, who is both divine (God) and human.

Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury wrote a book titled *Being Christian*. In that book he writes of four essential elements of the Christian life: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer. Some of his gems are: “Growing in prayer is growing in Christian humanity.” “Jesus begins his instructions on prayer by telling us to affirm that we stand where he stands. “The heart of Christian prayer is getting over the idea that God is somewhere a very, very long off.” “Your vision is clarified; your actions are gradually disciplined; the divine life slowly transforms you.” “Prayer takes for granted that you have been working on your self-awareness.” “Prayer, more and more, is not something we do but what we are *letting* God do in us.” “Prayer is the life of Jesus coming alive in you.”

Future Pastoral Directions

The congregations and Church Council over the next 6 months will be making decisions regarding the future arrangement of ministry in our congregations. This includes the Senior Minister / CEO, our current two congregation ministers at Westmead and Leigh Memorial, and future ministry for the Leigh Fijian congregation. The extended Church Council recently agreed to a time of prayerful listening through September. This is in the lead up to the next Church Council meeting this Thursday 27 September.

A prayer gathering will be held this Wednesday evening 7-7:30 in Leigh Memorial Church Parramatta.

We encourage everyone at 8 am each day to prayer for our congregations, ministers, staff, volunteers, and people PM meets every day.

People may wish to follow a pattern of prayer:
adoration, confession, Bible reading, silence, prayers for PM, concluding prayer.
(You could include your daily devotions.)

It is important to allow plenty of silence. If silence is new, start with 1 minute, and build up from there.

Western Sydney Airport

Representing Parramatta Mission, I had opportunity to visit the new Western Sydney Airport Experience Centre at Luddenham. It will be open five days per week. Worth a visit. This photo of a paddock is where the passenger terminal for the new Western Sydney Airport will be located within five years.



HMAS Parramatta

Parramatta Mission is the charity for HMAS Parramatta. Last week we were present for the civic welcome of HMAs Parramatta to its home city.

BELOW: *Commanding* Officer Troy Van Tienhoven making the salute.





ABOVE: HMAS Parramatta company and the Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Councillor Andrew Wilson

PM Managers Forum



ABOVE: Organizations are only as good as the people. PM people are truly wonderful. Here are some of our people at the Managers forum held last Thursday in the newly refurbished Lifeline Training Room, Fellowship Centre, Macquarie St, Parramatta. It provided opportunity for managers to meet, network, hear updates, and an introduction to the new leadership program.

Uniting Aged Care Facility at Westmead

After many years of planning, construction is well underway for Uniting's new aged care facilities at Westmead, on the Mayflower site. Uniting is part of the Uniting Church, and among a several things, provides aged care and child care services on behalf of the Uniting Church. PM works closely with Uniting and is ever seeking to increase our joint activities. My interest is not only from PM's perspective, but also as the Deputy Chairperson of the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery (The UCA in Western Sydney).



ABOVE: Chaplain Lyn Graham pronouncing a blessing on the new building and all who will reside there



ABOVE: Here with Rev Geoff Stevenson, Chairperson of Presbytery, Lyn Graham Chaplain at Mayflower, Westmead, and Rev Dr Rob McFarlane, Presbytery Ministry Leader.



ABOVE: Inside the display centre at Westmead

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



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 August Board meeting may be obtained by contacting Robert Key on 9624 1797 or robert.key@parramattamission.org.au



Pastoral message for this week....

We live in a world God created.
We are responsible to care for it.
Be wise in how you do it.



Foster your faith this week

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15

Ps 91:1-6, 14-16

1 Tim 6:6-19

Lk 16:19-31

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.*
- ♥ *Prayers for the De Reland and Gray Families on the death of their father Col Gray.*
- ♥ *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 Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine*
- ♥ *We pray for Luddenham 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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