



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

12th January 2020

generosity

takes an open
heart and a
love that asks
for nothing in
return.

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



Painting 2: Arthur Streeton – Golden Summer, Eaglemont (1889).

Prayer point: *Rural Australia and the impacts of Climate Change.*

UNITING JUSTICE – STATEMENT ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

“The Church believes that it is important for the Australian Government to set and commit to meeting serious targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions primarily through the promotion of renewable energy sources, measures to reduce energy demand and promotion of energy efficient measures. The Church has a long history of concern with the nuclear fuel cycle and remains unconvinced about the use of nuclear power as a solution to global warming. We believe that the continued research, development and implementation of renewable energy are absolute priorities for governments and industry in order to minimise greenhouse gas production.” **Want to find out more?** See <https://www.unitingjustice.org.au/environment/about> - or the Bureau of Meteorology/CSIRO site - <https://www.climatechangeinaustralia.gov.au/en/> - or – have a chat with Rev. Clive.

CHURCH & MEALS PLUS LIBRARIES

For those doing a ‘clean out’ or shopping the sales over summer, please remember that our Church and Meals Plus libraries are always seeking good quality books to place on the shelves. The Church Library is primarily accepting new, recently released books with Christian themes. The Meals Plus library will accept good quality second-hand books on a range of topics and in both the fiction + non-fiction categories. Please see Neil McGrath re Church Library donations and Reception @ PM re donations to Meals Plus. NB: Both libraries have a limit, so donations in excess will be re-directed.

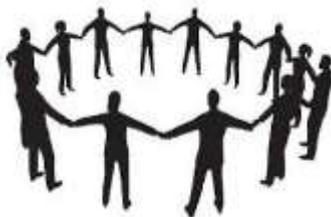
LEIGH MEMORIAL GROUPS & PROGRAMS 2020

Most of our congregation groups take a break during January and resume in early February. Group coordinators will contact members when regular programs are due to re-commence.

BUSHFIRE CRISIS

Continued prayers for those impacted by the bushfire crisis, including community members experiencing associated mental health issues, separation, fear and displacement.

Interfaith Service of Remembrance and Support – Bushfire Crisis



A service of remembrance and support for the victims of Australia's bushfire crisis – with prayers for our firefighters and all emergency service personnel – will be held
4.00pm on

**Sunday 19 January, 2020 at the
Fellowship Centre Hall, Parramatta Mission,
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.**

No RSVPs required.

Enquiries: Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh via 9891-2277.

Pastoral message for this week....

Blessed are those who give of themselves to help others during this season of fire.



THANK YOU & FAREWELL MARGARET DUNCAN

Our Parramatta Mission community are saddened to learn of the passing of **Margaret Duncan** this week, following a long illness. Margaret was the inaugural manager of '175' (previously Wesley Lodge Motel) at Westmead and was acknowledged during last year's 40th anniversary celebrations. She worked closely with Mission Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gloster Udy during the 1970s-1980s and was an integral team member during the establishment of the Mission's hospitality services, Lifeline Parramatta and multiple other 'outreach' programs. Margaret's colourful anecdotes regarding the challenging, early days of the Motel at Westmead and her witness to the power of prayer, congregational input, wise leadership and joint effort were an

inspiration to all - and will be long remembered. Margaret's personal courage, grit, openness and goodwill will also remain an inspiration to the many who knew and worked with her over the years. Our prayers are with Margaret's friends and family at this time. Funeral arrangements will be available on Sunday, and/or may be obtained from Reception, 9891-2277.

WESTMEAD Congregation

THANKSGIVING FOR TERRY BUTLER

A Thanksgiving service will be held on January 14th at the Parramatta South Campus of Western Sydney University (Rydalmere), 5.00pm. Please continue to hold Amelia and family in your prayers.

JANUARY- OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open from 9.00-3.30 on Wed 8th January and each following Wednesday across January. We anticipate that families with children will come earlier in the day and those wanting a cuppa, scrabble or dominos or simply to chat will come afterwards. Please byo lunch but tea and coffee will be provided.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Help needed to assist Rev Christine with the Tethered balloons (6.00-9.00am). Please see Rev Christine asap. There will be a combined worship service on Sunday 26th January, Australia Day, at 9.30am in Parramatta Park near the Station Street entrance to the Park. Bring your own chair, hat and water.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- VOTING FOR ELDERS/LEADERS

There will be a congregational meeting on the 9th February. At this meeting we will have our elections for elders and congregational leaders. Nomination forms will be available next Sunday 19th January. Please prayerfully consider who you wish to be in the role of Elder or Congregational Leaders. Current Elders are: Karen Banfield (Chairperson), Jan Robson (Minute Secretary), Lorna Porter (Treasurer), Mere Vulvano, Naomi Dry, Biju Chacko, Sushila Niles, Margaret Chia, Robyne Stalder.

CONGREGATIONAL INPUT RE TASK GROUP

There will be a special meeting on Sunday 16th February following worship. Rev Geoff Stevenson (Chairperson of the Presbytery) will be updating the congregation on the work of the Task Group which have been looking at the PM structure. It is helpful for as many people as possible to attend this meeting.

Thought for the month: *Be generous- in your thoughts, prayers and actions.*

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 Return date tba

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am Return Mon 3rd Feb

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm Returns Wed 5th Feb

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am Returns Friday 7th Feb

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

Reminder that Terry’s Thanksgiving service is on Tuesday 14th Jan, 5pm at Western Sydney University South Campus. The youth are available to be serving refreshments on the day.



Welcome home!
 We hope your time in Fiji went well and glad that you have travelled back safely to Sydney!

Daniel Jr Cama
 19.02.2004 – 30.12.2019
Rest in Paradise
 Thank You to those that attended the Cama family gathering during the week.

Bula Feeding Ministry
 has begun again for the year.
 Please let the team know if you are available to be rostered to volunteer

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VULA O JANUERI

Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Veliutaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
19/1		TBD		

Fijian Congregation

Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus arrived at the Jordan from Galilee, to John to be baptised by him. 14 But John would have prevented him, saying "I need to have baptism by you, and you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Let it be so for now; for it is proper for us to fulfil every religious duty." Then John consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptised, he went immediately up out of the water; and suddenly the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descend like a dove and come upon him. 17 And suddenly, a voice from out of the heavens saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections on the Lections

We are in the season after Epiphany, which means the manifestation of God in Christ. God has been made present to the whole world in Jesus. This season links Christmas with Lent. The first Sunday, today, is traditionally celebrated as the baptism of Jesus. Each year we hear the story of Jesus going to John to be baptised, which marks the commencement of his ministry and the journey to Easter.

Each of the four gospels emphasizes an aspect of the baptism of Jesus. Matthew demonstrates that Jesus did the right thing in terms of religious practice. This is food for thought for those who would do away with religious practice, which often is an excuse for the lack of discipline of personal prayer, public worship and acts of justice and mercy.

Immediately after the baptism comes the temptation. Jesus receives his vocation in the baptism and words of blessing as the beloved Son; then he is tempted. This is true to life. We accept a calling to a task or decide to be more intentional and disciplined in living out our Christian faith, and immediately we are tempted to break that resolution.

In our baptism we are joined with Jesus in his baptism. In our baptism we are called to be disciples of Jesus. Being a disciple of Jesus means being a Christian – living the Christian life, adhering to the Christian disciplines of prayer and meditation, worship, and speaking and doing whatever is required in any situation as a disciple of Jesus.

Baptism marks the promise of the fulfillment of the deepest human desires that drive us: the desire to be taken seriously, the desire to connect, the desire for something to believe in, the desire for more, the desire to be useful and the desire for love.

Baptism is a sign of God's faithfulness to the world; our living out our discipleship as the body of Christ (the church) when we are gathered and when we are scattered is a symbol of our faithfulness to God.

Important points to remember about Baptism is it is initiation into the church and it is the central ritual of the church that reminds us of our identity. Baptism includes making a sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized, a bit like branding. It is so important, churches ensure the baptismal font is in a prominent place in the church building. Storing the baptismal font away diminishes the meaning of baptism. Many churches have the font in the entrance to the building to signify that baptism is the entrance into the church. Others, like the Catholic Church at Wentworthville have the font in the centre of the church at the intersection of the two Aisles that together form a cross. At Salisbury Cathedral the font is very large and has water flowing over the top and down into a pool, a bit like St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta.



ABOVE
Baptism font at Salisbury Cathedral



LEFT
Baptismal font Catholic
Church Wentworthville

Julie and I will be away on leave for two weeks, on a cruise to the Pacific Islands. Lyall Weaver will be the acting CEO during that time.

The Rev Simon Hansford, Moderator of the Uniting Church Synod of NSW.ACT has called the church to pray. His prayer points include the following.

- people from all walks of life, who fear for themselves, their homes, and those they love
- communities facing harm, unsure of how to act, but trusting in each other despite their fear
- those who fight the fires, with expertise, or desperation, or both
- animals of all description, caught in the paths of this blaze, uncomprehending in their fear and flight
- the creation, bearing the costs of drought and a changing climate
- those who staff evacuation centres, and who are offering food and shelter, clothing and reassurance, games for children and conversation for those who need it - a presence of gentleness despite the trauma
- communities of faith, bearing witness in word and action to a God who loves and saves, and knows each person by name.

We might also prayer that this event provokes people to act on the climate emergency, and together work for the care of the creation.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

주현전 둘째 주일(2nd Epiphany of Sunday) 2020년 01월12일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 1 장** **통 1 장** 만복의 근원 하나님 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 67 장 **통 31 장** 영광의 왕께 다 경배하며

새 270 장 **통 214 장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **에베소서 4:1-6**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 거룩한 새로운 삶이만?

봉헌 송(Offertory 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: 천도와 선포에 앞장서는 하나님의 자녀로 살아갑시다.

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

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
창세기 11:10-30

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
창세기 10:1-13:18

Summer @ Leigh Memorial Church

The combined services for the two Parramatta congregations on 12 January will be at 10am.

On the 19th January: Leigh Memorial at 9:30 Leigh Fijian at 11:15

On the 26th January (Australia Day).

Combined service: Leigh Memorial, Leigh Fijian and Westmead - Parramatta Park, 9:30 am

If wet, in the Westmead Church.



For pastoral situations while Manas is on leave, please contact Clive Pearson, 0409 523 024

Foster your faith this week

Is 49:1-7

Ps 40:1-11

1 Cor 1:1-9

Jn 1:29-42

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: Isaac and family, 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 Cyprus, Greece, Turkey*
- ♥ *We pray for Sydney Tamil - Congregation.*

Worship Services at

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm

Wednesday 1.10pm

Sunday 10.00am

9.45am

10.00am

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

Pastoral Contacts

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



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