



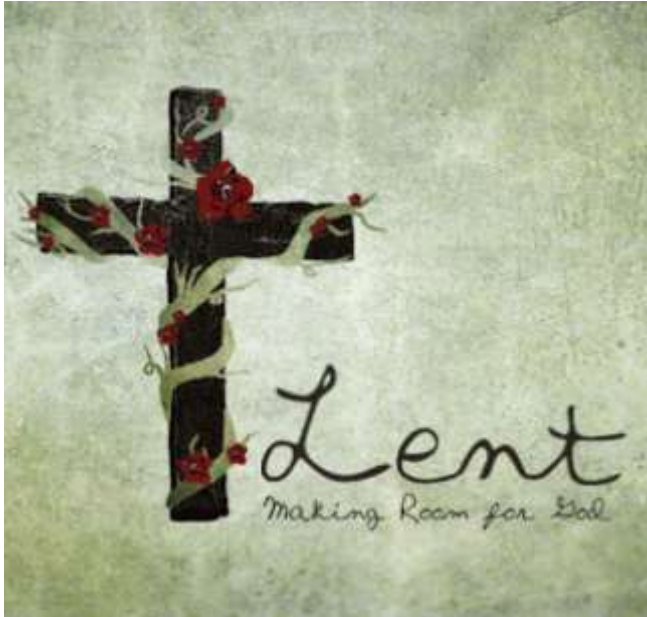
Parramatta
Mission



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OUR NEWS

8th March 2020



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

“HELLO” TO OUR MEMBERS AT HOME

A warm hello & blessings to our members and friends who receive the newsletters and read our congregation news via email or post each week. We think of you often and value your prayers & support from home, hospital, retirement villages and aged care centres. Love & prayers for all & we hope to see you soon!

‘LENT EVENT’ FUNDRAISING

Due to popular demand, we will be holding a second ‘Bric-a-Brac’ sale for Lent Event this Sunday 8 March during Morning Tea. All items for a coin! Last Sunday’s Pancakes morning raised a further \$81.00 for the people of Ambon, Indonesia and their efforts to ‘Build Peace & Beat Poverty’. Thank you to Samantha, Anne, our Sunday School & Young Adults and everyone who cooked, served, ate and generously donated!



HAND SHAKING – HEALTH UPDATE

Sadly, due to the spread of the coronavirus, increasing medical advice is that we need to stop shaking hands. This includes our usual hand-shaking during passing the peace in worship. We need to give a BIG SMILE to each other instead! Members are also reminded to use the sanitisers provided, wash hands regularly with soap & water, cough & sneeze responsibly and to stay at home if unwell. Thank you.

CONGREGATION ROLL

Over the next couple of Sundays, the Leaders team will be seeking to update our Leigh Memorial Roll for 2020. This is an important part of our annual ‘housekeeping’. Please assist by confirming or supplying your name & preferred contact details. Many thanks. Enquiries: Liz & Samantha.

VISIT FROM DAVYN

On Sunday, 8 March, our congregation will welcome Mr. Davyn De Bruyn – PM's Church Partnerships & Community Manager. Davyn will share a little with us about his role at PM during 'Take 10'.

'PARAMSALA' NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday 15 March, we will be celebrating Parramatta's annual 'Parramasala' festival and enjoying a Multicultural Brunch together after morning worship. Please bring a plate of food to share.

LENT & EASTER PROGRAM

Our Lent & Easter program for this year is in the weekly newsletters and on the website. Remember to save the dates for Rev. Clive's 3 x Saturday morning Lenten studies, commencing on 21 March.

SONGS FOR THE LENT & EASTER SEASON

Join Rev. Amelia at Leigh Memorial, 5.30 – 6.30pm on Mondays 2 March, 9 March & 16 March, to practice some songs for Lent & Easter 2020. All welcome.



*Warmest congratulations to Leigh Memorial's Bruce Streatfeild on recently receiving a NSW Volunteering award for his 30 years of service as a musician and community visitor at the Thomas Street Nursing Home, Parramatta. Bruce's beautiful violin playing and personal commitment have cheered the Home's residents and staff over a long period and provided Christian inspiration, support and hope to many.
Photo: Bruce with Ms. Julie Finn, MP.*

LENT & EASTER

@ LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH, PARRAMATTA MISSION

All events/services will be held at Leigh Memorial, 119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.



Songs for Lent & Easter with Rev. Amelia:

Mondays 9 & 16 March, 5.30-6.30pm.

Lenten Studies with Rev. Clive:

'Truly this man was God's son': Exploring the Easter story told by Matthew.
3 studies: Saturdays 21, 28 March and 4 April, 10.00 – 11.30am.

Palm Sunday Worship:

Sunday 5 April, 9.30am (Leigh Memorial) & 11.15am (Leigh Fijian).
NB: A 'Hosanna' palm walk will take place in Centenary Square from 9.15am.

Maundy Thursday/ Tenebrae (inc. Light Meal):

Thursday 9 April, 6.30pm.

Good Friday Worship:

Friday 10 April, 9.00am.

Easter Sunday Worship (inc. Easter Morning Tea):

Sunday 12 April, 10.00am.



ALL WELCOME! Further enquiries: 9891-2277.

LENT EVENT 2020: AMBON, INDONESIA

This year's Lent Event fundraising focus is Ambon – part of the Maluku group of Indonesia. The island was once colonised by the Portuguese and Dutch – and occupied by Japanese forces in WW2. Its multi-cultural population is predominantly Christian and Muslim. The capital, Ambon Manise, is known as Indonesia's 'music city' and recognised by UNESCO. It is also Darwin's 'sister city'. Ambon is often impacted earthquakes, tsunamis and climate change. The Lent Event 2020 theme of **'Building Peace, Beating Poverty'** is especially important to the region, which has a history of community and religious division and economic disparity. Following is the link to this year's Lent Event bible studies prepared by Rev. Michael Earl of Bowral UC:

<https://www.unitingworld.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Lent-Event-Bible-Studies-2020-1.pdf>



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

The Galston Concerts 2020 series to start Sunday 22 March

Happy New (Musical) Year to friends of our concerts in Galston.



A year perhaps needing a little extra happiness, so we've planned five very enjoyable programs. We hope that you will be able to join us for all (or at least some) concerts ... and we ask the added favour please, of your telling your friends about the pleasures of our Sunday afternoon musicales - and afternoon teas!

While greater detail is available on our www.trybooking.com website listing (search Galston) and from our series brochure (please advise us if you'd like an emailed copy) we hope that you'll be tempted by these musical highlights

- our customary balance of easy-listening 'Classical and Contrasts' styles;
- music by great composers across the ages, around the world;
- a spectrum of sounds: instrumental/keyboard/vocal plus a hint of jazz & folk;
- Beethoven cameos in each program to celebrate his 250th birthday year;
- a new feature of pre-concert preludes with our historic pipe organ

and other benefits

- leading Australian professional performers of international attainment;
- cameos by their talented student proteges & other young performers;
- relaxed conversational presentation style;
- no change to series and single concert ticket costs (still at 2016 prices);
- inclusive of a delicious post-concert meet-the-performers afternoon tea.

Three's Company starts our series on **22 March** with soprano, clarinet & piano plus cameo strings; **Cellissimo** offers a cello feast plus piano and organ on **24 May**; a **World of Music** on **26 July** includes harp, piano, and Latin American flair; **Beethoven & The Blue Danube** take centre stage **20 September**; the series finale includes rising stars in an **International Gala** on **22 November**. More details in future newsletters. Until then please join us - and spread the word to friends to help our audience grow in another successful year of concerts.

The Galston Concerts team ... *Elizabeth Garlick, Robert Harris, Dorit Herskovits, Kathleen Michael, Geoff Smith*

Phone enquiries to Elizabeth on 9653 2039 or Robert on 0428 248 348

Songs for the Lent and Easter Season

Come and learn a few new songs for the Lenten season... with Chaplain Amelia
Monday evenings @ Leigh, 5.30-6.30pm 24 Feb, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March

Are you interested in learning to Lead Worship or becoming a Lay Preacher?

The following course is being taught at North Parramatta on Saturday
March 7 by our Uni Chaplain Amelia

<https://ume.nswact.uca.org.au/event/intro-to-uca-worship-20200307/>

If you register as a Parramatta Mission member, you can attend for free.

Volunteers needed for WSU Chaplaincy...

Thursday 27th Feb is the Welcome to new students at Parra City campus.

Chaplaincy will be running a Special Welcome Soup Kitchen from 5pm-7pm.

Chaplain/Talatala Amelia is looking for people to help for any 60-90 minute slot
from 4.30-7.30 (4.30-5 is set up, 5-7 is service and 7.30 is pack up).

Please SMS to 0427955157 if you can help.

Blessings,

Amelia

Foster your faith this week

Ex 17:1-7

Ps 95

Rom 5:1-11

Jn 4:5-42

OPEN CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*We are looking for committed volunteers to assist on a regular basis with
opening, supervising and securing the
Leigh Memorial Church building each weekday between 9.00am - 1.30pm.*

*Your role will include welcoming visitors, assisting with enquiries
and showing care for those
seeking the love of God.*

*If you want to find out more, or are interested, please contact
bianca.ferrari@parramattamission.org.au*

Lenten Devotions

Wednesday of this coming week is Ash Wednesday. It marks the start of Lent, and the preparation by the church for Easter. From Ash Wednesday to Easter is 40 days, not counting Sundays, and correlates with Jesus being in the wilderness for forty days after his baptism, tempted, yet found without sin. Christians the world over give attention during this time to their relationship with God, reflecting upon growth in faith, how the faith is expressed in relationship with others. This year the pastoral team are encouraging Lenten devotions through providing a daily set of Bible readings and reflections.

Cultural and Wellbeing Event

Last week the Parramatta Chamber of Commerce held the inaugural Culture & Wellbeing morning to mark the commencement of the year. The event was held in Parramatta Park. After breakfast, a smoking ceremony was included as part of a Welcome to Country. Then a walk around the Park, with stops for discussion and reflection on aspects of culture and wellbeing, learning from our indigenous heritage. The presenter was Stuart McMinn, a cultural man whose heritage comes from the Dharug and Waka Waka Nations.



Stuart (at right) suggested 6L's of leadership that come from indigenous leaders: Lore, love, look, listen, learn, lead.

Corona Virus

The Covid-19 virus is becoming more widespread. Unfortunately stocking up on toilet paper does not assist immunity. However, the washing of hands is very important. Hand sanitisers are being provided by Parramatta Mission at all our sites. People are encouraged to use the sanitiser. Most are stationed near the entrance to our buildings, church and worship/conference spaces.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

This is an opportunity to learn more about the Christian Faith, our Discipleship and how to share our faith in ordinary and everyday ways.

WESTMEAD CONGREGATION

PARRAMATTA MISSION

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Wednesdays 7.00pm

11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st, 8th April

Thursdays 12.00md

12th, 19th, 26th Mar, 2nd, 9th April

175 Hawkesbury Rd

Westmead

(Parking available– see Reception at Hotel for boom-gate code)



Advance Notice

**'Truly this man was God's son':
Exploring the Easter story told by Matthew.**

**3 studies, 90 minutes:
Saturday 21, 28 March and 4 April
Leigh Memorial Church,.**

1. Remembering the Passion Narrative:

How does Matthew tell the story of Jesus' betrayal, his trials, his death on the cross? What roles do Judas, Peter and Pilate play?

2. The Empty Tomb:

In what ways does the way in which Matthew tell the story of the empty tomb and appearances differ from the other gospel writers? How does Matthew's Easter story compare with the Qu'ran's account of the 'death' of Jesus?

3. Stumbling Blocks and Follies:

The Easter events lie at the heart of the Christian faith. We explore different ways of understanding the 'message' of the cross and resurrection through the hymns we sing.

Pastoral message for this week....

Temptation....choose wisely

15 Artists reflect on
**Suffering and the Human Spirit:
Stations of the Cross 2020**

Monday March 30- Sunday April 12

Exhibition Opening Monday 30 March 6.30-8.30pm
Exhibition Space, Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School



Artist's Sarah Mawhood, Stations of the Cross (pen and ink)

Harrie Fasher
James Drinkwater
Lesley Salem
Toni Hassan
Jenny Little
Girgos Nagieb
Matthew Calandra
Tony Mighell

Chris Wyatt
Joe Furlonger
Chris Auckett
Jeanette Siebels
John Forrester Clack
Reg Mombassa
Euan Macleod

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School and Northmead Uniting Church invite you to an exhibition

**15 Artists Reflect on Suffering and the Human Spirit:
Stations of the Cross 2020**

Exhibition Opening Monday 30 March 6.30-8.30pm

Exhibition Space, Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School,
bottom end of Campbell Street Northmead.

6.30pm curatorial tour

7.30pm Official Opening by Gabrielle Mordy Director, Studio A, Crows Nest

March 30 – April 12. 10am-4pm daily

Guided Tours 2pm on weekend days or by appointment.
Eremos quiet half day Retreat Saturday April 11 10am-1pm

Other events see Facebook page, Stations of the Cross Northmead 2019

www.stationsofthecross.net.au

Information: Northmead Uniting Church 9890 5814, Northmead CAPAHS 02 96304116

WESTMEAD Congregation

BOARD AND CHURCH COUNCIL

The Board met on Tuesday 25th. The Board oversees many of the 'business' aspects of PM. Please pray for the members of the board and the executive staff who also attend this meeting. The Church Council meets on Tuesday 10th March. The Church Council oversees the Board, the Congregations and the broader work of Parramatta Mission. Please pray for the Church Council members. Please continue to pray for Rev Geoff Stevenson as he continues the work of meeting with the congregations and working with the Church Council.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

As we journey through the season of Lent there will be a Lenten Bible Study **which is open to anyone who would like to attend. Wednesdays at Westmead- 7.00pm and Thursdays at Westmead 12.00pm.** Tea and Coffee provided. The Study will have a focus on understanding Christianity, Discipleship and how to share your faith in everyday ways.

Enquiries Rev Christine.

EXTRA CARE

During the outbreak of the Covid 19 (Corona) Virus we are putting some extra steps into place at Westmead. Not only will we use the hand sanitiser during worship but we ask that everyone either wash their hands thoroughly OR use hand sanitiser as soon as they enter the building. There are signs showing the best way to wash hands, cough and sneeze (into elbow) however, as we deal with many people who are immuno-suppressed we ask for these extra precautions from everyone. During the passing of the peace we also suggest people greet each other with nods of heads rather than shaking hands. We will still use the hand sanitiser following the passing the peace as we have done for several years. Thank you for your co-operation.

TOWELS

We are collecting clean towels in good condition for Meals Plus. New towels are OK but do need to be washed several times before use to enable them to be effective. Please see Rev Christine.

Thought for the month: *'Let today be the day you give up who you have been for who you can become'*

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- These meetings will occur occasionally.

Please stay tuned for information re bus trips.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Time Out Café (TOC)- Wednesdays 10.00-1.00pm

Play Group – Mondays and Thursdays 9.15-10.45am

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

두 번째 사순절 주일(2nd Lent of Sunday) 2020년 03월 08일 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 15 장 통 55 장 하나님의 크신 사랑

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 창세기 3:1-7

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 왜 유혹에 약한가?

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 543 장 통 342 장 어려운 일 당할 때

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 오늘 함께 예배 드린 여러분을 주님의 이름으로 환영합니다.
2. '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
3. 말씀, 기도, 전도 생활로 하나님이 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) 새 502 장 통 259 장 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
마가복음5:1-20

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
마가복음 4:21-6:29

Fijian Congregation

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tu Vakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
08/03	Re Amelia (M Worship)		I Foiakau	Youth	
15/3	Campbelltown/ Rooty Hill	S Toa	S Oatu	M3	M1
22/3	S Oata	V Kamotu		M1	

LESONI Ni MACAWA

08/3

Vakatekivu 12:1-4 Same 121
Roma 4:1-5, 13-17 Maciu 17:1-9 se Joni 3:1-17

Lay Preachers—Introduction to Worship and continuing
Introduction to New Testament

09/03 (7pm—3.30pm)

Watching the Visual Bible
Gospel of Matthew Film

14/03 (9am—3.30pm)

@Blacktown UC. Meet Matthew - An
introduction to the Gospel of Matthew
with Parr-Nepean Presbytery

Lay Preachers—Introduction to Worship and continuing
Introduction to New Testament

28/03 (9.30am—3.30pm)

Berala UCA

29/03 (1pm –6pm)

Galston UCA

1. Sa vakabitaki tikoga na noda masumasu vakavule ena kena gauna o ni sa lokuca vakavuvale.
2. **Bula Feeding** – Kerekere mai na Bula Feeding Ministry ke so ra via dodoliga mai ena wai , soseti se bread rolls me qai tukutuku vei Suguta.
3. Na vabogi 100 nei Terry Butler ena 20 Maji.
4. Kerekere me soli vei Dauniyau na sau ni Tee Shirts kei na vo ni sau ni waqavuka ka dodonu me suka vei Dauniyau.
5. Youth sota ena yakavi ni veivakaraubuka ena 7pm ena coffee shop.

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, Bruce S, Jolame, Betty E, Joan, Hazel, Beverly, Neil & Darlene, Betty B, George, Robyn & Malcolm, Rev. Manas & Nita, the Leaders team, Open Church, SPOW, Couples & Friends, Sunday School teachers, children and families, Youth Group, inc. this year's HSC students and first time uni students, and all those who are unwell, currently having medical tests or treatment, or grieving.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri Niko Balavu, 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: Matthew's mother, Nyema, Aunty Jean, William, Karishma and family, Isaac and family, Amelia and her family, Joanna and family, Shirley and family, Faith and her sisters, Yvonne, Rietha, Marly, Rita, Ruth, 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, 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 Myanmar, Thailand*



Worship Services at

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm Open Church @ Leigh
Tuesday 1.10pm Lunch time service @ Leigh
Sunday.....

9:30 am Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh

9.45am Westmead Congregation @ Westmead

11:15 Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh

1.30pm Korean Faith Community @ Leigh

7.00pm Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh



Pastoral Contacts

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

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Westmead Congregation: Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly 0409 925 607

Westmead Church: 175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead: 9891 9354

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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