



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

9th February 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

FEBRUARY DATES

Sunday 16 February – Leigh Memorial Worship Committee. Enquiries: Clive.

Sunday 23 February – Congregation briefing with Rev. Geoff Stevenson (see information below). Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. Enquiries: Leaders team.

Wednesday 26 February – Combined Ash Wednesday Service, Leigh Memorial (pm).

OPEN CHURCH



Thanks to our Open Church volunteers for committing to another year of generous service by keeping Leigh Memorial open to the public on weekdays between approx. 9.00am – 1.30pm. Additional volunteers for Open Church are always welcome. Those assisting at Open Church provide supervision in the church itself and welcome visitors. They also set-up for weekly, lunchtime Communion services on Tuesdays. Open Church has been operating at Leigh Memorial for over 30 years. Over that time, a series of ‘visitors’ books’ in the church have recorded messages such as, “What a beautiful Church!” and “Thanks for the warm welcome!” – written by visitors from all around Australia and as far away as Sweden, the

USA, Japan and Peru. Please see Rev. Manas with enquiries about Open Church - or to offer your assistance as a volunteer in this special program in the heart of our city.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - VESTRIES

Items left on the floor of the church vestries without a note will be treated as lost property or as donations and removed. If you don’t want an item to be removed, please attach a note with a contact name. Thank you.

PASTORAL UPDATE

Rev. Manas thanks everyone for their continued prayers during his medical leave and our thoughts and prayers also remain with Mae & other members who are currently recovering from surgery, having tests, grieving or facing challenges as school, uni & work return for another year.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who donated books to our Church and Meals Plus Libraries summer appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CONGREGATION BRIEFING

Sunday 23 February – Rev. Geoff Stevenson (Chairperson of the Presbytery,



pictured), will lead a congregational briefing/discussion re recommendations of the combined PM congregations Task Group that met last year. Focus topic: the future leadership and structure of PM. All members are encouraged to attend this important session. On the same day, there will be a fundraising morning tea and bric-a-brac sale (coin donations) in aid of the Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network (DRCN):

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/social-justice/disaster-recovery/> or

<http://www.nswdrcn.org.au/> -

an ecumenical body established by the UCA in 2009 and integral to recent and current relief efforts and community support during Australia's bushfire and drought crises.

Enquiries: Leaders' team.



THANK YOU BRUCE



A fond farewell to our dear Leigh Memorial friend and long term contributor, Bruce Streatfeild, following his move to a retirement village. Bruce has been part of our congregation family for many, many years and has lifted our spirits with his beautiful violin playing and his dedication to the Community Visitors Scheme. For 13 years, Bruce led a group of musicians who regularly performed for residents at the Thomas Street Nursing Home in Parramatta. Bruce wrote about the group and his time at Leigh on pages 92-93 of our 2017 'Pilgrim People' booklet, which was produced in celebration of the UCA 40th anniversary. Bruce also had lengthy involvements with SPOW and the Couples &

Friends. Our congregation wish you well Bruce and particularly thank you for your immense dedication to our musical enrichment – and your living testimony to the power of music in Christian outreach to the aged, those in care and the wider community. Those wishing to visit Bruce can request his new details from the pastoral team.

WESTMEAD Congregation

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. Please prayerfully consider who you wish to be in the role of Elder or Congregational Leaders.

CELEBRATION

Sunday 9th February will be a celebration for the conclusion of Natasha as a Candidate doing her Field Education at Westmead. There will be a special morning tea following the congregational meeting. Please note- following this date Natasha and her family will continue to be a part of the congregation until she commences her next Field Education Placement in July.

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.

REQUEST FOR BOARD

Rev Christine has had a request for a place for board for a 18 yr old male who is moving to Sydney for study. If you are willing and able to provide board then please speak to Rev Christine.

CARPET BOWLS

The next Carpet bowls is due on Wednesday 26th February from 1.00pm. You are all welcome to attend- and even bring a friend.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Saturday 22nd February is a National day of Prayer and Fasting -"Together for the Glory of God". If you are able to dedicate this day to prayer and fasting (as you are able) it is a way of joining with countless Christians across Australia for our nation. For more details see <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.au/>

Thought for the month: *'Prayer unites the soul to God'- Julian of Norwich*

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship

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



ABOVE: 'Some of the handbags were given to women in the broader community'.

ABOVE

Caption 'Rev Christine with Julie, with a donation of handbags filled with toiletries donated to the Westmead Congregation for distribution to women in need.'

Pastoral message for this week....

God's foolishness is wiser than our wisdom.

Foster your faith this week

Deut 30:15-20

Ps 119:1-8

1 Cor 3:1-9

Mt 5:21-37



Safe Church REFRESHER Workshop

Sunday 9th February 2020



Springwood Uniting Church

4 Lewin St, Springwood NSW



Arrive 12.15pm for 12.30pm start



Refresher Workshop
(3-year update only)
12.30pm-3.30pm

Who needs to attend?

Church Council and Elders, Pastoral leaders, Ministers, Ministry program leaders and helpers, including with children/youth and SRE/Scripture in schools,

Workshop Topics:

Safe Church Foundations, Duty of Care, Child Protection, Protecting Vulnerable People, Understanding and Responding to Abuse, Safe Leadership, Recruitment & Supervision, Safety in Programs and Environments, Uniting Church Policy and Procedures.

Cost:

Refresher: \$20 pp
Light refreshments provided.
Please eat lunch beforehand, or bring with you.

Registrations:

Web: ume.nswact.uca.org.au
Email: safechurch@nswact.uca.org.au
Phone: 02 8838 8900

Equipping our church communities to be
safer places through **growing awareness** and
understanding of **safety and protection**



The Safe Church Awareness Workshop run by the Uniting Church is sponsored by the Safe Church Training Agreement of the National Council of Churches, Australia.

More Workshop Opportunities:
ume.nswact.uca.org.au



시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-06

주현후 다섯 주일(5th Epiphany of Sunday) 2020년 02월09일 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 35 장 **통 50 장** 근 영화로우신 주

새 270 장 **통 214 장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **고린도 전서 16:13-18**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **새 힘을 주는 사람들**

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 314 장 **통 511 장** 내 구주 예수를 더욱 사랑

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 오늘 함께 예배 드린 여러분을 주님의 이름으로 환영합니다. 🙏
2. '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 격용하는 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
창세기 27:30-40

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
창세기 26:34-29:20

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practise it have a good understanding.

His praise endures for ever.

(NRSV translation)

Psalm 112

1 Praise the Lord!

Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

8 Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

9 They have distributed freely,
they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their home is exalted in honour.

10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

(NRSV translation)

Reflections

The Psalm for this week is Psalm 112. Psalm 112 is an echo of Psalm 111. Psalm 111 describes the characteristics of God, and Psalm 112 describes the characteristics of the people in right relationship with God. Both Psalms are acrostic. The twenty two lines begin with the successive letters of the Hebrew alphabet. In Psalm 112 the psalmist praises God and speaks of the blessing it is for those who trust in God and keep the teachings of God. We do need to read carefully. We know that terrible tragedies befall anyone. Even this past week the tragic death of four children. What has been evident is in this trauma, the family, active members of Our Lady of Lebanon Church at Harris Park, have found strength and solace in their faith in God. The tragedy no doubt has devastated them, however the faith holds firm.



The Leigh Fijian congregation are at the National Fijian Conference in Adelaide. Here is the choir last Sunday performing the works they will sing at the conference



The Couples and Friends Club donated money to build two new book cases for the hall in Macquarie Street, for books for use by all, in particular clients of Meals Plus. Last Monday night the club meet and dedicated the book cases praying that all who borrow or take a book will be blessed.
Thank you Couples and Friends



Meals Plus held a Bunnings BBQ last Sunday.
Thank you to Paul and the team.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Fijian Congregation

Vakavinavinaka

We greatly acknowledge the support of Parramatta Mission and our leaders in enabling our attendance and participation to the Fijian National Conference at Adelaide. Eda vakavinavinakataka na veiliga yaduadua sara era veivuke mai ena noda I lakolako kin a Koniferedi.



Vunau e Parramatta

09/02

Rev. Clive Pearson

16/02

Veisau Vunau kei Rooty Hill/Campbelltown. Vunau Lesi o Viliame Kamotu

23/02

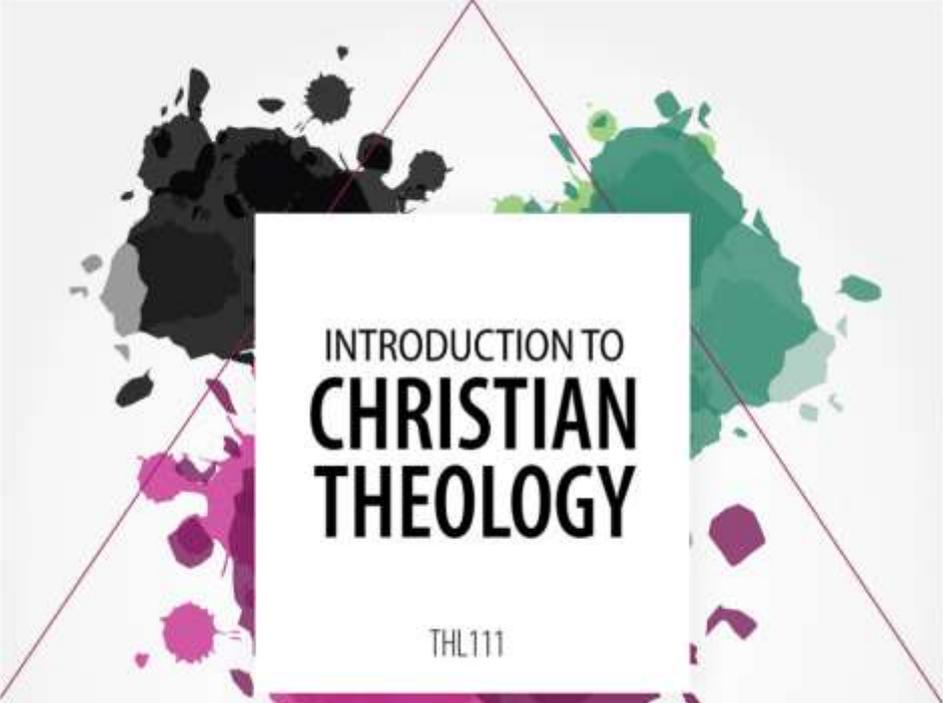
Siaki Foiakau (Vunau Lesi kei Fiji Parish ena tekivu ena vula ko Epereli)



An opportunity has arisen to provide hospitality through billeting 2-3 people who are studying at United Theological College. These are students coming from the country to study as part of their preparations for ministry. The dates are: Feb 12 & 13, Feb 24, 25, 26, 27. If you can take up this opportunity, please contact Rev Dr Peter Walker, Principal of UTC, PeterW@nswact.uca.org.au. You could also discuss this with Clive Pearson or Keith Hamilton

Interested in exploring theology and reflecting on faith?
Come and join us on Monday evenings for THL111:
Introduction to Theology at the United Theological
College, Parramatta. Available as a single subject,
part of a degree, or for audit.

Any questions contact Dr Mike Mawson:
mmawson@csu.edu.au



INTRODUCTION TO
**CHRISTIAN
THEOLOGY**

THL111

Explores key ideas and beliefs of
the Christian faith, including
about God, Jesus Christ, creation
and the church. The subject will
also reflect upon the importance
of context and culture for what it
means to be Christian.

studenta@nswact.uca.org.au



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: 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, 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 Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands*
- ♥ *We pray for Bidwell Uniting Church moving forward without Rev John. We are looking at new initiatives in 2020 and making a real difference in peoples' lives and contributing to generational change; along with engaging a choir this year!!*

Worship Services at

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm

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



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