



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

16th 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

LEADERS MEETING

On Sunday 16 February, our Leaders team (Rev. Manas, Bruce, Liz, Fiona, Samantha, Moses & Anand) will meet for the first time in 2020. Agenda items will include the Task Group briefing, this year's calendar and updates on property and pastoral matters. Please chat with the team regarding any ideas or concerns. In May of this year, elections will take place for the Leaders team of 2020-2021. This week, our congregation also very warmly welcomes back Rev. Manas & Nita, following a period of leave. Many thanks again to Rev. Clive for his support for us over summer – in addition to his efforts with Leigh Fijian. Much appreciated Clive!

NEXT SUNDAY: CONGREGATION BRIEFING

On Sunday 23 February, Rev. Geoff Stevenson will facilitate a congregational briefing on the recommendations of the combined PM congregations Task Group. Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea. Donations will be accepted for both the DRCN: Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network & Lent Event 2020.

CALENDAR REMINDERS – LEIGH MEMORIAL

Sunday 16 February – Leaders Team & Worship Committee meetings

Saturday 22 February – Youth Group

Sunday 23 February – Congregation briefing with Rev. Geoff Stevenson

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

HEALTH MESSAGE

The Coronavirus global health crisis is prompting a number of questions & concerns. Australian congregations are asked to pray for the research scientists, medical personnel and patients/evacuees dealing with the illness, including those at the epi-centre of the crisis in Wuhan and those in quarantine in Australia – and – for the Chinese-Australian community which has experienced a high level of marginalisation in recent weeks. Information and advice regarding the virus should only be obtained from official sources and not social media. As part of our routine 'Safe Church' practices – especially during cold & flu season - members are reminded to adhere to simple hygiene practices, such as regular hand washing, responsible coughing/ sneezing – and/ or staying at home if contagious. The UCA Synod office, NSW/ACT, has included the following link in its February update for members:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

SAVE THE DATE: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 6 March

This year's theme is *Rise! Take your mat and walk*, with the focus country being Zimbabwe. The featured artist is Nonhlanhla Mathe. Further details are available at <https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/>

Please see Ruth & Pat for information regarding the World Day of Prayer service at St. Patrick's Hall, Parramatta.



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.

Pastoral message for this week....

Laws without love

Are not God's laws

A vibrant, abstract poster for a jazz event. The background is a mix of warm colors like red, orange, and yellow, with darker, more textured areas in blue and black. In the center, there's a yellow trumpet and a rainbow-colored saxophone. The text is overlaid on the image.

JAZZ ON HARMONETS
- Sunday Night Reflections -
Jazz, Food, Community
SUNDAY February 16
6pm
Please Join us!

Songs for the Lent and Easter Season (for the notices up to March 15)
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

Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler

‘Open Church Volunteers Needed’

We are looking for committed volunteers to assist on a regular basis with
opening and securing the Church Building each week-day
between 9am – 1.30pm.

Your role will include showing care and concern for those
seeing the love of God.

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

Camden Country Uniting Church



Celebrating **160 Years** at Glenmore Church

96 Moores Way, Glenmore

Sunday 15th March 2020

Join us for our celebrations:

9:30am Church Service

10:45am Morning Tea

11.15am Children's old-style games and races

12noon Sausage Sizzle - under the trees

2.00pm Hymn sing-along

3.15pm Afternoon Tea



All enquiries: Pastor Robyn Leech 0412 617 149

WESTMEAD Congregation

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING- VOTING FOR ELDERS/LEADERS

As a result of our meeting last Sunday the following people have been elected as Elders for a 1 year term: Karen Banfield, Jan Robson, Biju Chacko and Mere Vulaono. Karen has also been elected as the Chairperson of the congregation. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

CONGREGATIONAL INPUT RE TASK GROUP- 16th Feb

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.

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/>

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.

WESTMEAD WHISPERS

The New Westmead Whispers is out and contains financial information the congregation needs to be aware of.

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- 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

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

Psalm 119:1-8

- ¹ Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.
- ² Blessed are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
- ³ who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.
- ⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
- ⁵ O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- ⁸ I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.

(New Revised Standard Version Translation)

Reflections

Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the Hebrew Scriptures, at 176 verses! It is written in the form of an alphabetic acrostic consisting of twenty-two stanzas, each with eighth lines, each of which begins with the letter of the Hebrew alphabet for that stanza. Each stanza has a theme that contributes to the overall theme. Today's section, verses 1-8, all start with the Hebrew letter *aleph*, the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, equivalent to our 'a'. Consistent with its position in the Psalm this section seems to have an introductory function. The psalmist is showing great devotion to the teaching of God, in which he finds direction and comfort and even happiness. The Psalm is a 'literary monument' in honour of God's revealing Godself. Nearly every verse refers to the word of God and the law of God in every sphere of life. The Psalm is both a hymn in praise of God's teaching and a pray expressing humanities need of God's care. It expresses the closest of relationship between the Psalmist and God. The encouragement is that those who focus their life on God and God's ways and teachings are blessed. Not that everything is fixed or smooth, but in the dilemmas and situations of life, the outward focus on God changes not the situation but the attitude and provides the capacity to meet those situations.

Blessings, 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





**Auburn UC - Dr Morton
Berala Uniting Church**
6 The Crescent, Berala NSW



Arrive from 9:15 for 9:30am start



Full Workshop:
9.30am-3.30pm
Refresher Workshop
(3-year update only)
9.30am-1pm

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:

Full: \$25 pp **Refresher:** \$20 pp
Light refreshments provided.
Please arrange/bring own lunch.

Registrations:

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

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understanding of **safety and protection**



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More Workshop Opportunities:
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Safe Church Awareness Workshops

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020



Galston Uniting Church

11 School Rd, Galston NSW



Arrive from 12.45pm for
1.00pm start



Full Workshop:
1.00-6.00pm
Refresher Workshop
(3-year update only)
1.00pm-4.00pm

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Fijian National Conference 2020

These are just a few snippets of the dancing, singing, talanoa, fellowship, sharing of meals, and in all a celebration of a community of the UCA. The theme 'Made in the Image of God, Who AM I' invoked biblical and theological discussions leading to the question of identity and its struggles experienced by 2nd Gens. Talatala Amelia and a few others invoked *talanoa* on Mental Health and self care. We were blessed to have the company of President Deirdre Palmer, Past President Stuart McMillan, Charissa Suli and a few others. We were honoured to have amongst us the Qase Levu of the Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma, Talatata Epeneri Vakadewavosa and Radini Talatala Titilia.

Fijian Congregation

Our young leaders delivered an impressive report of their journey as young people. Programs like NCYC, NYALC, YouLead, Revivify, BeesWax amongst a few, have supported their journey and help them develop to be confident and outspoken leaders.

Financials

Kerekere me soli vei Dauniyau na sau ni Tee Shirts kei na vo ni sau ni waqavuka ka dodonu me suka vei Dauniyau.

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VULA O FEPERUERI

Vunau e Parramatta	
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

Foster your faith this week

Ex 24:12-18 Ps 2 or Ps99

2 Pt 1:16-21 Mt 17:1-9

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-07

주현후 여섯 주일(6th Epiphany of Sunday) 2020년 02월16일 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 9 장 **통 53 장** 하늘에 가득찬 하나님의 영광

새 270 장 **통 214 장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 사무엘상 24:16-22

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 사람의 때와 하나님의 때

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 278 장 **통 336 장** 여러때 동안 주 떠나

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
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
창세기 31:1-16

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
창세기 30:1-32:12

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: Matthew's mother, Nyema, Auntie 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 Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta*
- ♥ *We pray for Bidwell Tongan Congregation.*

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

Leigh Memorial Congregation: Rev Dr Clive Pearson 0409 523 024

Leigh Fijian Congregation: Rev Dr Clive Pearson Supply Minister 0409 523 024

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

Leigh Memorial Church, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta , 9891 2277

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


Church Office: 9891 2277 **Email :** wecare@parramattamission.org.au

Children's Hospital Chaplain : Sarah Bishop 0429 912 943

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



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