



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

19th January 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



Painting 3: Jane Sutherland – *First Green after the Drought*
(Australia, 1892).

Prayer point: *Farmers battling the drought.*

PRAYERS FOR FARMERS & RURAL COMMUNITIES

Those on the land have been doing it tough for a long time, with many livelihoods and families being threatened by financial crises, mental health issues and isolation. 'Frontier Services' – an agency of the Uniting Church in Australia – has a site with further information on the drought crisis and options for donations: <https://frontierservices.org/drought-appeal/> The UCA Assembly has also provided prayers for communities in drought: <https://assembly.uca.org.au/resources/disaster/item/2860-prayers-for-communities-in-drought>

WORSHIP @ PARRAMATTA PARK - 26 JANUARY

Advance notice: on 26 January, a combined 'all congregations' worship service will take place at **Parramatta Park at 9.30am** (under the big tree on the Westmead side of the park - enter via the gate closest to the railway line). Listen out for further information/updates.

PM BALLOONS FUNDRAISER @ PARRAMATTA PARK

For further information on this Australia Day event, please contact congregation leaders or Reception, 9891-2277.

UCA ASSEMBLY – ‘DAY OF MOURNING’

Assembly message: “Each year on the Sunday before Australia Day, the Uniting Church invites people to mark a ‘Day of Mourning’ acknowledging and reflecting upon the effect of the invasion and colonisation of Australia’s First Peoples. Established by the 15th Assembly in 2018, Sunday 19th January 2020 will be the second year for the Uniting Church’s Day of Mourning.

["https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/3073-day-of-mourning-2020"](https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/3073-day-of-mourning-2020)

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 (9891-2277). NB: Both libraries have a limit, so donations in excess will be re-directed.

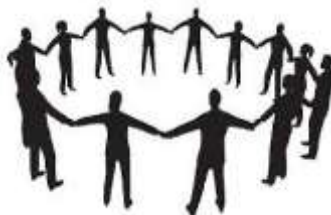
Interfaith Service of Remembrance and Support Bushfire Crisis

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.



WESTMEAD Congregation

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Returns Monday 27th January

Fellowship-

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

Vakavinavinaka

Daniel Cama Jrn

Eda vakadinadinataka na nodra lolosi na I taba gone ena nona mai takali o Daniel Cama Jrn. E tawa vinaka na vale ni Lotu ena Lotu ni veibulu ena mataka ni Moniti 13/01, ka ratou sa vakaraitaka mai na vuvale na Cama na nodratou vakavinavinaka levu ena veitokoni kei na kena vakatarataki na Lotu ni veibulu. E sa tomana tiko o Talatala Clive Pearson na nodratou sikovi na vuvale, kei ira na nonai tokani o Daniel ka ra sega ni taura vakarawarawa na nona leqa.

Terry Butler

Sa vakavinavinakataki na veiqaravi , laga sere kei na action song ena Lotu ni Vakavinavinaka kei na Vakananumi nei Terry Butler, ena siga Tusite 14/01. E nanumi o Terry ena nona turaga dau veiwekani vinaka ka dau veivakaugeti vei ira era tiko leqa, vei ira bikai tu. Ai tokani vinaka vei ira na taba gone. Dina ni tauvimate levu tu, e sega ni dau guce na veimasulaki. Qai moce toka mada nai tokani vinaka!

Lotu ni Veivakavou

Ena qai vakadeitaki na Siga Tabu ni nodatou Lotu ni Veivakavou kei na Lotu ni Veiyalayalati.

Lotu ni Vakananumi vei ira era vakaleqai ena kama

Eda sureti ena Lotu ni Vakananumi ena yakavi ni kua, 4.00pm. Me ra nanumi kina ko ira era vakaleqai ena kama ka se qai ravuti keda oqo.

Koniferedi

Sa roro voleka sara tiko mai na Koniferedi. E sa tiko na yaca ni 21 na taba gone kei na 18 na qase cake me na lako. E vica na ka lelevu me da na raica tiko yani :

Registration, Travelling, Uniform (Jaba/Sote kalavata kei na TShirt), Sere kei na Meke

Na registration mai vei iratou na veiqaravi mai Adelaide : **\$280 na u18, \$351 na qase**

Enai lavo sa tiko rawa, me na cakacaka taki na veika e rawa ni saumi kina, kei na veika eda na sauma yadudua.

Tauvimate, tiko leqa, vei ulutaga eso

Sa kerei na noda veimasulaki vei qase mai Fairfield, Senitiko Qata ena nona qaravi vakavuniwai. Kerei me tomani tale tikoga na nodratou masulaki na vuvale na Cama, kei Rev Amelia Koh-Butler kei na nodrau vuvale.

Na veiulutaga tale eso me masulaki: veiqaravi ena yabaki 2020; Koniferedi; vakavakarau ni tekivu ni vuli, veiqaravi ni veisoqosoqo vakauasivi na Youth kei na Sunday School

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VULA O JANUERI

| Vunau e Parramatta | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 19/01 | Rev Clive Pearson |
| 26/01 | Combine Service with Leigh Memorial |

John 1:29-42 (NRSV)

The Lamb of God

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”^[a]

The First Disciples of Jesus

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed^[b]). ⁴² He brought Simon ^[c] to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter^[d]).

Last year I did an exchange ministry in Kintyre and the isle of Gigha. It was a wonderful time of engaging with communities very different from the cultural diversity of Parramatta and the size of Sydney. There were no traffic jams and, on every second Sunday, we made our way across the sound to church by ferry. During our time of ministry there I had a number of close encounters with sheep. I had grown up in a small town in Aotearoa-New Zealand but contrary, to much [misplaced] Australian humour, I hardly knew one end of a sheep from another. It was lambing season and we were invited to view the new lambs and expectant ewes – and learn some of their traits. All of a sudden, I found myself purchasing a book on the diary of someone who gave up his professional urban experience in order to look after sheep. It was fascinating. I was conscious of my ignorance, though I knew that some of my forebears who had lived in this area of Scotland had been – shepherds.

While on Kintyre I was invited to write the daily reflections and suggests some prayers and hymns for *With Love to the Word*, edited and overseen by Peter Butler down in Wagga. It is a very helpful little meditative publication and more people should subscribe! It so happens I was asked to reflect on this week in the church's year. All of sudden I was confronted with sheep again: "Behold the Lamb of God". I found myself thinking what a strange image this title for Jesus is. I wonder what people make of it. It is not as self-evident as perhaps it once was. It seemed to embody a problem: the biblical language of the Christian faith comes to us from a time and place that is not ours. I wonder what it is like for people who have not been nurtured in biblical stories and the life of worship to comprehend what this image – and many others – are all about. That problem came home again to me this week when I was reading a book written by an English colleague of mine: she writes about the need for all of us who are Christian and those who work within and for the church to learn how to "speak Christian again". It reminds me of how 1 Peter speaks of the need to be able to give an account of the hope that is within you.

So, back to sheep and the Lamb of God – and, *With Love to the World*. This is what I wrote while sitting in the manse at Muasdale, overlooking one island after another.

Sometimes we take things for granted. That is just as true of worship as it is of life in general. Imagine yourself coming into a church for the first time. You decide to stay for the service – and then along comes this reading for the day. It speaks about Jesus being 'the Lamb of God'. You are baffled. What does this speech mean? Why is it tied to the baptism of Jesus and then this call of the first disciples in John? Long gone are the days when culture itself abounded in paintings of the lamb of God, depicted as a lamb, sometimes adorned with a golden halo, a raised cross and a vexillum. It is no longer the preferred image of a stained glass window. You are unaccustomed to the ways of the church and its long tradition. You ponder this image of Jesus being the lamb of God. You have some idea about the ways of sheep but this use of the image baffles you. It must be important given its use (twice) at key moments of this gospel.

Where is someone who is on the 'inside' story of faith? How would they explain it to you? Would they talk of the way of sacrifice for the sake of others? Would they talk about the price paid for those who stand up / stand in for others and their innocence?

Clive Pearson

Pastoral message for this week....

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

Foster your faith this week

Is 9:1-4

Ps 27:1, 4-9

1 Cor 1:10-18

Mt 4:12-23

Are you troubled by someone's drinking?...
...Did you grow up with a problem drinker?

Join us at Al-Anon Family Group

Parramatta Mission

119 Macquarie St, Parramatta

'Coffee Shop'

Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm

Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems.

We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

For more info go to: www.al-anon.org.au

ph: 1300 ALANON (1300 252 666)

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-03

주현전 셋째 주일(3rd Epiphany of Sunday) 2020년 01월19일 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 29 장 **통 29 장** 성도여 다 함께

새 270 장 **통 214 장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **출애굽기 20:1-7; 고린도 전서 9:18-23**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 신앙의 본질

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 436 장 **통 493 장** 나 이제 주님의 새 생명 얻은 몸

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 주님과 함께 하시는 매일의 삶이 되시길 축복합니다.
2. 매일 성경 '말씀 묵상'으로 주님과 친밀한 교제의 시간으로 승리하시기 바랍니다.
3. 전도와 선교에 앞장서는 하나님의 자녀로 살아갑니다.

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 16:1-16

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
창세기 14:13-18:33

Summer @ Leigh Memorial Church

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**

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 Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia*
- ♥ *We pray for Tahmoor Uniting Church*

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

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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<http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree>

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