



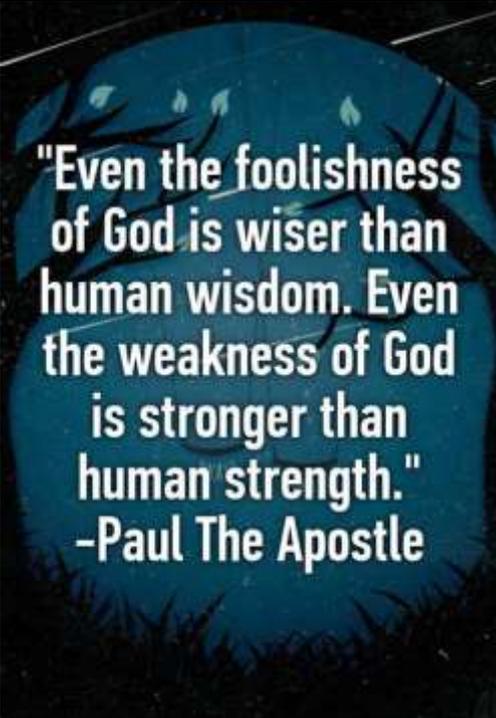
Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

2nd February 2020



**"Even the foolishness
of God is wiser than
human wisdom. Even
the weakness of God
is stronger than
human strength."
-Paul The Apostle**

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 @ LEIGH

Sunday 2 February – 9.30am service/ SPOW lunch/ Sunday School returns for 2020.

Monday 3 February – Couples & Friends (Enquiries: Robert).

Wednesday 5 February – LEAP (Leave Everything & Pray)

To be confirmed (please check with Bruce B.).

Saturday 8 & 22 February – Youth Group (Enquiries: Samantha).

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

Sunday 23 February – 1) Congregation briefing (moved from previous date of 9 Feb) will be held after the service with Rev. Geoff Stevenson (Chairperson of the Presbytery) re recommendations of the combined PM congregations Task Group. Focus topic: the future leadership and structure of PM. Members are encouraged to attend. (Enquiries: Bruce & Liz); 2) Morning Tea. NB: Please bring a plate of food to share/ donations will be collected for Uniting World's 'Lent Event' 2020.

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

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

THANKS CLIVE

Many thanks to Rev. Clive for leading our various worship and communion services throughout January, and for also looking after pastoral care.

Much appreciated Clive!

PASTORAL UPDATE

Rev. Manas thanks everyone for their ongoing prayers following his recent surgery. Our love and prayers are also with Mae & other members who are currently recovering from surgery, having tests, grieving or facing challenges as school, uni & work return for another year.

NEW WORSHIP ROSTER

Following Robyn & Mal's departure at the end of last year, Moses and Anand will be leading our new set-up team for communion, Margie will be co-ordinating banners, Liz will coordinate candles and continue with flowers, Samantha will set-up for baptisms and Robert is our new 9.30am Roster co-ordinator. Additional helpers for these roles and others (inc. stewards) are always welcome - please see the Worship Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH

A warm welcome to our Sunday School kids & families as they return on Sunday 2 Feb for another year of classes, friendship & fun! Thanks to Anne, Samantha, Liz & Ken. Enquiries via 9891-2277.

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 wish an item to be removed, please attach a note with a contact name. Thank you.

BURAGA ARTWORK

During January, our 'Buraga' artwork by Leanne Watson was installed in the Leigh Memorial Church foyer. A permanent frame and a sign about the painting, including the artist's statement, is in the works.

AUSTRALIA DAY BALLOONS

Many thanks to Rev. Christine and all the generous PM congregation members who assisted at this year's Australia Day tethered balloon flights in Parramatta Park. Photo: Volunteers, Rebecca & Samantha.



COUPLES & FRIENDS FEBRUARY '20 MEETING

On Monday 3rd February Couples & Friends will be holding their first meeting of the year. As well as being our Annual Election of Officers, a night of fun and fellowship is promised.

Rev. Keith Hamilton will dedicate the bookcase donated to Meals Plus from Couples & Friends. Paul Moussa will be our guest and share more insights on the support available through Meals Plus to their clients.

As usual we will be commencing the year with a meal so please bring a plate of food to share for the main course or for sweets and a bottle of drink. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Centre at 6.30 for 7.00p.m.

**"SPOW - SINGLES PEOPLE OF WORTH
Our Lunch Out TODAY, 2nd February."**

WESTMEAD Congregation

JANUARY- OPEN CHURCH

Open Church has had 28 people most Wednesdays which has been wonderful. It is a reminder of how important it is to have a community where everyone can join.

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. Not all of the elders will be re-standing and we are also looking for 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 18yr old male who is moving to Sydney for study. If you are willing and able to provide board then please speak to Rev Christine.

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-

Returns Monday 3rd February

Returns Tuesday 4th February

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

Return Wed 5th Feb

Return Mon 3rd Feb

Returns Wed 5th Feb

Returns Friday 7th Feb

AUSTRALIA DAY BALLOONS PARRAMATTA PARK 2020



Pastoral message for this week....

God's foolishness is wiser than our wisdom.

Foster your faith this week

Is 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Ps 112:1-9 (10)

1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16)

Mt 5:13-20

Wesley Uniting Church Castle Hill

32-34 Showground Road, Castle Hill

2020 – TIME FOR VISION

Sunday Night Programme at Wesley

7-00 pm

As we think about 2020 and how we can add to our life – and the lives of others – you might give some serious thought to joining in a new programme of discussion nights.

The programme for First Term 2020 is

Rev Dr Rhonda White

– ‘Faith in a Changing World’ –

over 3 nights – 9, 16 and 23 February

Rev Dr Rob McFarlane

– “How the Bible Came to Us” –

over 4 nights - 1, 8, 15 and 22 March

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

There is no need to book and no fee to pay.

Coffee and tea etc will be available.

주현전 네째 주인(4th Epiphany of Sunday) 2020년 02월02일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 1장 통 1장 만복의 근원 하나님 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 19장 통 44장 찬송하는 소리 있어

새 270장 통 214장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 이사야 42:1-9

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 나의 종을 보아라!

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)
새 322장 통 357장 세상의 찢어진 신을 버리고

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 하나님께서 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

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

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
장세기 24:50-67

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
장세기 24:1-26:11

Matthew 5:1-12

5 Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up into the mountain and when he sat down his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and he began teaching them saying, 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the land. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 Blessed are the merciful, for to them shall mercy be shown. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when you are reviled and persecuted and all kinds of evil is spoken against you falsely because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven; for so people persecuted the prophets before you.”

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The Sermon on the Mount with its enthralling title has caught our attention and entered popular culture. At 109 verses, it is a long and at times controversial sermon. The preacher says, “love your enemies”. “Do good to those who hate you.” “If someone hits you on the right check, let him or her hit you on the left.” “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink.” “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

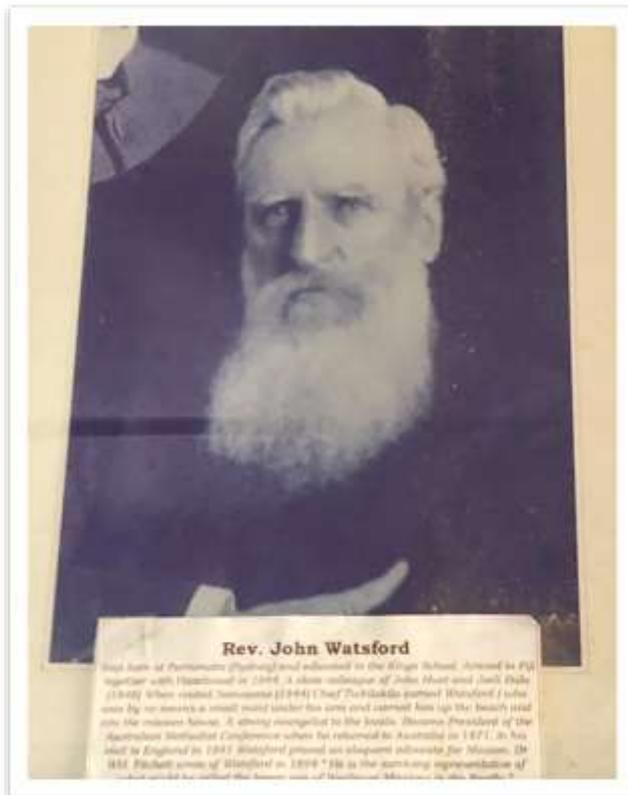
The Sermon on the Mount call people out of individualism into community. In caring for the least we are in the place where Jesus is. Jesus is with the poor in spirit, with those who mourn, with those who seek with all their being to do the right thing by God, with those who show mercy, with those who work for peace.

Alex de Tocqueville, wrote in 1835,

Individualism . . . disposes each member of the community to sever himself from the mass of his fellows and to draw apart with his family and his friends, so that he has thus formed a little circle of his own, he willingly leaves society at large to itself . . . individualism, at first only saps the virtues of public life; but, in the long run, it attacks and destroys all others, and is at length absorbed in downright selfishness.

We believe in God who was involved in the world from creation, who came to us in Jesus to tell and show how we ought to be involved, and who in the Spirit inspires and encourages and energises people of faith to continue being involved. In this involvement, in giving of ourselves, is life in God.

I want to share two highlights of a recent holiday to the Pacific. Firstly, thanks to Samantha and Tomasi Vuluwalu who arranged for us to meet with and be given a tour of Suva by Tomasi's uncle, Rev Saki Vakacautodra and his wife Tolo. We visited the Davuilevi Theological College. There hanging on the wall was a familiar portrait. Rev John Watsford was the first Australian born Methodist minister. He grew up and came to faith in our first church, was called by God to become a minister and preached in our second church, before setting sail for Fiji in 1844 as a missionary. There he was involved in some translation work of the Bible from English to Fijian. He later returned to Australia and served in South Australia. In 1896 he preached in our current church, thus he preached in all three of our churches at 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta. His bust stands proudly in the corner of our church.



The second story involves Rev Vini Rokomasi Ravetali, a Uniting Church Minister who is chaplain at MLC. Vini was a former member of Parramatta Mission, until her ordination some years ago. Our ship was diverted from Savusavu to Latoka. I contacted Vini, who has a house in Nadi, on the Saturday enquiring which Methodist Church we should attend on the Sunday. Vini made enquires and was informed we should go to Namaka. We did, and they were expecting us. We met Rev Tomasi Davnakawakama, know as Tom. That day Sireli Vuniwaqa was being commissioned as a Vakatawa (pastor). We were privileged to attend, and for me to be involved in the service. Later there was an official cava ceremony welcoming us to Fiji, and a lunch that was to celebrate the commissioning of Sireli. I brought greetings from Parramatta Mission to the congregations, and they send greetings to all at Parramatta Mission from Namaka Methodist Church in Fiji.

Many highlights of this experience. One: Tom has 4-5 acre farm on which he grows food for his family. He also takes food to families who are poor, and going without. This has opened up many pastoral conversations. The Mosque is next door to the church, and Tom's food ministry has assisted in developing relationships with many people in the Mosque and thus built interfaith relationships.



LEFT TO RIGHT
Sireli, Tom,
myself and
Tomasi who is the
steward.



LEFT
With Julie, Sireli,
my sister Delwyn,
brother-in-law Robert,
and Tom.



Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Fijian Congregation

Created in the
image of God
WHO AM I?
FIJI NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2010

With rich cultural heritage and blessings of growing up in Australia, talanoa on Conference theme "Who am I" is one that is relevant within the Body of Christ. Join in fellowship, talanoa, singing and insightful cultural immersion Adelaide 6-9 Feb 2020. Praise God.

Registration

31 names are registered with Lincoln College. Rooms are available from Wednesday, however meals are provided from Thursday morning to Sunday breakfast. Linen is provided.

I Lakolako

Young people, if you don't have your flight details, please contact Ini at the earliest (and check your names that they are the same on ID. Yes, carry your ID). Sunday lunch is kindly provided by our Adelaide hosts, before we depart on Sunday evening.

TShirt

Collect your TShirts from Tuirara, and payments are to be made to Dauniyau, Steve Vosalotaki

Vuli Sere/Vuli Meke

Leaders to confirm details

Vakavinavinaka

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

Veimasulaki/Prayer

Kerei me masulaki nai lakolako kina Koniferedi. Era na veiliutaki tiko vakalevu nai taba gone, me da laveta cake na nodra bula kei na ulutaga ena veivosakitaki.

Me nanumi talega: vuvale na Cama, Talatala Amelia Koh-Butler, veiqaravi ena yabaki 2020; vakavakarau ni tekivu ni vuli, veiqaravi ni veisoqosoqo vakauasivi na Youth kei na Sunday School

VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VULA O FEPERUERI

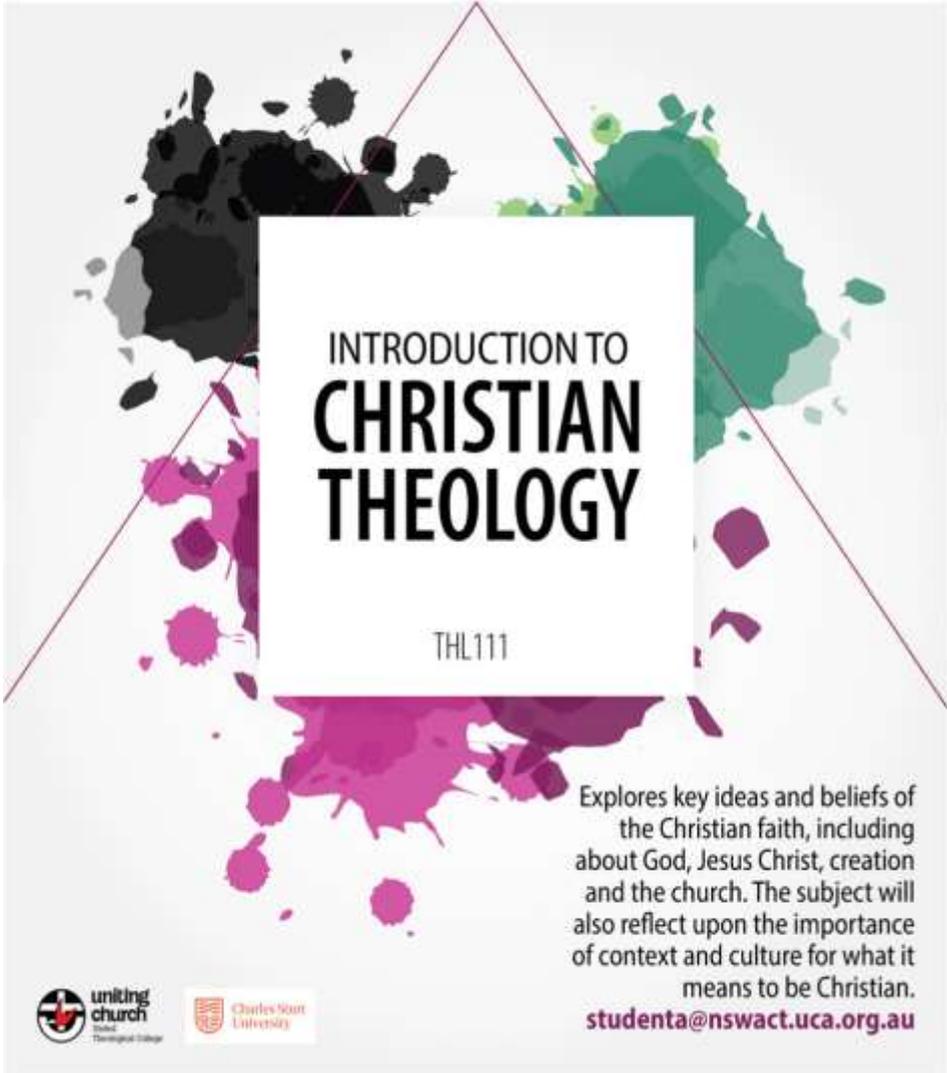
Vunau e Parramatta	
09/02	Rev. Clive Pearson
16/02	Veisau Vunau kei Rooty Hill/Campbelltown. Vunau Lesi o Viliame Kamotu
23/02	Siaki Foiakau (Vunau Lesi kei Fiji Parish ena tekivu ena vula ko Epereli)



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: 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 Ireland, United Kingdom*
- ♥ *We pray for St Matthews Uniting Church*

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

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



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