



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

22nd March 2020



**Kindness Sits At The Heart of  
Everything We Do**

*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

## **SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP SERVICES/ GATHERINGS**

The Synod (NSW/ACT) of the Uniting Church in Australia issued a landmark recommendation on Wednesday 18 March regarding the cessation of all gatherings, including worship services, due to the spread of COVID-19. The congregations of Parramatta Mission are complying with this recommendation in the interests of public health and safety – and due to our strong investment as a denomination in upholding the “common good.” As a result, Leigh Memorial Church will be closed this Sunday 22 March and all Sundays (and other days) until further notice and all congregation gatherings are now suspended. Many, creative ideas are currently being formulated for alternative approaches to worship, music and bible studies, plus the provision of resources in formats for those without computer access. We will keep everyone posted as these are organised and look forward to journeying with you & maintaining our caring bonds as a congregation throughout these challenging times – Rev. Manas and the Leigh Memorial Leaders: Bruce, Liz, Fiona, Samantha, Moses & Anand.

## **PASTORAL CARE**



Please let the pastoral team or the congregation leaders know if you need any form of assistance during time at home – or when experiencing precautionary self-isolation or illness associated with the coronavirus. Also, please let us know if obtaining food or other practical help is becoming a problem for you. Going forward, we are currently working on the formation of small ‘care groups’ within our congregation so that everyone is well-connected and looked after. Please leave a message at 9891-2277, or with Rev. Manas (0429 892 548) or any of our leaders as needed – and thank you for everyone’s patience as we negotiate a positive path through this complex and evolving situation.

Photos: Shiana & Seini from Sunday School encouraging everyone to wash their hands and give ‘non-contact’ greetings, such as praying hands, a thumbs-up, a big smile, an elbow bump, a nod, or a wave!



## **LENT & EASTER ON-SITE PROGRAM - CANCELLED**

Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian’s previously advertised Lent & Easter schedule of worship services and events at our Macquarie Street site has been cancelled due to the coronavirus lockdown. However, Easter worship and other resources will shortly be available online and via email or post for members. Please keep a look out for these and let Reception know if you would like to added to our email/ mailing list: 9891-2277.

## WORSHIP RESOURCES BY DISTANCE!

During the coronavirus lockdown, Parramatta Mission is readily able to supply weekly worship and other resources via email or post. Please contact 9891-2277 or [wecare@parramattamission.com.au](mailto:wecare@parramattamission.com.au) if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RESOURCES

Parents & carers please note that Sunday School @ Leigh is suspended until further notice. Lent & Easter colouring-in pages and Sunday School material are available via email or post on request. Please contact our teachers for this or other assistance via [LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com](mailto:LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com).

## LENTEN STUDIES

Rev. Clive's Lenten Studies will no longer be taking place in a group setting from 21 March, but will be available via email or post. Please contact 9891-2277 or [wecare@parramattamission.com.au](mailto:wecare@parramattamission.com.au).

### LOOKING FOR A GOOD READ?

For those at home and looking for a good read to pass the time, please note the following: An e-version of our **Luminous** book (about the Leigh Memorial stained glass windows) is now part of the Camden Theological College's 'Illuminate' program – or what is described as “the Gateway to the History of our Churches”. It can be found at: <https://illuminate.recollect.net.au/nodes/view/12949>. Another online source is an essay about **Catherine Leigh** (wife of Samuel Leigh and a landmark, pioneer missionary, midwife and teacher – and interestingly in the context of our own time, one of many Parramatta victims of a severe 1831 epidemic). It is available at <https://stjohnscemeteryproject.org/bio/catherine-leigh/>. If you are interested in either borrowing or purchasing our Parramatta Mission 2018-2019 Heritage booklets about pioneer missionaries **Samuel Leigh** and **Walter Lawry**, this can also be arranged. We are happy to email, post, or drop them off to you on request. Please contact [LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com](mailto:LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com) or leave a message at 9891-2277.

## Fijian Congregation

	Vunau e Parramatta	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tu Vakarau Veilitaki	Tali Vunau
22/03	S Qata	V Kamotu		M1	
29/03	COMBINE SERVICE WITH LEIGH				
5/05	Sigatabu ni Gone				
LESONI NI MACAWA					
1 Samuela 16:1-13 Same 23 Efeso 5:8-14 Joni 9:1-41					
Lay Preachers –Introduction to Worship and continuing Introduction to New Testament					
30/03 (7pm-8:30pm)	LP students prepare for Holy Week leading and participation				

1. Sa vakabitaki tikoga na noda masumasu vakavule ena kena gauna o ni sa lokuca vakavuale.

## **COVID-19**

Parramatta Mission is monitoring the COVID-19 virus situation and communications with the Government and the Uniting Church in Australia. That advice is changing, and as it does so, we are amending our practices. People are reminded to keep a social distance of 1.5 metres, to wash hands thoroughly, preferable with soap, or sanitiser, no shaking of hands, and to self-isolate if unwell.

## **Church services suspended**

As many would now know, church services are suspended until further notice. This was on the strong recommendation of the Synod of NSW.ACT which can't demand or command, but can strongly encourage. Under the polity of the Uniting Church, one council of the church cannot tell another council what to do, but each council is constrained to listen for God speaking through the other Councils. The Councils of the UCA are: Congregation(s), Church Council, Presbytery, Synod and Assembly. The Pastoral Team were prepared for this eventuality and have put in place and will continue to monitor and adjust to ensure that there is profusion for people to worship as the scattered community. Perhaps people might like to pray, using the common resources provided, at the usual time of worship? Daily reflections, orders of service will be provided through multiple media.

## **Lenten Devotions**

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, 26 February 2020, and continues to Easter. Lent is a season of preparation for Easter by the church. 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. These reflections are included in the insert.

## **Senior Minister**

At the last Church Council meeting, 10 March, I provided a report to the Council, indicating that I will not be seeking an extension of my placement at Parramatta Mission beyond 28 February 2021. That means I will continue here until that time. The church council will be instigating a process to call a new Senior Minister. The Church Council having determined in December last that the Senior Minister and CEO roles be separated, the Church Council, through the Board, will also be looking to recruit a new senior manager, the title yet to be determined. Until 28 February 2021, I will continue as the Senior Minister / CEO, allowing for the occasions when I will be on leave and one of the executive will be the acting CEO.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

# 시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-12

네 번째 사순절 주일(4th Lent of Sunday) 2020년 03월 22일    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 10장    통 34장    전능왕 오셔서  
새 270장    통 214장    변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 이사야 25:6-9

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 그날이 오면

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)  
**새 325장**    **통 359장**    예수가 함께 계시니

**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)  
**새502장**    **통 259장**    너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
 오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
 마가복음 10:17-31

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시  
 마가복음 9:30-11:33

## WESTMEAD Congregation

### **SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

We welcome Sarah Bishop, the chaplain at the Children's Hospital at Westmead who is leading worship and preaching as Rev Christine will be away. Thank you Sarah and we pray you will continue to be well as you continue your ministry in difficult circumstances.

### **BOARD AND CHURCH COUNCIL**

Please continue to pray for the Board and 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.

### **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 of the peace as we have done for several years. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **SUSPENSION OF ACTIVITIES DURING COVID 19 OUTBREAK**

During this last week we have made the difficult but sensible decision to suspend all Westmead Congregation activities including worship. Please see communication from Rev Christine. Rev Christine is still available but will be working from home.

### **CALL TO PRAYER**

We ask everyone to pray as they are able each day for the world, for Australia and especially for medical staff and others in dealing with Covid 19 Pandemic. May God be with all of us at this time.

**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- **On hold until early May**

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 **On hold until early May**

Play Group – Mondays and Thursdays 9.15-10.45am **On hold until early May**

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm **On hold until early May**

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am **On hold until early May**

# 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, 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 China, Hong Kong, Macao*
- ♥ *We pray for Camden County Uniting Church.*



## ***Pastoral message for this week....***

In times of uncertainty  
We seek God's help  
In Spirit & In Truth

## ***Foster your faith this week***

*Ez 37:1-14    Ps 130*  
*Rom 8:6-11    Jn 11:1-45*

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