



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

23rd February 2020



Love is
stronger
than fear.

{1 John 4:18}

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.

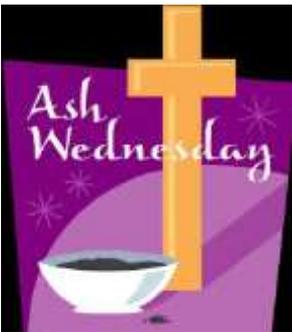
Leigh Congregation

CONGREGATION BRIEFING

After the service this Sunday 23 February, Rev. Geoff Stevenson will facilitate a briefing on the recommendations of the combined PM congregations Task Group on Future Ministry & Leadership. Many thanks Geoff.

FUNDRAISER MORNING TEA

Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea this Sunday 23 Feb. Donations will be accepted on the day for both the **DRCN: Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network (NSW/ACT)** & **Lent Event 2020** (focus location: Ambon, Indonesia). <https://nswact.uca.org.au/social-justice/disaster-recovery/>



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ LEIGH

This year's Combined Ash Wednesday service on **Wednesday 26 February** will commence at **7.00pm** at Leigh Memorial Church.

'LENT EVENT' 2020

During Lent this year, our Sunday School & Youth are aiming to raise funds for Uniting World's 'Lent Event' – while exploring the 2020 theme: **'Building Peace – Beating Poverty'**. Each week, there will be an information video or flyer plus various opportunities for members to donate and/or participate in the 40 day

challenge. <https://fundraise.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event/about-us>

SONGS FOR THE LENT & EASTER SEASON

Join Rev. Amelia at Leigh Memorial Church, 5.30 – 6.30pm on Mondays 24 February, 2 March, 9 March & 16 March, to practice some songs for Lent & Easter 2020. All welcome!



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 talented Zimbabwean, Nonhlanhla Mathe. Further details are available at <https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/> Please see Ruth & Pat for information regarding the World Day of Prayer service & morning tea at St. Patrick's Hall, Parramatta.



COUPLES & FRIENDS MARCH MEETING



In 2009 the Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network was established to assist people in NSW who have been affected by disasters and major emergencies within their communities.

This ecumenical network was auspiced by the Uniting Church in Australia and, as the lead agency, our Church has the oversight of ensuring that there are Chaplains in all disaster evacuation centres.

Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly, Minister of our Westmead Congregation, is an accredited chaplain for this Network.

Please join us on Monday 2nd March, 2020 at 7.30p.m. in the Fellowship Centre and hear some of the stories from Christine's roll during the recent bush fires. As always we will conclude with a delicious supper.

Foster your faith this week

Gn 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Ps 32

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

Pastoral message for this week....

Let fear be Transformed to hope

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

산상 변모 주일(Transfigurations Sunday) 2020년 02월23일 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 542장 통 340 장 구주 예수 의지함이

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 호세아 6:1-6

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 이제 여호와께로 돌아가자!

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

새 279장 통 337장 인애하신 구세주여

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
창세기 34:18-31

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
창세기 33:1-36:43

WESTMEAD Congregation

CARPET BOWLS

The next Carpet bowls is due on Wednesday 26th February from 1.00pm. You are most welcome too attend for Bowls or games of scrabble, dominos etc.

BOARD AND CHURCH COUNCIL

The Board meets on Tuesday 25th. The Board oversees many of the 'business' aspects of PM. Please pray for the members of the board and the executive staff who also attend this meeting. The Church Council meets on Tuesday 10th March. The Church Council oversees the Board, the Congregations and the broader work of Parramatta Mission. Please pray for the 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.

REMEMBERING MADHU

There will be a special service and gathering to remember Madhu on Saturday 7th March at the Red Gum Function Centre in Wentworthville. Following the service there will be a meal. All are invited to attend but please rsvp to Arun for catering purposes. For further information please see Arun.

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.

THANKYOU

Sonia from Thelma Brown Cottage was very thankful for the handbags and toiletries which were donated recently. They are in need of cleaning products including mops, buckets and cloths. If you are either able to donate any of these or money to enable Rev Christine to purchase some of these then 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

Matthew 17:1-9

1 Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, privately. 2 And he was metamorphosed before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared before them talking with Jesus. 4 And Peter responded and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son in whom I take delight; listen to him." 6 And the disciples, hearing this fell on their faces and were very afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them saying, "Arise and do not fear!" 8 And when they lifted up their eyes they saw no one except Jesus himself, alone. 9 And as they were coming down the mountain Jesus commanded them saying, "Tell no one the vision until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

The Uniting Church, and many others besides, celebrates this Sunday as Transfiguration. Jesus was high on a mountain when he was transfigured. That is his figure became white, his face shone. Matthew uses the word metamorphosed, which is different to the other gospels, and has a slightly different meaning to transfiguration. Metamorphosed is to be transformed. Completely. Jewish Christians of Matthews church would have immediately been reminded of the transfiguring of Moses when he was on the Mountain receiving the ten commandments from God. But transformed goes further. Jesus is greater than Moses or Elijah. He is the Son of God, and this will be more fully revealed through the Easter event of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. The event on the mountain is like a window into another world, a window into the future. Jesus will be transformed from being the messenger to being the message. The event on the mountain also points to the future of God's kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven, as we pray on the Lord's Prayer.

Lenten Devotions

Wednesday of this coming week is Ash Wednesday. It marks the start of Lent, and the preparation by the church for Easter. 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.

A Bible reading will be chosen for each day, and a member of the team will write 100 word reflection for that day. People are encouraged to use these reflections as part of the daily devotions, using prayers of your choice. If you have other devotional material, you might like to either suspend that, or augment that material with what is provided through the newsletter. The daily prayer guide from the Uniting Church is also included, for those who wish to take this up.

Reflections will be written by: The Old Testament: Rev Dr Clive Pearson, Psalm: Rev Dr Amelia Koh Butler, Epistle: Rev Dr Manas Ghosh, Gospel of John: Rev Christine Bayless Kelly, Gospel of Matthew: Rev Keith Hamilton

Conversations.

Parramatta Mission is a member of the Western Sydney Community Forum (WSCF). This is a peak body for community services across Western Sydney. A lot of our staff attend events, forums, training provided by the Forum. I am a member of WSCF board. The forum is holding conversations on matters of public interest, drawing together a range of people, and the relevant Minister of Government. These are respectful conversations that enable people to listen to each other, agree and even disagree in a respectful way. One was held this past week at the WSU Milperra Campus, Bankstown. The forum included: Pam Batkin, CEO Woodville Alliance, Joanne Quilty, CEO, NCROSS, Natalie Chiapazzo, manager, Blacktown youth services, Uncle Tony Scholes, Chair Gandangara local Aboriginal Land Council, Doug Taylor, deputy executive director, Uniting, Uniting Church., and Honourable Gareth Ward, minister families, communities and disabilities. The Minister has a lived experience with a disability - legally blind. He had spent the previous night out until 3 am on the streets in Penrith as part of the Homeless Headcount. The Conversations was sponsored by Evolve Housing. My question that I asked of the panel was this:

As we all know, access to safe, affordable and appropriate housing is fundamental.

In 2016, there were more than 110,000 households in Western Sydney in housing stress. And the hardest hit were renters, with around 33% of renting households being in rental stress. At the same time homelessness increased at a far greater rate in Western Sydney than the state and national increases.

While there is plenty of private housing development in Western Sydney, how will NSW ensure that safe and secure housing is accessible for the most vulnerable?

One of the points made by the Minister was that homelessness is a symptom of an underlying issue. The underlying issues include mental ill-health, domestic and family violence, Drug and alcohol, unemployment, poverty. For example, a student who truant from school, is not just a truant, but expressing a deeper symptom, and the Department is now looking at how to use that data to identify families at risk. There was discussion about the need for security for tenure for renters, and remove the no-grounds eviction. Lastly, these are whole of community issues requiring whole of community response.



Front, from left to right, Lyall Gorman, CEO of Evolve Housing wrapping up the event, Pam Batkin, Joanne Quilty, The Honourable Gareth Ward MP, Jacqueline Marley of the SMH, who was the facilitator, Natalie Chiapazzo, Uncle Tiny Scholes, Doug Taylor.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

A handwritten signature in red ink, consisting of a series of loops and flourishes.

Fijian Congregation

Vunau e Parramatta		Vunau Vakarau	Tu Vakarau Veiliutaki
23/2	Siaki Foiakau (Vunau Lesi kei Fiji Parish ena tekivu ena vula ko Epereli)	S Toa	Matamasumasu 1
1/3	Rev Clive Pearson - Sakaramede/Vulavou	Rev Amelia	Matamasumasu 2
Lay Preachers –Introduction to Worship and continuing Introduction to New Testament			
	07/03 (9am – 5pm)	09/03 (7pm – 8:30pm)	14/03 (9am – 3:30pm)
	16/03 (7pm – 8:30pm)	30/03 (7pm – 8:30pm)	14/03 (9am - 3.30pm)

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

2. E na dua tiko na noda veivosaki vaka I vavakoso ni suka na lotu ena 1/03 kei Mr Geoff Stevenson me baleta tiko e so na i vakatutu mai na Church Council ka gadrevi kina na noda nanuma nai vavakoso vakaviti. Eda na vakasigalevu vata tiko.

3. Eda sa sureti tiko na I vavakoso vakaviti ena lotu ni Lede (ASH Wednesday) ena 26/03 na noda vakavakarau taki yani kina macawa bibi ni siga ni mate. Eda na lotu cokovata tiko kina kei ratou na lotu vakavavalagi ena yakavi.

4. Youth

A) Youth sota ena yakavi ni veivakaraubuka ena 7pm ena coffee shop. Na I tukutuku mai vei ratou na veiliutaki sa gadrevi tiko mo ni kauta tiko mai na nomuni volatabu.

B) Gadrevi tiko e 3 na volunteer me ratou vakavulici ena kena qaravi na multimedia console e vale lotu. Rau sa bole tiko o Tupou Kamotu kei Luisa Vosalotaki na kena qaravi na cakacaka qo.

5. Sa vakabibi taki tiko vei kemudou na matamasumasu e 3 na kena masulaki ni lotu e Parramatta kei na veivuale yadudua kece sara.

6. Rau sa na qarava tiko na veisiko vei ira na nodatou lewe ni vavakoso ena vei siga Moniti na noda I Vakatawa kei na Chairman.

7. Na vakavinavinaka levu vua e rua na lewe ni nodatou vavakoso ena nodrau sa cabeta yani na tutu ni veiqaravi ena UCA Fijian National Conference. Inise Foiakau sa dauniyau ni FNC kei Ofa Foiakau sa liuliu ni youth ni FNC.



**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**



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

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

Who needs to attend?

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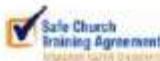
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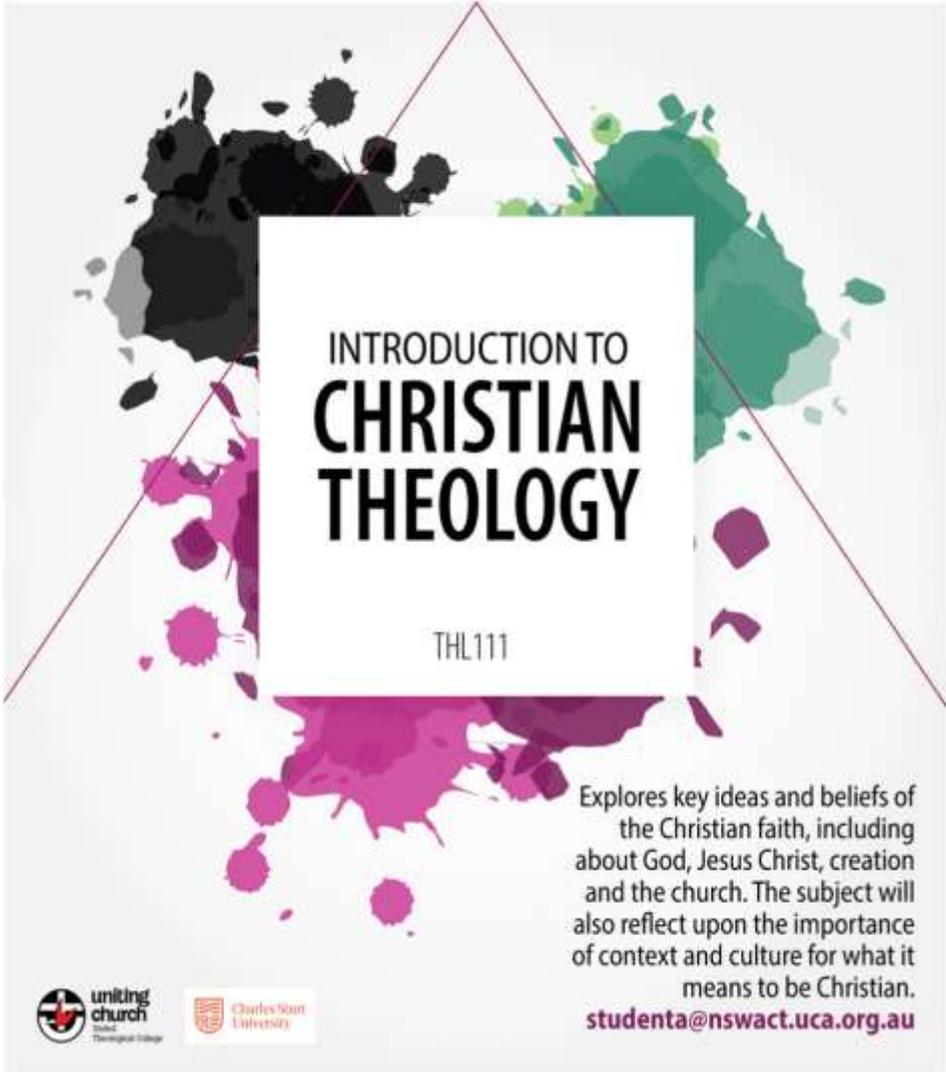
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Interested in exploring theology and reflecting on faith?
Come and join us on Monday evenings for THL111:
Introduction to Theology at the United Theological
College, Parramatta. Available as a single subject,
part of a degree, or for audit.

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, 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, 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 Germany & France*
- ♥ *We pray for Blackheath Uniting Church*

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

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

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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

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



For all e-tree news follow the link below
<http://www.parramattamission.org.au/etree>

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