



Parramatta  
Mission



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church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

26th 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 4: *Buraga* ('Arise')

(Leanne Watson, Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation, 2019)  
Leigh Memorial Church.

### Prayer point:

*Equity & Recognition for Australia's First  
People on Survival Day.*

## AUSTRALIA DAY/ SURVIVAL DAY



Members are encouraged to pray for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander People on 26 January and for wisdom, peace and courage among all Australians in the ongoing journey of Reconciliation. Uniting Church President Dr Deidre Palmer recorded a Survival Day video message in 2019 with young Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Congress leader Sean Weetra on Ngarrindjeri country in South Australia:

<https://vimeo.com/312045406>

## EARLY FEBRUARY 2020 @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

- 2 February – Regular services/ Sunday School/ SPOW/ Leaders Mtg.
- 3 February – Couples & Friends
- 5 February – LEAP (Leave Everything & Pray)
- 8 February – Youth Group
- 9 February – Congregation briefing (Rev. Geoff Stevenson)

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2020



Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh and Leigh Memorial congregation leaders' team member, Moses Vedamathu, on their respective achievements as both nominees and 'finalists' in this year's Parramatta Council Australia

Day Awards. Rev. Manas was a finalist in the 'Citizen of the Year' category for his long and dedicated career in the area of inter-faith, multicultural and community peace ministry, while Moses was a finalist in the group award category for his involvement with Tamil Valarchi Manram. For details regarding this year's award recipients and their wonderful work in our local community, go to [www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/)

## TABLE TALK: EXTREME WEATHER



A 'Voices for Power North West' 'table talk' on the environmental, economic and health effects of recent extreme weather conditions, such as the bushfires, will be held on Wednesday 5 February, 2020 at the Plumpton Neighbourhood Centre (337 Rooty Hill Road North, Plumpton), 6 – 9pm. Hosts: The Sydney

Alliance and the Muhajirin Association. RSVPs: Sukhi Kaur, [skaur@sydneyalliance.org.au](mailto:skaur@sydneyalliance.org.au).

## BUSHFIRE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & SUPPORT



Last Sunday, 19 January, an inter-faith, community service was held at the Leigh Memorial Fellowship Hall, hosted by Rev. Manas and the Leigh Memorial team. Rev. Christine provided the afternoon's reflection, which included her insights as a chaplain.

The service, attended by over 60 people, expressed love, care and support for those who have suffered, lost family members or homes, or in any way struggled during Australia's bushfire and extreme weather crisis. The gathering also gave thanks for emergency services personnel and our country's generous volunteers. 11 religious groups plus members of the PM congregations were part of the program and contributed prayers. Many thanks to everyone who helped and/or took part, inc Ken who designed the order of service. A special thank you to the Zoroastrian community who supplied afternoon tea. Photo: Rev. Manas with those who participated in the service. Additional photos are included in the newsletter.

## BUSHFIRE SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE & SUPPORT

19 January, 2020 – Fellowship Hall, Parramatta Mission.

Prayer said in unison: “May God’s comfort and peace fill the hearts of the victims of bush fire, the firefighters and the whole creation”



# WESTMEAD Congregation

## JANUARY- OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open from 9.00-3.30 until Wed 27th 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 9<sup>th</sup> February. At this meeting we will have our elections for elders and congregational leaders. Nomination forms will be available next Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> February will be a celebration for the conclusion of Natasha as a Candidate fdoing 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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  
Fellowship-

Returns Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Returns Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
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Return Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb  
Return Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb  
Returns Wed 5<sup>th</sup>

## Matthew 4:12-23 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles -

<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”<sup>[b]</sup>

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

<sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Crowds of People

<sup>23</sup> Jesus<sup>[c]</sup> went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news<sup>[d]</sup> of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

### REFLECTIONS

This Sunday is Australia Day. For many that is an opportunity to give thanks for the opportunities this country offers. For those who have migrated within the past generation it is a reminder of a new life begun on formerly alien shore. That is not a straightforward process. Some sociologists describe migration as an ongoing ‘trauma’ inasmuch as you leave behind what you knew well to come to a land where you have to rebuild life: some things are familiar, some are not. It is a ruptured existence. Only a handful of people in the new land may know anything about your former self. For indigenous peoples Australia Day can be a day of sorrow, lament and a recollection of invasion. It is a cultural experience that lingers and is not resolved by the throwing of money in a variety of directions. A way of being in this land has largely been lost and that is felt not simply by those of indigenous descent. The ‘country’ knows it as well.

The Uniting Church revised the preamble to its Constitution in 2012. The theologian within me is bothered by one or two lines: I wish there had been a little bit more consultation and perhaps we could have ended up with a better preamble than the one we now have. But that was not to be. One of its claims it makes is the distinction between First Peoples (the indigenous) and Second Peoples (all of the rest of us, irrespective of whether our forebears came a number of generations ago or last week). It is a helpful distinction as it reminds us that we live on a land that has been colonized and transformed. One of our Uniting Church ministers refers to the church as having to 'follow Christ in invaded space' which gives pause for thought.

It is not difficult to see how 'complicated' Australia Day can become. This year Australia Day falls on a Sunday and the reading set down for this week is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Once upon a time -not so long ago – the basic Jesus' story was much better known throughout Australia than it is today. One former Anglican bishop reckoned that Jesus was becoming anonymous in Australian culture, more like a footnote in the story, and he expressed some concern for 'the future of Jesus in Australia'. That was the title of a series of lectures he delivered on the ABC.

That relative eclipse is a pity. For all the faults of the church – for all the faults of those who bear the name of Christ - the Jesus story is actually one of healing, a call to wholeness, forgiveness, mercy and compassion. This year the call is to 'follow' the Jesus who is portrayed in the gospel of Matthew. This gospel is known for such passages as the Sermon on the Mount and the invitation to be the salt of the earth, a light to the nations. It invites those who are heavy laden to put upon themselves the yoke of Christ. And, in the midst of its teaching and public ministry, Jesus calls his followers to hunger and thirst for what is right and just. It is a gospel that emphasizes the virtue of wisdom. Those who hear and do Jesus' words are likened to the wise person who builds their house on rock.

The timing of Australia Day with the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the gospel of Matthew is a good fit. Into the complexities of today – whether they have to do with the rights of indigenous peoples, the mixing of cultures in a highly diverse society, or a year where we have already seen the threats posed by heat, drought and smoke – Matthew calls out for wisdom, what is right, and what is just.

This invitation seems to be more worthy of attention than a footnote.

Clive Pearson

*Pastoral message for this week....*

**Still sorry. We are one. We walk together.**

**WORSHIP @ PARRAMATTA PARK - 26 JANUARY - REMINDER -**

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).

***Foster your faith this week***

*Mal 3:1-4*

*Ps 84 or Ps 24:7-10*

*Heb 2:14-18*

*Luke 2:22-40*



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20 January 2020

**Induction of Rev Tammy Hollands, Friday 31 January 2020**

West Epping Uniting Church warmly invites you and your friends/colleagues to attend the Service of Induction of Rev Tammy Hollands, who is commencing ministry at West Epping. The service will be held at West Epping Uniting Church (corner of Orchard Street and Carlingford Road, Epping) on Friday 31st January at 7.30pm.

This will be a joyful occasion of great significance for the church community in our local area. We hope that you are able to attend.

Warm regards,

Phil Chapple

Chairperson, West Epping Uniting Church Council

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# Fijian Congregation

## Koniferedi

### Registration

31 names have been registered with Lincoln College, Adelaide. This include 15 adults, 13 youth and 3 children. Rooms are available from Wednesday 5/02, however meals are provided from Thursday morning 6/02 to Sunday 9/02. Lincoln College provides linen in the rooms.

### I Lakolako

Flights for Youth and children are in process. Adults are requested to do your own flight arrangements. Me vaka eda a veivosakitaka, ena vukea nai lakolako na Lotu ka na refund taka e \$164.00 vei kemuni.

### Uniform

**TShirt.** Please collect your TShirts from Tuirara, and Steve Vosalotaki is collecting payments.

**Kalavata.** Fabric is available at St Marys or Cabramatta. Please make your own arrangements for sewing. Sa vo ga e rua na macawa, veitaratara vei noda Daunisere me baleta na kena vakamacala ni kalavata.

### Vuli Sere/Vuli Meke

Friday nights at 7pm for Youth meke practice and vuli sere Saturdays. Youth vuli Sere and Marama vuli Sere. Contact your leaders for 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 yaduadua 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 JANUERI/FEPEUERI

Vunau e Parramatta	
26/01	Combine Service with Leigh Memorial @ Parramatta Park
02/02	Lotu Vulavou/Lotu ni Veiyalayalati

주현절 셋째 주일(3rd Epiphany of Sunday) 2020년 01월21일 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 89 장 통 89 장 사론에 꽃 예수

새 270 장 통 214 장 변참는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 요한복음 1:9-18

말씀(Presching)- 전현구 목사 참 빛인 하나님이 하나님을 증언하시다

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn) 새 96 장 통 94 장 예수님은 누구신가

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) 새502장 통 259장 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
창세기 20:1-18

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시  
창세기 19:12-22:24

# 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 Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden*
- ♥ *We pray for Auburn Multi Centre 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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