



Parramatta
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

26th April 2020

**A
Church-based
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,

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

“REMEMBER”: ANZAC DAY REFLECTION – 2020

By the close of 1918 and the end of World War I hostilities, over 100 men from the Leigh Memorial congregation had served in World War 1 and 4 had died. Those who gave their lives were: James Tamsett, Stephen Booth, Clive Wooster and Morris Hunt. When World War II ended in 1945, over 50 men and this time, some women, of the Leigh Memorial congregation had served and 5 had died. Those who gave their lives were: Brian T. O'Reilly, Keith McFadden-Brown, James Hutton, Frederick Pinfold and Lindsay Wilson. Serving in theatres of war from Gallipoli to Palestine, the skies over Nazi Germany and the jungles of Papua New Guinea and demonstrating immense courage at every turn, they gave their lives for Australia and the causes of freedom, peace and universal democracy.

Numerous other women and men of our congregation served throughout both wars as part of the 'home guard' or as community volunteers – all dedicated to the war effort and offering comfort to others. No greater example of this can be found than within Parramatta's 'Soldiers' Hut' (1940-1946) – a temporary canteen situated opposite Parramatta Town Hall and in part of the St. John's Church garden. There, women of Leigh Memorial, including two of our Ministers' wives, were part of an ecumenical roster cooking and serving food to soldiers stationed in our city. Over ensuing decades, still more of our members reached out to local returned service-people and grieving families, and many advocated loudly and unequivocally for peace. A generation of Leigh Memorial young people in the late '60s/ early '70s, grew their hair, kicked off their shoes and energetically delved into the Vietnam protest movement.

This ANZAC day, we remember them all. Those who fought, those who died, those who knitted socks and blankets, those who befriended the enemy. We remember those who prayed in silence and those who marched on Gallipoli, the Western Front, in Palestine, the jungles of New Guinea, in Burma – and later in Korea, Vietnam, the Middle East and elsewhere. We remember those who protested for peace and the cessation of conflict. We remember those who forgave and those who never could; those who baked biscuits and those who put their boots on and ran headfirst onto the battlefield to save a mate. We remember those who protested and went to gaol for it – and those who dutifully picked up their guns. We remember those whose bravery remains incomprehensible to us, and those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Let us be mindful in the midst of our imposed isolation this ANZAC day – and as we seek different ways to acknowledge and thank our fallen – that the very simple act of pausing to “remember” is pretty much everything. *Lest We Forget*.

Elizabeth de Réland

on behalf of the Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee, 2020.

Please note: In keeping with our annual tradition, wreaths will be placed at the WWI & WW2 memorials in Leigh Memorial on the morning of Saturday 25 April.



Leigh Congregation

'Good News'

"Liz is home after her recent surgery and is continuing to recover. She thanks everyone for their ongoing thoughts and prayers for both herself and Mario, Callum and Charlotte";

SUPPORT AVAILABLE

We hope that everyone is keeping well. Please let the pastoral team or the congregation leaders know if you need any form of additional support during this challenging time, including practical help if unwell or in isolation. Call 9891-2277, or contact Rev. Manas, 0429 892 548. Members are also encouraged to 'phone or email a friend' and check on each other's well-being at this time – plus vulnerable people in the broader community. Every gesture makes a difference!

SMALL 'CARE' GROUPS

Leigh Memorial has established small 'care groups' within our congregation so that everyone is well-connected and informed at this time. Members of our 'care groups' are also asked to phone, text or email someone this week and simply have a chat. Sharing our feelings and experiences, and looking after our mental health is crucial during this period.

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Parramatta Mission is making weekly worship, bible studies, prayers and other resources available on its website: <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/> (follow the links through 'Congregations') – and also via traditional post. Contact 9891-2277 or wecare@parramattamission.com.au if you would like to be added to a contact or mailing list. If you're interested in participating in an online worship or study program but don't know how – that's fine. Many of us are in the same boat! Just contact Rev. Amelia: 0427 955 157 or

Rev. Clive: cliverpearson@gmail.com if you would like some guidance.

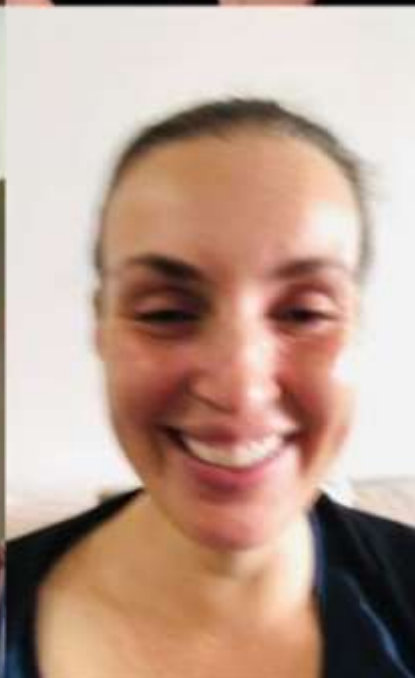
RESOURCES FOR KIDS

Parents & carers are reminded that Lent & Easter colouring-in pages and Sunday School learning material are readily available via email or post on request. Kids are welcome to scan and send us their colouring-in and we will display it online! Please don't hesitate to contact our Sunday School teachers, Anne & Samantha via LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com. A helpful UCA children's ministry site for 'at home' Sunday School education and age appropriate kids' activities is: <https://childrensministry.org.au/curriculum/>

Pastoral message for this week....

What are we learning about life now
for the sake of our future
and that of the whole creation?

Have you ever wondered who posts the content on this page? Well it's us! Meet the fundraising, marketing and volunteering team 🙌 Here we are in a recent online meeting - Bianca, Jenny, Davyn and Jo. We are proud to be part of Parramatta Mission and a community transforming lives. Wishing you all a blessed and safe evening 😊



John 20:19-31

19 When it was early evening of that day, the first of the week, and the doors having been shut where the disciples were because of fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you". 20 and having said this he pointed out his hands and side to them. At this, seeing the Lord, the disciples rejoiced. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. Just as the Father has sent me even so I send you". 22 After Jesus said this he breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit" 23 "if you forgive the sins of any they have been forgiven. If you retain the sins of anyone they have been retained". 24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, the one called the twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him "We have seen the Lord". But he said to them "Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails and put my hand into his side, I will not believe". 26 Eight days later, the disciples were again indoors and Thomas was with them. The doors had been shut but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you". 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Reach out your finger here and see my hands and reach out your hand and put it in my side; do not be faithless but faithful". 28 Thomas answered and said to him "My Lord and my God". 29 Jesus said to him. "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe". 30 Indeed Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples which have not been written in this book; 31 But these things have been written in order that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and that believing you might have life in his name.
(Translation by Keith Hamilton, 2008)

Reflections

We are now in the season of Easter, a season of fifty days and eight Sundays beginning with the Easter vigil (Saturday of Easter) and concluding on the day of Pentecost. The season celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. The Bible passages for each Sunday tend to encourage the congregation to reflect upon the resurrection and its implications for Christian living today. It is the season to sing songs of the resurrection, rather than songs of the cross. Christians speak of resurrection hope. This hope stems from the belief that Christ has broken down all barriers of life, including death.

This narrative of an Easter resurrection appearance of Jesus perhaps has greater meaning at this time. The resurrected Jesus appears to the fearful and doubting disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." Just to emphasize the point, the greeting is repeated. The dialogue with Thomas is pointing to a theme of John's gospel. Not seeing is believing, but believing is seeing. That is the point. We can't see God in a physical sense, but those who believe in God "see" God. This is not magical thinking. Peace is knowing that in the midst of everything, even mayhem, we are not alone. God, the one who in Jesus walked dusty roads, spoke out on matters people wanted kept hidden, died, and which Christians affirm, rose again. Somehow through the Spirit of God the risen Christ is with us today, granting people and inspiring people to be the peace of God even in places of mayhem.

COVID-19 Response

My thanks to staff, members of the pastoral team and congregants who are working hard in challenging times. There has been considerable creativity in finding ways to continue assisting people through our services, continue our pastoral care and worship.

Meals Plus: Here is a link to a you tube Meals Plus promotion:

<https://youtu.be/qk4CsW07N2g>

Hope 1032 Meals Plus campaign: Please check out this link: <https://hope1032.com.au/stories/life/social-justice/2020/volunteer-from-home-meals-plus/>

PM career vacancies: Parramatta Mission now advertise jobs on the Synod website:

<https://nswact.uca.org.au/about-us/careers/agency-vacancies/>

Pastoral Team daily reflections.

The Pastoral Team reflections will resume from 27 April.

ZOOM Services: Weekly services for Leigh Memorial 9:30 am and Leigh Fijian 11:15 am are on Zoom.

Join Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/5450786355?pwd=THZJSmY5ZFBIQ0pEbDZKeFJkZmxQUT09>

Meeting ID: 545 078 6355

Password: 647303

Congregants are reminded that you can continue to support the work of your church. Arrangements can be made for a direct debit (details below) or go to the website and make a transfer through the donate button, with reference to which congregation.

The bank account details for Giving Direct (Offerings) is:-

Bank account name: Parramatta Mission Giving Direct

BSB: 634634

Account number: 100025901

Easter blessings, Keith Hamilton

Advance Notice

Making Sense of the Bible Today

You are welcome to join into an online study on how we got the Bible and how we might apply it today. 4 sessions:

Saturday 9, 16, 23 and 30 May: 10am to 11:30 am.
Thursday 14, 21, 28 May, 4 June: 7pm to 8pm
(Fijian version)

- 1.Introducing the Bible: How did the Bible come into being?
- 2.Which version? The Bible comes to Australia:
The Bible comes to Fiji.
- 3.Interpreting the Bible.
- 4.Using and Being Used by the Bible.

Contact: cliverpearson@gmail.com Tel: 0409 523 024
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3602745736>

Post Pentecost

We will have a 4 part series exploring the theme of

‘Living faithfully in the midst of many religions’

1. Encountering Other Faiths
2. Types of Christian Responses.
3. ‘Shared Stories, Rival Tellings’: The Abrahamic Faiths
4. Jesus, the *Qu’ran* and Muhammad.

부활후 셋째 주일 (3rd Easter of Sunday) 2020년 04월 26일 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 29장 통 29장 성도여 다 함께

새 270장 통 214장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 이사야 35:1-10

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 속량함으로 돌아오는 길

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 382장 통 432장 너 근심걱정 말아라

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 전 세계가 전염병으로 힘들 때 주님과 동행하시는 성도가 됩시다.
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)

새 502장 통 259장 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
애스겔 47:1-12

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
에스겔 45:1-시편2:12

WESTMEAD Congregation

SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES DURING COVID 19 OUTBREAK

Due to Covid 19 all Westmead Congregation activities have been suspended including worship. Rev Christine is still available but will be working from home. Worship is still happening with printed orders of service and sermons able to be mailed out or emailed out. If you are not receiving them already please contact Rev Christine.

We have been developing a pattern of contact through email and also through phone calls. It is not possible to visit unless in an emergency but please do what you can to remain connected to the congregation and each other.

PLAY GROUPS

Rev Christine has managed to keep in contact with most of the families with the Play Group. Each week she has sent a video message with story or action song and the feedback has been wonderful. For many of the families this time of lockdown has been even more difficult with toddlers wanting to get out and about. Please pray for our Play Groups families.

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.

May God especially be with those who are involved medically, cleaning, serving, in supermarkets, Chemists or other businesses and all the unseen people making a difference to keep us all safe.

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.

Thought for the month: *Even when Jesus' disciples were locked away and in fear, Jesus came. May Jesus come to you in a new way each day and may you welcome Him in.*

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship

Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- **On hold**

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**

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

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm **On hold**

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am **On hold**

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. For people recovering from surgery.*
- ♥ *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 Eritrea, Ethiopia*
- ♥ *We pray for Cawdor Uniting Church – Congregation*
- ♥ *More Prayers Castle Hill Uniting Church—Pray for the JNC together with prayers for the congregation during this time of transition.*

Foster your faith this week

Acts 2:42-47 Ps 23
1Pt 2:19-25 Jn 10:1-10

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



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