



Parramatta  
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS  
24th May 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,

# Leigh Congregation



## LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH

Although it has been “empty” during the COVID-19 lockdown, people who love and care for our dear old church have been checking on it regularly and using it for the work of God throughout the period of its closure. It is still very much “full” of God’s loving Spirit and resonating with the goodwill of our congregations. Not only has the church been kept clean and tidy during this time, but important, symbolic observances relating to Easter, Anzac Day & Mothers’ Day etc have been

maintained. Meals Plus has continued to operate right next door – and to offer food and general support during a critical time for many in our community. Some crucial conversations have still taken place in its walls, plus some individual prayers. The quiet time has also enabled repairs to be made, and some overdue tasks to be completed. When worship services and regular activities resume, Leigh Memorial will be ready to open its doors with renewed hope and energy. It will be ready to welcome the people of Parramatta once again and to provide both face-to-face support and an important, mid-city sanctuary. Thanks to all those who have been providing ongoing care for our church over the past couple of months and to those who are currently maintaining the life of our congregations via worship & additional contact/support online.



## OUR PM HISTORY – ESSAY ONLINE

The NSW Govt. funded ‘St. John’s Cemetery Project’ website has just published a second Parramatta Mission historical essay:

<https://stjohnscemeteryproject.org/bio/elizabeth-lawry/>

Written by Liz and detailing the very topical story of Rev. Walter Lawry, his wife Mary and the loss of their first baby, Elizabeth, it describes the ravages of a

severe epidemic that arrived in Parramatta in 1820 and claimed many lives, including some of Mary’s birth family, the Hassalls. The essay includes items sourced from our Mission’s archival collection. Photo: Lawry Chapel, 1821.

## CONGREGATION PRAYERS

Our congregation’s continued thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Manas & Nita at this time, and with all our ministers, their families and our fellow PM congregations. Queries regarding the recently announced ministry changes and other developments may be directed to Rev. Keith or Ian.

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

Due to the COVID-19 lockdown, Leigh Memorial Church is closed for all worship services and other gatherings until further notice. Please let the pastoral team or the congregation leaders know if you need any additional support at this time, including if alone at home, working remotely, teaching children from home, undertaking studies by distance or living in self-isolation – or if unwell. Also, please let us know if practical needs have become a problem for you. Messages can be left at 9891-2277 or with Rev. Manas: 0429 892 548.

## **SMALL 'CARE' GROUPS**

Leigh Memorial's small 'care group' members and their leaders are continuing to ensure that everyone stays in touch and many members are also individually reaching out and providing uplifting pastoral care to others at this time. Thank you all. Maintaining good mental health – and friendships – have never been more important.

## **WORSHIP**

Parramatta Mission has made weekly worship, studies, prayers and other useful resources available via both the PM website:

<https://www.parramattamission.org.au/> and the post. Please contact 9891-2277 or [wecare@parramattamission.com.au](mailto:wecare@parramattamission.com.au) if you would like to be added to our contact lists, or if you have any queries, including how to join our popular Sunday 'Zoom' services.

## **RESOURCES FOR KIDS**

Parents & carers are reminded that colouring-in pages and Sunday School @ Leigh learning material for all age groups are available via email on request. Please contact [LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com](mailto:LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com).

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

God in the healing Spirit of Christ embraces every space and time.

God is dependable.

We thank God for all people keeping the community safe.

May God bless you

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

*Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30*

*Ps 104:24-34, 35b*

*1 Cor 12:3b—13 or Acts 2:1-21*

*Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 7:37-39*

## COUPLES & FRIENDS NEWS

This Sunday we are celebrating the 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Couples & Friends Club. Over the decade or so we have shared in a large variety of activities, wonderful times of fellowship, enjoyed listening to many guest speakers and travelled to many different parts of NSW on our annual coach trips.

One of the biproducts of these coach trips was the knitting of squares which were sewn together to make colourful warm blankets. These blankets have been donated to our Women's Services Programmes for our clients in the Thelma Brown and Kelly's Cottages programmes.

This year has been a 'different' year with Couples & Friends unable to hold their regular meetings and our coach trips unfortunately are an event of the past. However, the knitting needles and crochet hooks have still been busy and 60 beautiful rugs and 5 baby rugs have been made and donated for our Women's Services clients. These blankets were made by our members, friends of our members and some of the wool to knit these squares has been donated by people who have no contact with our Church but learn of our programmes.

Keeping the annual tradition of donating these blankets on our Anniversary, last week Manas conducted a physically distancing dedication service and we handed over these blankets (pictured) to Angela Daynes to be given to her clients as needed.







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## To the people of Parramatta Mission

Grace to you and peace from God our creator, redeemer, and sustainer

24 May 2020

In the Newsletter last week, we wrote that the Church Council on 5 May 2020 decided to conclude the placements of Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly and Rev Dr Manas Ghosh and the supply ministry of Rev Dr Clive Pearson, effective from 30 September 2020.

We also wrote that a Combined Congregation Leaders Meeting (CCLM), whose membership will be drawn from the three Congregations, will be established and begin meeting as soon as possible. The chairperson of the CCLM will be appointed by the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee. The CCLM will initially work with the ministers and congregations to explore and make recommendations on interim ministry arrangements beyond 1 October 2020. The CCLM as a combined integrated group will also begin to explore worship and pastoral care across all of our congregations. For further information we draw your attention to last weeks' newsletter.

We also reported that the Chairperson of the Board, Ian Gray, has decided to stand down from that role from 30 June. Ian will continue as a member of the Board and Church Council, including Chairperson of the Church Council. The Board and Church Council will work collaboratively to discern and endorse a new Chairperson. The three congregations' leaders are asked to prayerfully consider making nominations to the Church Council.



We also report to you today that the Church Council on 5 May decided to establish a new Parramatta Mission Council, effective from 1 July. The PM Mission Council will replace the Church Council. Membership of the PM Mission Council will initially include all current members of the Church Council plus members of the Combined Congregations Leaders Meeting.

We continue to pray for all who are affected by these decisions.

We pray for discernment regarding the recruitment of a new chairperson for the CCNB, and membership of the CCLM.

The chairperson Ian Gray, and the Senior Minister / CEO Keith Hamilton, are available to answer any questions people might have about these matters.

Grace and peace

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on behalf of the Church Council  
21 May 2020

## News

- Parramatta congregations combined Pentecost service 10 am 24th May. Please wear red.
- As the COVID restrictions lift, each minister and congregation leaders meeting are invited to draft suitable protocols for worship in the church, and bring to the pastoral team meeting. This also involves engagement with the Synod Secretariat, and also the PM WHS officer. It maybe that mixed mode of services are conducted: indoors, outdoors, zoom. We do know that it will be small groups initially. It may be a while before worship resumes in the church in Parramatta and at Westmead, but we do need to get ready.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

## WESTMEAD Congregation

### **BIBLE STUDY and WORSHIP**

Bible Study has recommenced via an online platform called zoom. Please contact Rev Christine for the link to the zoom meetings. Worship will commence via Zoom as of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Worship materials will continue to be available for printed format as well as via email. The zoom link for each week will be made available for all who have computer access.

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

As Covid 19 restrictions begin to lift different activities will recommence. 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. You can also access them on the Parramatta Mission website at <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/faith-and-worship/westmead/>

The Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT is still supporting the suspension of activities and worship as the duty of care is very high in relation to sanitisation, social distancing etc. It is likely this will continue for a longer time than many expected.

### **OFFERING**

Offerings are able to be dropped off at 175 reception or can be done electronically. Please see Rev Christine for bank account details for Westmead.

### **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.

Please pray for Carol who is recovering from surgery. Please also pray for those who care for her as well as Geoff, Edwina and Colin.

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.

**Thought for the month:** *Just as Jesus told his disciples he would send a comforter the Holy Spirit comes to us in our times of need. May we continue to live as Jesus' witnesses.*

### **DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship**

**Sundays 9.45am via zoom from 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Bible Study- **Via Zoom 2.00pm and Wednesday at 7.00pm.**

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**



# 시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-21

부활후 일곱째 주일 (7th Easter of Sunday) 2020년 05월 24일 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 64장** **통 13장** 기뻐하며 경배하세

**새 270장** **통 214장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **고란도 후서 6:14-7:1**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **기독교인의 정체성**

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

**새 455장** **통 507장** 주님의 마음을 본 받는 자

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 전 세계가 전염병으로 힘들 때 주님과 동행하시는 성도가 됩시다.
2. '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 격용하는 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  
하락국 1:1:11

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시  
시편22:22-하락국 2:20

Women's Bible Study

Anyone interested in joining via a zoom meeting .

A time to be arranged during the week .

If anyone interested could they please suggest some time slots that would suit them ( either a daytime or evening)

Reply to Samantha Vulawalu via email

(samantha.vulawalu@gmail.com)

or mobile 0423 668 043



**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?](https://zoom.us/j/5450786355?pwd=THZJSmY5ZFBIQ0pEbDZKeFJkZmxQUT09)

[pwd=THZJSmY5ZFBIQ0pEbDZKeFJkZmxQUT09](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. The bank account details for Giving Direct (Offerings) is:-

**Bank account name: Parramatta Mission Giving Direct**

**BSB: 634634**

**Account number: 100025901**



# Prayer Points

***The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for:***

- ♥ *PM congregants and staff. The people we contact every day that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Rev. Manas & Nita, Mae & Stephen, Liz & family, Bruce S, Jolame, Betty E, Joan, Hazel, Beverly, Neil & Darlene, Betty B, George, Robyn & Malcolm, the Leigh Memorial Leaders team, the Church Council, our fellow PM congregations, Open Church, SPOW, Couples & Friends, our Sunday School teachers and children, Youth Group, and those who are unwell, currently having medical tests or treatment, or grieving – plus – all those impacted by COVID-19, inc. community members who are unwell, unemployed or at the frontline of medical, mental health, pharmacy and scientific care.*
- ♥ *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: Carol, Karen and Kath, Rosemary and Peter and families, Matthew's mother, Nyema, Carol, Auntie Jean, 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, Heather and family, 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 Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery that extends from Galston to Bargo, Lidcombe to Blackheath.*
- ♥ *We pray for Fairfield Uniting Church*

# Pastoral Contacts



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