



Parramatta
Mission



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church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

3rd May 2020

THE
Lord
IS MY
Shepherd

**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

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....

The doors maybe shut,
but the gates to life are wide open
in Jesus

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-18

부활후 넷째 주일 (4th Easter of Sunday) 2020년 05월 03일 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) **시편 2:1-12**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 두려운 마음 떨리는 마음

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 435장 **통 492장** 나의 영원하신 기업

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
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
시편 6:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
시편 4:1-9:20

Congratulation to Devin & Michelle

Devin is our Manager Compliance Risk & Audit at
Parramatta Mission

Baby Violet Everly North
was born
17th March 2020 weighing in at 3.3kg.



Fijian Congregation

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 *Qur'an* and Muhammad.



NEWS

Mark Newton provided the following welcome news. Parramatta Mission has successfully tendered for a new program in the South Western Sydney Region. The program is called “Continuing to be Me” or C2bMe. C2bMe will offer direct mental health treatment and support (via individual and group sessions) to residents living in Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs). It will also offer capacity building activities to RACF staff. This is in response to the recognition on behalf of government policy makers that those living in RACFs often experience mental health issues including depression and anxiety arising from dislocation and diminished physical and mental stimulation and personal capacity. This much needed initiative will provide Parramatta Mission the opportunity to extend our reach in the South Western Sydney community and to commence direct service provision to a diverse and vulnerable population. Well done to all involved, especially Chantal and Nirajah and their respective teams who did such a great job in developing the model of care and the successful tender response.

Mark also recently announced that Liz Bennett, General Manager Community and Mental Health Services for Parramatta Mission has tendered her resignation, her final day was the 1st of May 2020. Liz has expressed her thanks to all her colleagues across Parramatta Mission who, she says, “have filled the last 8 years with laughter, joy, success and accomplishment”. That’s a great tribute to Liz and her warm and friendly personality. We thank Liz for her tremendous contribution to the work of Parramatta Mission,

Mark also provided the following news: I am pleased to announce the appointment of Nirajah Mahendra to the position of Acting General Manager, Mental Health and Community Services, initially for a 3 month period.

Nirajah is currently the Business & Innovation Manager with the Business & Innovation Hub and brings many years of valuable experience having worked across both Not For Profit and Corporate sectors. She will continue with a “watching brief” over the work of the Hub during this secondment.

Nirajah will commence in this position on Monday 1 May but will immediately commence a handover process with Liz Bennett.

News from Lyall Weaver: Noor Adam who is our NDIS Implementation Manager is also a PHD candidate at Western Sydney University. She recently submitted her research study and her body of work was centred around “Language and technology barriers amongst Non-English Speaking Background (NESB) carers when accessing the NDIS” and this is very true to her passion for the NDIS.

Noor undertook this particular research topic because language barriers and technological limitations appear to be key factors that limit access to NDIS services and current literature on this topic is scant. In her research thesis, Noor aimed to address this literature gap based on data drawn from NESB carers, in partnership with **Parramatta Mission (Carers Respite Program)**.

Therefore, it gives the NDIS project team great pleasure in sharing some amazing news with respect to her study which has received **positive responses** from different universities including Charles Darwin University, Sydney University and Western Sydney University. In particular her work has been recognised as **public policy worthy** as they acknowledged that the thesis tackled a complex subject arena and clearly stated the objectives.

The universities have also commented that the thesis addressed the literature and access gap by not merely exploring the limitations of NESB gaps but went further and also **presented preliminary recommendations on how these access barriers can be bridged**. Noor's thesis was awarded a **higher distinction merit status due to her partnership** with Parramatta Mission as surveying of participants was a clear strength and hence **cultural sensitivity was maintained and authenticity of the data was considered**.

The Universities have also recommended publication of Noor's work in the Federation of Ethnic Communities Council and NDIS newsletters to highlight these preliminary survey findings. Additionally, Western Sydney University will publish her work on their research platform. Congratulations Noor!

Lyll also provided the following news: It is with great pleasure that I announce the secondment of Nicole Campagna to the position of Acting Manager, Business and Innovation Hub while the current manager, Nirajah Mahendra fills the role of Acting General Manager Community and Mental Health Services. This secondment will be for an initial period of 3 months. Nicole is a familiar face having worked across a range of projects and departments at Parramatta Mission for the better part of 10 years and will no doubt continue to lend her unique style and commitment to this role. Nicole will commence in this role effective 4 May 2020 and will report into the CFO for the period of the secondment.

Jo Armstrong has provided the following news:

Online engagement

In last 28 days (PM Facebook page including paid advertising)

- 40,026 people reached
- 4,693 post engagements
- And 47 new page likes.

That's around 200% increase in activity!

Our COVID Appeal Facebook advertising (using Appeal photo)

- Reach 31,072 with 61,135 impressions

Started a new Facebook advertising campaign late last week (with different imagery)

- So far Reach 2,843 with 3,727 Impressions

New Meals Plus Volunteer – Bridgit Malcolm started volunteering with us yesterday, fortunately Bianca knew who she was straight away – a New York based, international supermodel including modelling for Victoria Secret with an Instagram following of more than 350,000 followers. She created quite a buzz in MP but was very down to earth and loved being part of our team. We are working hard to ensure she is engaged and encouraged to share the work we do, including a crowd funding page aimed at our volunteers to generate financial support for our work <https://chuffed.org/project/covid-19-meals-plus>

The **Hope 103.2 radio appeal** is going well and Angela Daynes has been interviewed by various radio presenters this week already. We have been getting significant numbers of donations coming through as a result each day and in April alone had more than 65 first time donors which is incredible, especially considering of the cost of acquisition was minimal from our perspective.

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

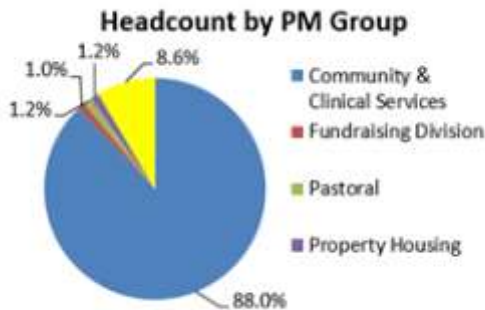
Katelyn Barakat provided the following news:

COVID-19: The changes to how we work as a result of COVID-19 has been significant, and the adjustments staff are having to make including working from home, either in a telehealth or virtual health models, and equally for those working in our Crisis based services or at the Fellowship Centre has been remarkable. We are incredibly proud of the success of the transition thus far and the level of support, cooperation and adaptability from staff and management.

While we continue to expect a normal level of work productivity from staff working from home, our messaging is centred around outcomes and wellness, rather than the number of hours at a desk. We have recently launched a 'Working from Home' policy, and coordinated specific e-learning and webinar offerings to staff in the areas of COVID-19, WH&S, wellness, resilience and have just released a COVID-19 Staff Check-In Survey, which has had a strong response rate. To note, all internal face-to-face training has been suspended until further notice, and operational work arounds are occurring.

DASHBOARD

Key Performance Indicators
Selected period from 01/01/2018 to 31/03/2020
As at 30/03/2020 11:27



PM Group	#	%
Community & Clinical Services	431	88.0%
Fundraising Division	5	1.0%
Pastoral	6	1.2%
Property Housing	6	1.2%
Support Services	42	8.6%
Total	490	100%

Special Church Council Meeting.

This week's Church Council meeting will receive a report and recommendations on the pastoral resourcing of our congregations. The preparation of the report by the Presbytery has involved some representatives from our three congregations. The Church Council will also receive a report on the position description and profile for the calling of the next Senior Minister, following the conclusion of my placement on 28 February 2021.

Pastoral Team daily reflections.

The Pastoral Team are providing daily reflections. There is a bible reading, short reflection and prayer by members of the pastoral team. It is published in a separate booklet. The idea is that people might use this as part of their daily devotions. The daily reflections will continue through to Pentecost.

Pentecost:

Pentecost, the church feast celebrating the coming of God's Holy Spirit upon the early church, is fifty days after Easter. This year Pentecost is 31 May. The Leigh Memorial and Leigh Fijian congregations will hold a combined service on that day. Some of the youth will take part in leading aspects of the service.

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

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to all staff and members of the pastoral team and congregations who are providing such wonderful work in support of others during COVID-19. To conduct church services by zoom, and pastoral care by phone, email, mail or from the front yard of a house, and conduct counselling and support via virtual platforms requires considerable work, patience and graciousness. IT have been tremendous in assisting our people make the transition seamlessly. People still become homeless, still need to escape from domestic and family violence, still become mentally unwell, still become hungry, and we have been there to assist. Several funerals and a wedding have been conducted. The fundraising continues. The raising with the public of awareness about issues of concern, continues on through our web site, Facebook and other social media. All good and valuable work.

Easter blessings, Keith Hamilton

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 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: 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.*
- ♥ *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, 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 Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery that extends from Galston to Bargo, Lidcombe to Blackheath.*
- ♥ *We pray for Charis Faith Community - Faith Community*

Foster your faith this week

Acts 7:55-60 Ps 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Pt 2:2-10 Jn 14:1-14

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