

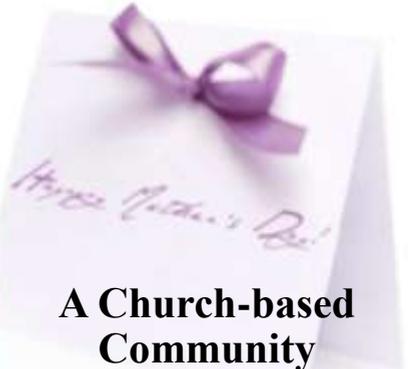


Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS
10th 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, and emerging leaders.

Leigh Congregation



HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

"Happy Mothers' Day!" to all of our special Mums, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and the 'mother-figures' and 'motherly souls' who have nurtured and supported us over the years. We thank you for your love, support, care and multiple sacrifices. Your love has sustained us in our darkest hours, lifted us up even higher when we rejoice and filled our hearts with comfort. We wish all of you a lovely day – either in the company of loved ones or in the knowledge of their love and care – even at a distance. Prayers for families who are

grieving or missing their Mums, grandmas and other special people at this time.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Leigh Memorial congregation members and leaders who have made a significant effort in recent weeks to reach out to others and offer a word of kindness and support via the phone, a card, an email, some face-time or other means. While so many big issues face our world, our local communities and the Mission – providing individual care and taking a few moments to remember someone in our church family are more important than ever. Thank you also to members who have made donations to PM and/or arranged regular giving in response to recent requests. These are greatly valued. Finally, an appreciative shout-out to Mrs. Edna Oakes (daughter of the late Rev. Arthur Brawn and Mrs. Jean Brawn) and the church ladies of Woodford and throughout the Blue Mountains who have recently completed another spree of knitting (colourful beanies, scarves, socks, rugs etc) ready for delivery to Meals Plus/ Mission services this Winter. Last year, Edna & friends donated hundreds of similarly useful items during the cooler months, which were quickly snapped up!

Pastoral message for this week....

Now is an opportunity- a healthier life, society and creation.
A new beginning.
God opens up the way for us



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/>

Foster your faith this week

Acts 17:22-31

Ps 66:8-20

Pt 3:13-22

Jn 14:15-21

WESTMEAD Congregation

RECOMMENCING BIBLE STUDY

As of Monday 11th May we will be recommencing Bible Study via an online platform called zoom. It will be at the usual Bible Study time of 2.00pm and an extra study on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm will start as well. Please contact Rev Christine for the link to the zoom meetings.

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/>

We have been developing a pattern of contact through email and also through phone calls. It is now possible to visit so please contact Rev Christine if you would like a visit. Communion service will be available online (search youtube for 'Holy Communion Rev Christine at Westmead'). You will need to provide bread and juice/water for yourself however Rev Christine is now able to bring home communion to those who do not have computer access. Please contact her to make a time for home communion.

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.

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

Bible Study- **Online as of Monday 11th at 2.00pm and**

Wednesday 13th 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**



ABOVE: 'Some of the Westmead congregation gathered for worship using their worship kits'.

**Take Care
of yourself and
your loved ones**

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health during this time. Stay connected and reach out if you need assistance.

To the people of Parramatta Mission

It is with a heavy heart that the Church Council informs the congregations and staff of several significant decisions made this past week.

The Church Council acknowledged with sadness Parramatta Mission cannot financially maintain its current pastoral team positions. The Church Council met in closed session without the pastoral team, to make very difficult decisions.

The Church Council expresses its appreciation of the ministries by Rev Dr Manas Ghosh, who commenced in July 2014 in placement with the Leigh Memorial Congregation, and Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly, who commenced in April 2015 in placement with the Westmead Congregation.

These placements are no longer financially viable, and the Church Council made the agonising decision to advise the Presbytery of Parramatta Nepean to conclude both placements by 30 September 2020.

The Church Council also expressed appreciation for the supply ministry of Rev Dr Clive Pearson with the Leigh Fijian Congregation, that commenced in late 2019. The Church Council also was of a mind that it is no longer financially sustainable to continue the supply ministry beyond 30 September 2020 this year. Therefore, the Supply Ministry of Rev Dr Clive Pearson will conclude 30 September 2020.

The Church Council has entered a discernment process regarding pastoral resourcing. The Church Council also determined to enact its decision of 5 December 2019 to establish a Combined Congregation Leaders Meeting (CCLM), drawing representatives from all three congregations (three from each), plus the chairperson of Parramatta Mission Council. The CCLM to commence from 1 July 2020. The CCLM will work with the ministers and congregations to discern the interim pastoral resourcing beyond 1 October 2020.

A further update will be provided next week

Please continue to hold Manas, Christine, Clive, and their families, the congregations, and other members of the pastoral team in your prayers.

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

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on behalf of the Church Council
6 May 2020

▪ **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**

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-19

부활후 다섯째 주일 (5th 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 79장 **통 40장** 주 하나님 지으신 모든 세계

새 270장 **통 214장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **마태복음 8:23-28**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **기독교인이란 누구인가?**

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)
새 314장 **통 511장** 예수를 더욱 사랑

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 18:1-6

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
시편 11:1-16:11

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.



There has been a level of uncertainty these past few weeks with all that is going on in the world. However, during these times our Meals Plus service has stayed strong, providing takeaway meals and food parcels to those in the community who need it most. Thanks to Hillsong CityCare for their donation of 40 Bags of Emergency Food Relief Items as this helps us, help others each day.



*We pray for Dundas
Ermington Uniting Church*

- ⇒ Praise for: The opportunity to restore and reupholster church pews and resurface the car park and church parquetry floor. The alternative avenues of worship made available through electronic media.
- ⇒ Pray for: Our Presbytery representatives Geoff Stevenson and Rob McFarlane and our Church Council as we work towards the calling of a minister. The ongoing wellbeing of our church family during this time of isolation and separation.

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: Rosemary and Peter and families, Matthew's mother, Nyema, Carol, Aunty 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.*



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