



Parramatta
Mission



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church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS
28th June 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,
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

FAMILY DAY 2020



Sunday 28 June is celebrated as 'Family Day' or 'Family & Community Day' in the ACT and in many countries around the world, including South Africa, British Columbia, Vietnam and Vanuatu, and it often coincides with a state or public holiday. Although NSW is not included, both 'Family Day' and Australia's 'National Families Week' in May are great reminders to share quality time with our families and to thank them for their love and support, including through the tough times. 'Family Day' also enables us to pray for those without a family, or who are estranged from loved ones – or missing family support or someone close to them. Families come in all shapes & sizes – large and small – and with many definitions and descriptions. Our own church family is a happily diverse and supportive one. Happy 'Family Day' @ Leigh!!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who supported 'Heritage Sunday' last week and for your wonderful feedback on our supplement and the various anniversary acknowledgements. Special thanks to all those who contributed heritage reflections during worship or in other ways to mark the occasion – PM Heritage Committee.

LIVING FAITHFULLY IN THE MIDST OF MANY RELIGIONS

Members are encouraged to participate in Clive's Saturday morning 'zoom' study series on this important topic. Zoom connection details are available from the office, 9891-2277.

CONGREGATION UPDATE

Our congregation's continued thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Manas & Nita during this transitional time. We also pray for our representatives on the Leaders Team, the Church Council and the soon to convene 'CCLM' (Combined Congregations Leaders Meeting) – and for staff and members engaged in key decisions and planning for the impending re-opening of our churches for worship and the re-commencement of other gatherings. NB: Congregation updates regarding current and forthcoming changes at Parramatta Mission will follow shortly in a variety of accessible formats. Please don't hesitate to contact the Leaders for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS

Warmest congratulations to Ian & Margie's daughter, Emma, who will be married to her fiancé Harry on Saturday 27 June. Emma grew up at Leigh Memorial, including attending our Sunday School. Blessings Emma & Harry and our prayers for a happy wedding day and a wonderful life together!

LIFELINE WESTERN SYDNEY

On 30 June, Lifeline Western Sydney will transfer from the auspices of Parramatta Mission to that of Lifeline Macarthur. Lifeline WS commenced as 'Life Line Parramatta' at Parramatta 'Regional' Mission in 1973-74 and became known as 'Lifeline Western Sydney' prior to the close of the 20th century. Many, great pioneers and volunteers of the Mission and its congregations were involved in establishing Lifeline at PM and we honour them at this important juncture. They were led by Rev. Dr. Gloster Udy, who wrote and delivered all the early Lifeline counsellor training – and set the project on its course of geographical expansion. As this historic transition occurs, we give thanks to God for the legacy of Lifeline's many years under the care of Parramatta Mission and most importantly, the opportunity that it provided to help others – PM Heritage Committee.

COVID-19 REMINDER: DO THE '3'

Although restrictions are being eased, members are reminded to 'Do the 3' by social distancing, washing hands regularly & if possible, getting the COVID app. All basic precautions in relation to virus prevention remain in place and are especially important now that cold & flu season is also upon us.

OFFERINGS

Congregation offerings to the life, witness & work of our Church & Mission can be made by direct electronic transfer. Bank Account name: Parramatta Mission Giving Direct. Acct. number: 100025901. BSB: 634 634. Please consider regular giving – thank you. For assistance, chat to Coral or Tracey, 9891-2277.

Pastoral message for this week....

When we cry how long will this COVID last,
we sing the song of hope together

Foster your faith this week

Gn 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Ps 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13

Rom 7:15-25a
Mt 11:16-19, 25-30

Fijian Congregation

Advance Notice:

'Living faithfully in the midst of many religions'

Encountering Other Faiths
Types of Christian Responses.
'Shared Stories, Rival Tellings': The Abrahamic Faiths
Jesus, the *Qu'ran* and Muhammad.

You are welcome to join into this online study.

Saturday 20, 27, June: 4, 11, July: 10am to 11:30 am.

Thursday 25, 2, 9, 16 July: 7pm to 8pm
(Fijian congregation)

Fijian Youth Fellowship

Friday 26 June and 3 July. 7:30pm-9:00pm

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



*Congratulations to Davyn, Carmen & Caleb
Davyn works in our Fundraising & Marketing Team
We wish them all good Health and Happiness Always.*

Presenting Aaron Gabriel

Born: 7th June 2020

Weight: 3.22kg's

Length: 53cm



Matthew 10:40-42

40 (Jesus said) “Whoever receives you, receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. 41 Whoever receives a prophet as a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous person as a righteous person shall receive a righteous person’s reward. 42 And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple, truly I say to you, on no account will this one lose their reward.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

There are three themes in the scripture above. Welcoming Christ, supporting ministry, and caring for one another. Those who baptised members of the church have a representative or ambassadorial role of Christ to others. That is why the behaviour of Christians, whether in the privacy of home or in any public situation is important. People watch what Christians say and do. Is it a blessing or a curse? Does it honour God or bring dishonour on God? The Church, by its very presence in the world will be an influence which can be either good or bad, and all points in between. There is also a place in the church to listen carefully to the people called and sent to be Ministers of the Word. Lastly, we can show care to others, not just our friends or people of like mind, like culture, like religion. Everyone. Especially the “little ones,” which I think means people who often treated poorly. Giving a cup of cold water, might be to give voice to women raising issues through #MeToo, and to people crying out for (BLM) black lives to matter.

COVID: The pastoral team are working on plans to bring to the Church Council regarding the gathering of small groups and activities. Worship services remain by zoom and will do so for some time. The pastoral team are working through how to continue with zoom services and hold in person services, when it is right so to do.

Don't forget COVID practices: wash hands, sneeze into arm, maintain 1.5 physical distancing.



Lifeline Western Sydney:

The following historical note has been prepared by management drawing on the assistance of several people.

On 1 July 2020, Parramatta Mission's Lifeline Western Sydney (LLWS) service will transition to Lifeline Macarthur (LLM). This is a strategic decision endorsed by the Board, Church Council and the Presbytery in a bid to strengthen the service and increase service provision to help seekers.

It is therefore timely, to pay homage to our visionary pioneers who conceptualised this model of care and developed a thriving service up until present time.

Come on a journey down memory lane as we reminisce about the rich history and contribution that LLWS has made to Parramatta Mission and the wider community that it serves.

Life Line (originally written as two words) was established in 1963 by the late Reverend Dr Sir Alan Walker, after receiving a telephone call from a distressed Sydney resident. Three days later, feeling lonely and depressed, the man tragically took his own life. Determined to throw a mantle of care over the city and to prevent even one more death resulting from loneliness or isolation, Sir Alan launched a Sydney-based 24-hour telephone counselling service. Within its first day of operation, the centre received over 100 calls for help.

The early 70's saw an increase in rates of addiction, chronic illness and isolation in Western Sydney. This led to the conceptualisation of a program for Parramatta, with Life Line Parramatta's name being registered and then accredited by the Australian Life Line Council. Life line Parramatta was borne out of the vision in 1973 of Rev. Dr. Gloster Udy, and the willing assistance and leadership of many lay people, such as Maurice Bevington, who gave of their time and money over many years.

Life Line Parramatta was officially opened by the Whitlam Government Minister for Health Dr Doug Everingham on 3rd August 1974. 1974 was the first full year of Life Line counselling operations at Parramatta's newly acquired 'Leigh Lodge', George Street Parramatta. In early years, Rev. Dr. Gloster Udy personally trained Lifeline Parramatta's telephone counsellors and 'trouble team' members and co-ordinated the writing and production of the training manuals.

Life Line Parramatta grew to include 'economy shops' selling second-hand goods. Shops spread to surrounding suburbs including Guildford, Merrylands, Blacktown, St Mary's and Penrith. Life Line Parramatta's first full year of operation a total of 5,477 distress callers were assisted. from government for its contribution to mental healthcare.

By the mid-1970's, Life Line Parramatta had seventy names listed as Life Line volunteer counsellors, a majority were from the Mission's congregations. Over the first few years of operation, Life Line Parramatta received strong support

Life Line Parramatta's political capital by the mid-1970's was soaring. In just under a decade, Life Line Parramatta recorded a significant rise in calls from 5,477 to 22,963, with 'anxiety' and 'depression' as leading crisis call categories.

Over time, Parramatta Regional Mission, as it was once branded, dropped the 'Regional' to be named Parramatta Mission. There also included the re-branding of 'Life Line' to be become one word: 'Lifeline Western Sydney'.

During the 40+ years of leading LLWS, Parramatta Mission has been instrumental in working alongside Lifeline Australia and government to support initiatives around suicide prevention and crisis support, some of these include; 24 hour emergency telephones at Gap Park, Sydney (March 2010), Lifeline for Lawyers, Out of the Shadows.

LLWS is one of 40 centres accredited by Lifeline Australia and provides a 24-hour, 7-day a week crisis telephone service and answers over 50,000 calls per year, from people of all ages, who are in crisis due to a range of social issues; suicide ideation, mental illness, relationship breakdown, domestic violence, addictive behaviour, social isolation.

Each day, around 50 calls are from people at high risk of suicide. LLWS services are now made possible through the efforts of several of paid staff and 120 volunteers, operating over a 24/7 roster. Services and resources are now provided through phone, face-to-face, and online mediums.

In closing, although there is a degree of sadness associated with the change, the vision for this service has always been about the help seekers. Their needs have been at the centre of this decision and LLM is now best placed to take LLWS into the future. LLM is a part of the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery of the Uniting Church, therefore the service remains in good hands. LLWS will also be moving from the iconic location at 153 George Street to new premises in Marsden Street, Parramatta under the leadership of LLM.

Last but not least, on behalf of the Parramatta Mission Family, we thank all staff and volunteers (past and present) for their tireless commitment, empathy, and care to the help seekers and to the integrity of this vital service. Thank you for your commitment to our values of Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope. We also thank LLM and Jacky Moore for providing steady operational guidance during this period of transition.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

성령강림후 4주일 (4th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 6월 28일 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 15장 **통 55장** 하나님의 크신 사랑

새 270장 **통 214장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **잠언 17:1-5**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 단련된 정갈한 마음

봉헌 송(Offerory Hymn)
새 455장 **통 507장** 주님의 마음을 본받는 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 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
3. 말씀, 기도, 전도 생활로 하나님이 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) **새502장** **통 259장** 너 시은아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
고전 11:2-16

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
고전9:24-12:31

WESTMEAD Congregation

BIBLE STUDY and WORSHIP

Bible Study is held via an online platform called zoom. Please contact Rev Christine for the link to the zoom meetings. Worship is held via Zoom as well as Worship materials which are available for printed format sent out by mail 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/>

While there are plans being made for the restart of activities, the duty of care is very high in relation to cleaning, social distancing etc. It is likely this will continue for a longer time than many expected. At present we would only be able to have limited numbers in the church and for other activities. Please recognise that the conservative approach to re-opening is about the care of vulnerable people within the congregation and community.

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.

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 7th June

Bible Study- Via Zoom Mondays 2.00pm

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**

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: Naomi and family, Carol, Karen and Kath, Rosemary and Peter and families, Matthew's mother, Nyema, Carol, Aunt 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 Greystanes Uniting Church. More prayers*
 - *We give thanks for people willing and able to present church online each week and for the positive impact this is having, both within our congregation and beyond.*
 - *We pray for our members who are struggling with isolation and the on-going restrictions on gatherings*
 - *Please pray for the up-coming Life and Witness Consultation which will precede the forming of our JNC and the process of calling a new minister, and for the lay leaders who support and lead the congregation whilst we are without a minister.*

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