



Parramatta
Mission



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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS
14th 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,

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

YOUTH UPDATE



During the COVID-19 lockdown, our Leigh Memorial Youth Group (for high school students, school leavers & young adults) has continued to meet via 'zoom' on Saturday nights and to offer support to each other on a regular basis. Some members are at high school, some are at Uni and others are working. Some are looking for a job, while others are involved in volunteer work and/or assisting their families. Samantha & Nadine continue to lead the group, and are starting to plan for

new get-togethers once more restrictions ease. Past special events have included dinners and games nights at the church, movie & restaurant outings and ten-pin bowling. All the best to our young people as they keep up their energies and forge ahead in these challenging times. We pray that they fulfil their dreams, grow in faith and continue to develop as participants and leaders within our congregational life. New members are always welcome.

Enquiries: Samantha via 9891-2277.

HERITAGE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 21 June, will be 'Heritage Sunday' at Parramatta Mission. Our worship time and newsletter will include an acknowledgement of this year's anniversaries, including the 200th anniversary of the birth of Parramatta's Rev. John Watsford, whose landmark work in Fiji included assisting in a translation of the New Testament. PM Heritage Committee .

Enquiries: 9891-2277.

OFFERINGS

Please consider regular giving. 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. Thank you.

For assistance, chat to Coral or Tracey, 9891-2277.

CONGREGATION PRAYERS

Our congregation's thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Manas & Nita, and with all our ministers and their families. We also pray for our congregation leaders and forthcoming CCLM & JNC reps, plus the Church Council and its key advisors as important decisions continue to be made regarding Parramatta Mission's future.



UCA PRAYER RECONCILIATION

Risen, Crucified God,

We cry out for justice for the family of George Floyd and for comfort for all those who mourn his death.

Forgive us for the sin of racism, and the ways we fail to acknowledge that all people are equal, created in your image, deeply loved and of infinite worth. Forgive us for our silence, and the ways we are complicit in racist attitudes and

actions. Stir in us vision, courage and determination to work for justice in Australia. May your Holy Spirit fill us with your compassion and reconciling love, that we might walk together as First and Second Peoples in mutuality, respect and delight in our shared life and destiny together. Through Christ, our liberator, we pray. *Dr Deidre Palmer, Assembly President, Uniting Church in Australia, 3 June, 2020.*

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/3196-pastoral-statement-racism-and-police-brutality> Artwork: 'Buraga' 2019 (Leigh Memorial Church) by Leanne 'Mulgo' Watson, Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation.

Pastoral message for this week....

Compassion prompts power to bless - NOT dominate

Foster your faith this week

Gn 21:21

Ps 86: 1-10, 16-17

Rom 6:1b-11

Mt 10:24-39

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>



시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-24

성령강림후 2주일 (2nd Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 6월 14일 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 35장 **통 50장** 큰 영화로우신 주

새 270장 **통 214장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **사도행전 26:24-29**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 우리는 어떤 기독교인인가?

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)
새 440장 **통 497장** 어디든지 예수 나를 이끌면

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
고전 11:2-16

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
고전 9:24-12:31

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my supplications.
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- 412 What shall I return to the Lord
for all his bounty to me?
- 13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
- 14 I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- 15 Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 16 O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.
- 18 I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- 19 in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

(NRSV)

Reflections

Praise the Lord: The Psalm above, begins with an affirmation of love for God. We are called to love God for God. There are also good reasons to respond in love. The Psalmist exclaims that God has heard their voice and prayers. The Psalmist ponders what to do in response to God's care and commits to both public and private worship of God.

This past week we witnessed the memorial services and funeral to George Floyd. Noteworthy was the faith of the people expressed in public worship. No doubt they felt God had heard their voice and prayers in their time of pain and anguish. That of course is not the end. Surely God will prod the hearts and minds of people the world over to change attitudes and behaviour towards people with different skin colour. Of course, that is not the end of the matter. Surely, people whose hearts and minds have been so prodded, will endeavour to worship God by doing all they can to overturn implicit racism. I remember an aboriginal man saying to me years ago that he thought God was colour blind and therefore saw no differences, he also referred to another aboriginal man who thought God sees the colours of the rainbow, and celebrates.

Either way, surely we can do better to what is happening now. A starting place might be for each of us to re-evaluate our own attitudes and behaviours. Someone put a meme on facebook of a black and white handshake and suggested this is what we need. Another responded no, because the two arms were level, and in reality the black arm is lower than the white arm. We can say people are level when people have level opportunity, life-expectancy and so on. All of us have blind streaks in our interactions with people of different skin colour. It is not that only people with white skin who have this, but people with white skin in a dominant white society tend to use power in a coercive way. We don't realise it is in our language, ideas, and preferences. Sometimes when we seek to do the right thing, we don't realise that we have a streak of racism. Deliberate or unintentional the outcome is the same. We need new sight. No need to be defensive. We can raise our prejudices to God in our supplications, as well as asking for a change in the way we see others in the world. That might be "returning to the Lord all his bounty to us," and, "lifting up the cup of salvation," and, "paying our vows to the Lord." When we have asked God for a new way, a new vision to see, and put in place new actions towards the person(s) whose skin colour is different to our own, we might be ready to "praise the Lord." And what a celebration that will be.

Heritage Sunday: Heritage Sunday will be celebrated on 21 June 2020. Note that the Parramatta congregations will hold a combined service at 10 am.

COVID-19: The lifting of restrictions continues to be monitored. At this stage, and for the duration of June, Parramatta Mission Sunday services of worship will be by zoom.

Most meetings continue to be via zoom or teams. People are reminded that when entering any Parramatta Mission property to adhere to the local protocols. These are Parramatta Mission COVID-19 protocols and emergency evacuation procedures. In Macquarie St Parramatta, that means reporting to reception, having temperature recorded, details taken. All access is via the reception.

When return to in-person worship commences, COVID-19 protocols will apply. That will include attendance details recorded, limits on numbers attending, no singing, hand sanitisers. At this stage the Uniting Church does *not* recommend in-person attendance at worship. We will keep you updated of details as they come to hand.

Zoom Service visits: The Pastoral Team are encouraging people in our congregations to invite others in the congregation visit for the zoom service on Sunday and then share in morning tea afterwards.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

All the action from the Parramatta Light Rail Infrastructure Works team this month

June 2020 Upcoming activities

Westmead

- Setting up a site compound at the corner of Hawkesbury Road and Railway Parade.
- Changing traffic conditions and establishing continuous worksites along Hawkesbury Road and Hainsworth Street to start civil works.
- Putting in new electrical, communication, water and gas services along Hawkesbury Road.
- Removing utilities along Hainsworth Street and checking retained services.
- Removing trees and road/street furniture at Darcy, Hawkesbury and Farmhouse Roads, Hainsworth Street and Cumberland campus.
- Installing signs, line marking and local footpath works.
- Finalising archaeological heritage investigation and salvage work within Cumberland Campus.

Parramatta North

- Changing traffic conditions along Church Street and to one lane, one way only southbound to establish utility relocation worksites.
- Establishing continuous worksites along Church and Factory Streets to start civil works.
- Relocating bus stops on Church Street between Dunlop Street and Victoria Road to O'Connell Street and installing bus stops on Victoria Road between Church Street and Villiers Street.
- Continuing utility investigation and relocation work along Factory and Church Streets.
- Continuing removal of buildings and set up of site compounds at 1-2/2 Factory Street and 387, 435, 439-441 and 519 Church Street.
- Removing trees, concrete medians and road/street furniture along Factory Street, Church Street and intersections.
- Installing signs, line marking and local footpath works.

Parramatta CBD

- Establishing larger, continuous worksites along Church Street to start civil works.
- Installing drainage pipes and pits along Church Street.
- Installing smart pole foundations and commence installation of low voltage power conduit.
- Installing new Telstra conduits, pits and cables along Church, George, Smith and Macquarie Streets, and Centenary Square.
- Installing a new waste water main and removing a substation at Barrack Lane.
- Installing a new street light path along the light rail route between Market and Smith Streets.
- Installing new utilities on Macquarie and Harris Streets including power, gas, water and telecommunications.

- Continuing removal of buildings and establishment of site compound at 129-133 Alfred Street, Parramatta.
- Continuing with archaeological heritage investigation and salvage work along George Street between Harris and Alfred Streets (Queens Wharf Reserve).
- Starting archaeological salvage work Robin Thomas Reserve.
- Removing trees along Macquarie Street between Church and Harris Streets, George Street between Harris and Alfred Streets, and Harris Street between George Street and Parkes Street.
- Starting micro tunnelling under Church Street and Centenary Square.
- Reducing George Street eastbound between Harris and Alfred Streets to one lane to establish worksites for utility investigation and relocation.
- Removing street furniture, awnings, outdoor dining structures and trees on Church Street from Market to Macquarie Streets.

Camellia to Carlingford

- Heritage conservation work at Dundas Station.
- Excavating, laying backfill pipes and installing pits on Tramway Avenue from Arthur Street to James Ruse Drive and from James Ruse Drive to Camellia and Rydalmere Stops.
- Continuing with bridgeworks including piling, ground treatment works, formwork and concrete work between Camellia to Carlingford.
- Installing corridor fencing, clearing vegetation and earthworks, Camellia.
- Under boring (tunnelling) under Kissing Point Road for utilities, Kissing Point Road.
- Continuing with utilities relocation at Leamington Road Bridge Underpass, Dundas.
- Installing new electrical and communication conduits and installing new water and gas mains on Tramway Avenue, between Arthur Street and James Ruse Drive. Constructing new sewer manholes on Tramway Avenue, between Arthur Street to James Ruse Drive and to the former Camellia train station and Sandown Line.
- Continuing with tree removal and earthworks, including strip topsoil, excavation and fill from James Ruse Drive and along the former T6 Carlingford Line.
- Piling and concrete work for substructure at James Hardie underbridge at Camellia, within the former rail corridor.
- Deconstructing and piling work at Parramatta River underbridge at Camellia, within the former rail corridor.
- Carefully removing and salvage brick arches at Parramatta River Underbridge, Camellia.
- Constructing fencing along the platform at Rosehill Station.
- Demolition of existing culvert underpass at Leamington Road to construct a larger underpass.

For all the latest details on work in your area, visit the [Parramatta Light Rail website](#).

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 7th 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. A separate communication will be sent out soon.

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: 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 Glenfield Uniting Church.*

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**

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