



Parramatta
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OUR NEWS
21st 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

HERITAGE SUNDAY 2020 @ PARRAMATTA MISSION



Sunday 21 June is 'Heritage Sunday' at Parramatta Mission – an important part of the annual celebration of our mutual history, commencing with the ministry of Rev. Samuel Leigh in 1815 and extending for over 200 years of 'worship, witness and service' at Parramatta and Westmead. Our 2020 acknowledgements include the 43rd anniversary of the UCA (1977), the 10th anniversary of Wesley Apartments (2010), the 40th anniversary of Koombartoo (1980), the 135th anniversary of Leigh Memorial Church (1885) and the 200th anniversary of the birth of Parramatta-born evangelist, Rev. John 'Father' Watsford (1820) (pictured), who conducted important work in both Australia and Fiji. It is also 10 years since we shared 'Festival 2010.' Who remembers all the fun of the

Festival? Next year, we will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first Chapel and Sunday School on our Parramatta site in 1821 and the 30th anniversaries of the Westmead congregation at Queens Road and the official inauguration of the "Fijian Parish of Parramatta Mission" (Leigh Fijian), in 1991. NB: A 'supplement' providing details of this year's heritage anniversaries, plus some additional insights, is available with this week's newsletter. *In all our PM heritage acknowledgements, we recognise the traditional owners of all the lands on which we gather, honour their history and living culture, and pay our respect to elders past, present and emerging.*



HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Many thanks to everyone for your support of our Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee for the past 11 years – and a big "thank you" to members: Keith, Liz, Inise, Lorna and Neil, who represent all three of our PM congregations. Please pray for the work of the committee as the Mission moves into a new and challenging era in its history. Members will be working hard to both preserve the past and pave the way for future opportunities. The example of our forebears is one defined by steadfastness and courage in the face of often enormous odds. May their "staying power" and faith inspire us in this challenging year of 2020.

LIVING FAITHFULLY IN THE MIDST OF MANY RELIGIONS

Members are encouraged to participate in Clive Pearson's forthcoming 'zoom' series on this important and fascinating topic, commencing this Saturday 20 June, 10.00-11.30am. The zoom connection is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3602745736>

COVID-19 REMINDER: DO THE '3'

Although restrictions have, and are being eased, members are reminded to Do the 3': social distancing, regular hand washing & if possible, get the COVID app. All basic health precautions in relation to the virus remain in place. These are especially important for those planning to visit fellow members and/or re-engage with community activities.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/default.aspx>

CONGREGATION PRAYERS

Our congregation's continued thoughts and prayers are with Rev. Manas & Nita, and with all our ministers and their families. We also pray for our representatives on the Leaders Team, the Church Council and the soon to convene 'CCLM' (Combined Congregations Leaders Meeting).

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....

Becoming one requires us to be people
on a journey to justice, equality and peace

Foster your faith this week

Gn 22:1-14

Ps 13

Rom 6:12-23

Mt 10:40-42

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
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This Sunday the Parramatta congregations are celebrating heritage Sunday. Here is paragraph by Clive Pearson about John Watsford, who was the first Australian born Methodist minister, and who grew up in Parramatta.

The missionary influence of the Parramatta church extends to New Zealand, Tonga and Fiji. John Watsford (whose bust is in the church) served for two spells in Fiji. In the course of the second of those times (1851-1853) he was stationed at Viwa where, along with the Rev. J. Calvert, he was asked to work further on John Hunt's translation of the New Testament into Fijian. He wrote that he 'was at it day after day from early dawn until late at night'. He was assisted by two Fijians (I Taukei) from Bau – Ratu Tevita Koroitukana and Ratu Luke Matanibaba. The Viwa translation was a revised version of the work of Rev John Hunt.

3000 copies were printed and made available in April 1853.

By Clive Pearson

성령강림후 3주일 (3rd Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 6월 21일 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 14 장 통 30 장 구 우리 하나님

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 로마서 12:14-21

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 높은 자리, 낮은 자리

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn) 새 359 장 통 401 장 천성을 향해 가는 성도들아

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 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
고전 11:2-16

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
고전9:24-12:31

Psalm 86

Supplication for Help against Enemies A Prayer of David.

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
 - 2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
- You are my God;
- 3 be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
 - 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
 - 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
 - 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.
 - 7 In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.
 - 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
 - 9 All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
 - 10 For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.
 - 11 Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
 - 12 I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
 - 13 For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
 - 14 O God, the insolent rise up against me;
a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.
 - 15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
 - 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant;
save the child of your serving-maid.
 - 17 Show me a sign of your favour,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

(NRSV)

Reflections

The 150 Psalms in the Hebrew scriptures cover the full range of human experience and emotion. Often the emotions are raw, from delight, pain, grief, anger, plea for help. Multiple emotions might be expressed in one Psalm. They express hope and trust in God, even in the most difficult of times. A Psalm can be found for every condition and situation.

The Psalm above is a statement of trust in God. The Psalm has three sections, 1-7 a prayer for help in a time of trouble, 8-13 prayer of thanksgiving, 14-17 returns to the first theme of seeking help and deliverance in a time of trouble. Notice that in verses 1-4, the Psalmist prays for help in a difficult time, then verses 5-7 speaks of God's good and forgiving nature, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon God. In verse 7 the Psalmist expresses confidence that God will answer this prayer. This leads into the next section, 8-13, of praise of God, who is above all others, like no other gods, and who alone does wondrous deeds. Then, in the midst of this, the Psalmist asks to be taught God's way; to live (walk) in truth and to give an undivided heart to adore God for ever. To sharpen that point, the Psalmist not only prays seeking deliverance from a difficult situation, they also pray to be taught to trust God more fully. The last section of the Psalm returns to the theme of seeking help from those who oppose them, and who have no regard for God. It is difficult to know if during the prayer the Psalmist has received deliverance from those who oppress them, or if that is a hope to come. Also expressed is a desire that those who oppress be put to shame. The psalm ends with a note of strong trust in God.

The Psalmist models for us that we can go to God about every and any situation, of delight or difficulty. The difficulty, hurt, trouble or grief may not be 'fixed' but the relationship with God is strengthened, and the Psalmist is able to face life.

Covid and PM: The pastoral team has been deliberating on when and how a return to in person church might occur. Information has been obtained. Additionally, the construction of the Light Rail in both Parramatta and Westmead is reducing weekend access to our sites. Part of the process will involve the completion of church worship plans, and agreement on the plans from the Church Council. The three congregation leaders' meetings have been separately discussing these matters. The pastoral team will keep everyone informed of progress.

Covid and PM: Each of the PM services is also working on managing the changing situation as restrictions lift. Some of our activities will continue to be by virtual means as the new normal, others will make different decisions depending upon the location and type of service provided. The Executive, Senior Staff, and all staff are continuing to assess and make adjustments.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



Thank you to Parramatta Rotary for their visit and very generous donation of food and essential items today. The continued support of local organisations is essential to our services in supporting vulnerable people in our community.

Many people don't see themselves as carers. They are just children, parents, partners or friends who care for someone close to them. Caring for yourself is just as important as caring for your loved ones. If you are a carer, you can get help and support from the government and other organisations through the new Carer Gateway.
<https://www.carergateway.gov.au/>



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.

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, 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.*
- ♥ *We pray for Grantham Heights 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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