



Parramatta
Mission



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OUR NEWS

12th July 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

LM CONGREGATION UPDATE



Our congregation's continued thoughts and prayers are with Manas, Nita & all our PM ministers and their families at this transitional juncture. We also pray for our reps on the Leaders Team, Mission Council and the CCLM as they participate in a number of key planning actions for the future. Information regarding all changes has, and will be, shared in a variety of formats. Look out for updates in the newsletter and thanks for everyone's support. Please remember those members who are unwell and needing prayer – see the 'prayer points' page.

REV. MANAS – LEAVE

Manas is on study leave. Please consult the Pastoral team or leaders for assistance, or call 9891-2277.

MEALS PLUS

Meals Plus has a special place in the hearts of Leigh Memorial members. Thanks to all those who supported the winter fundraising drive. Donations to keep Meals Plus going are important on an ongoing basis – please consider giving, as able: <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/meals-support-services/meals-and-outreach/>

BIENNALE OF SYDNEY – 'NIRIN'

An enrichment activity that may be of interest to members is this year's landmark, First Nations-led Sydney 'Biennale.' It includes both an online program and safely operated art exhibitions at sites such as the Art Gallery of NSW, the Campbelltown Arts Centre and Cockatoo Island. 'Nirin' is an Aboriginal word meaning 'Edge.' Some of our members have already visited 'Nirin' and found it a valuable experience. Artwork (pictured): *Listen and Learn* by the Mimili Maku Artists collective, Northern Territory, housed at the Art Gallery of NSW. The Sydney Biennale will operate at various sites until 27 September.

<https://www.biennaleofsydney.art/artists/kunmanara-mumu-mike-williams/>

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.

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.

PARRAMATTA: CITY WITH A SOUL

The PM Heritage Committee places its support behind benevolent community efforts to save the historic 'Willow Grove' and 'St. George's Terrace' on Phillip Street, Parramatta. A compromise plan to enable new construction on the riverbank and elsewhere, plus preserve these and other important heritage buildings, is being sought. Amid a swathe of impressive new construction, the 'new' Parramatta needs solid connectors to its past that simultaneously provide the townscape with a diverse set of aesthetics and inspirations – in addition to sufficient commercial drawcards: "A city without heritage is a city without a soul."



Chaplain Amelia is keeping open a ZOOM link for congregation members to have a drop in and catch up online

on Wednesdays 6-6.30pm

on Thursdays 10.30-11am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355>

Or Dial by your location

+61 2 8015 6011 Australia

Find your local number: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/abPNNBXbyA>

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.

TAI CHI AND PASTORAL GROUPS

We now have Covid Safe Plans approved by the church council for Tai Chi and some Pastoral groups to return. However, there are strict guidelines around any return. Please do NOT attend any group if you have a fever, runny nose or any sign of illness. There are significant cleaning protocols which must be adhered to and all who enter the church space need to use hand sanitiser, keep 1.5 m away from others and register their attendance. Please see Rev Christine for further information.

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.

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 **Will be returning in next few weeks**

Foster your faith this week

Gn 28:10-19a

Ps 139:1-12, 23-24

Rom 8:12-25

Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

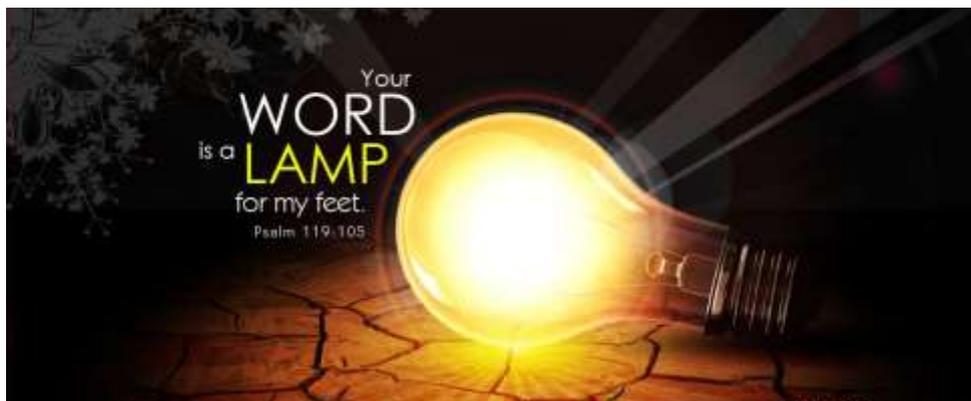
Pastoral message for this week....

God speaks on both sides of any border,
any closed door

Psalm 119:105-112

- ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
- ¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.
- ¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.
- ¹⁰⁸ Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,
and teach me your ordinances.
- ¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
- ¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.
- ¹¹¹ Your decrees are my heritage for ever;
they are the joy of my heart.
- ¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes
for ever, to the end.

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Reflection

Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm in the Hebrew Scriptures, at 176 verses! It is written in the form of an alphabetic acrostic consisting of twenty two stanzas, each with eight lines, each of which begins with the letter of the Hebrew alphabet for that stanza. The psalm covers off on all the major themes of the *Torah*, the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures. The psalmist is showing great devotion to the teaching of God, in which he finds direction and comfort and even happiness. The focus of the verses above is the word of the Lord.

Many congregations would be familiar with the opening words (v. 105) which are often used as a prayer of preparation to hear the scriptures proclaimed in church. The word of the Lord guides the Psalmist. It is a life not always easy. The Psalmist is 'severely afflicted' (v. 107), the wicked have 'laid a snare' for them (v. 110) and they hold their life in their hands all the time, which can be taken to mean that they live a precarious existence in which the daily decisions of every day is potentially life-threatening (v. 109). While written long before COVID 19, it does speak to our situation today. Against these concerns and threats, the psalmist vows continual observance of God's 'law' (vv. 106, 108, 111-112). Most importantly, in facing the difficulties the psalmist is not dependent upon their own efforts and abilities. The psalmist recognises their dependence on the continued blessing of God (vv. 107-8). It is for this reason that the psalmist speaks of God's decrees (teaching, guidance, lore) as the joy of their heart (v. 111). The psalm is a witness to faith and trust in God. This trust is expressed in both going to God in times of difficulty, and the keeping or adherence to God's teaching (ordinance, law, decrees, statutes) in the entirety of life.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



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FOR SOMEONE IN
NEED**



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someone in need.

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Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

NAIDOC Week was scheduled to begin in July, but its national committee has decided to move the event to November 8-15 due to risks associated with COVID-19.

성령강림후 6주일 (6th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 7월 12일 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 14장 **통 30장** 주 우리 하나님

새 270장 **통 214장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **마가복음 6:14-16; 갈라디아서 5:1**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 그리스도 자유

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 380장 **통 424장** 나의 생명 되신 주

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 전 세계가 전염병으로 휩쓸 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
벤전4:12-19

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
벤전 3:13-사1:31

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, 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 McCredie UC – Guildford.*

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