



Parramatta  
Mission



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OUR NEWS

19th 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

## CONGREGATION PRAYERS

Our congregation's continued thoughts and prayers are with our PM ministers and their families during this transitional time. Please watch the newsletters for updates and pray for all those – including our pastoral team, church leaders and PM staff – who are involved in a variety of impactful decisions. We also pray for the people of NSW & Victoria during the current, coronavirus resurgence and for all Australians negotiating everyday life in these unique and challenging times.

NB: Rev. Manas's study leave concludes on 19 July.

## INSPIRATION: GOD'S CREATION

Those looking for a little extra inspiration & cheer, may want to view the award-winning animated Pixar film 'Piper' (2016) (approx. 4 mins duration). It highlights both the beauty of God's creation and values such as courage and resourcefulness:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAIRXlckfMA> The Australian National Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour is also hosting the 55<sup>th</sup> 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year' exhibition from 14 July. The museum can be safely visited (please check online for confirmation of this before attending), or highlights of the exhibition are available for viewing on the museum website:

<https://www.sea.museum/wildlife>



## 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/>

## 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.

# HAPPY 25<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY!



A very happy 'quarter of a century' birthday to Callum for 16 July! Callum has been a faithful member of Leigh Memorial throughout his entire 25 years and a member of the Sunday School, Youth Group, Music Team, Special Events team and PA crew. He's also a loyal supporter of the mighty Parramatta Eels and the WS Wanderers. Callum says he's looking forward to working the PA desk again and singing once church resumes. Thank you for your many voluntary contributions Callum and blessings from all of us – and many thanks to all those who are working hard 'behind the scenes' for our congregation, especially during the

current lockdown. We also thank the pastoral team for their generous support of everyone in recent weeks & months, including Amelia with our weekly zoom worship and Clive with the wonderful 'Living faithfully in the midst of many Religions' study series.

Happy 25th birthday Callum.  
Hope you have had an amazing day

Best wishes Coral & Tracey



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/u/abPNNBXbyA>

## WESTMEAD Congregation

### **CONDOLENCES**

Our condolences go to Natasha whose grandmother passed away. Please keep Natasha and her family in your prayers.

### **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.



**DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship**

**Sundays 9.45am via zoom from 7<sup>th</sup> 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**

BELOW: A big thank you to the congregation of St Matthews Uniting Church Baulkham Hills for the donation of welcome bags for women in our services. Some essentials items and special treats that will put a smile on many faces.

@stmatthewsunitingchurchbaulkhamhills



***Pastoral message for this week....***

Our future is being reshaped.  
While we wait impatiently, let's keep hope alive.  
God knows

## Psalm 139

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;**  
**you discern my thoughts from afar.**

2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 For there is not a word on my tongue,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You encompass me behind and before  
**and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
**so high that I cannot attain it.**

6 Where can I go then from your spirit?  
**Or where can I flee from your presence?**

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
**if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

8 If I take the wings of the morning  
**and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

9 Even there your hand shall lead me,  
**your right hand hold me fast.**

10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me  
**and the light around me turn to night,'**

11 Even darkness is no darkness with you;  
the night is as clear as the day;  
**darkness and light to you are both alike.**

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
**marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.**

14 My frame was not hidden from you,  
**when I was made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished;  
**already in your book were all my members written,**

16 As day by day they were fashioned  
**when as yet there was none of them.**

17 How deep are your counsels to me, O God!  
**How great is the sum of them!**

18 If I count them, they are more in number than the sand,  
**and at the end, I am still in your presence.**

19 O that you would slay the wicked, O God,  
**that the bloodthirsty might depart from me!**

20 They speak against you with wicked intent;  
**your enemies take up your name for evil.**

21 Do I not oppose those, O Lord, who oppose you?  
**Do I not abhor those who rise up against you?**

22 I hate them with a perfect hatred;  
**they have become my own enemies also.**

23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
**try me and examine my thoughts.**

24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me  
**and lead me in the way everlasting.**

*Uniting in Worship II*

## Reflections

Jews, Christians and Muslims have much in common. Of course, there are also important distinctions. Additionally, Christians and Jews share the same Hebrew Scriptures, often referred to by Christians as the Old Testament. Psalm 139, from the Hebrew scriptures, expresses the faith of two important aspects of Judaism and Christianity. God is omnipotent. That is God has very great power. God is vast. God is beyond us. Also God is omnipresent. That is God is widespread or constantly encountered. God is present throughout creation, the whole universe everywhere at the same time. The Psalm suggests that God is even in the world of the dead, at the vast reaches of creation and is not hindered by night. God who is vast and beyond our understanding is also close by and concerned for the whole creation and engages with the creation, and even the individual. Psalm 139 underlines the importance of the individual yet not in an individualistic way. It questions the pursuit of individualism and speaks to seeking the best interests of everyone. The Psalm affirms God's intimate knowledge and a personal relationship with God. For the psalmist, this is all wonderful. The psalmist is troubled by the wickedness of others, but in the context of concern about their own relationship with God. The psalmist desires a right relationship with God, and humbly desires to have revealed to them any non-God honouring ways so that they can change or be changed to better live in the right way with God.

In a time of COVID, or in a time of change, the faith of the Psalmist reveals the inherent worth of all people and the closeness of God, and the possibility for God to give encouragement and hope.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

## Fijian Congregation

Following on from the study 'Living faithfully in the midst of many faiths' Clive has arranged for two further sessions with dates yet to be confirmed:

- \* Associate Professor Mehmet Ozalp will respond to questions that have been raised with regards Islamic beliefs and how Islam understands the Christian faith.
- \* Dr Mahsheed Ansari will reflect upon the experience of Muslim women.

Thursday night study: 23 July 7:00-8:00 pm. Eda na veidutaitaka kina na gaunisala e rau tukuna nai Vola Tabu kei na Qur'an me baleta na kedratou I talanoa ko Atama (Ivi), Eparama, Josefa kei Meri.

Youth Group : Vakaraubuka :24 Jiulai,7.30 -9.00pm. Eda na veitalanoataka tiko kina na Ulutaga "Our Lives Matter".

Sunday School : Era sa sureti tiko na gone ena nodra gauna mai na 11am kina 11.15am ena Zoom ni bera na noda lotu.

Covid 19 : Sa kerei tikoga na noda rokova tiko na lawa ni "social distancing"vei keda yadudua kei ira eda veimaliwai vata kaya.

Sa kerei na noda veitaratara yani vei Talatala Clive (0409 523024) ke tiko e dua na nomu leqa se tauvimate.

Na vakanuinui Vinaka ni Siga ni Sucu kivei ira kece sara era marautaka na nodra yabaki vou ni bula ena vula oqo ko Jiulai.

***Foster your faith this week***

***Gn 29:15-28***

***Ps 105:1-11 45b or Ps 128***

***Rom 8:26-39***

***Mt 13:31-33, 44-52***



# CLIMATE PASTORAL CARE CONFERENCE

*Christian training in Care, Communication & Action*

Online: 30th July - 1st August 2020

Registrations are now open!

To view the full program and register visit: [www.unitearth.org.au/climate-conference/](http://www.unitearth.org.au/climate-conference/)

## **SPEAKERS:**

### Dr. Rebecca Huntley

Hear one of Australia's most experienced social researchers discuss:  
Why is it so hard to talk about climate change? (KEYNOTE Fri 12:45pm)

### Merle Conyer

KEYNOTE: Responding to children and young people who are  
experiencing anxiety about our warming world (Fri 3pm)

### Dr. Sally Gillespie

WORKSHOP: Holding Grief, Honouring Beauty, Healing our World:  
A reflective workshop on sustaining climate engagement (Fri 2pm)

### Dr. Byron Smith

KEYNOTE: Deadly Growth: Cancer, COVID-19 and Climate (Thurs 8:15pm)  
WORKSHOP: Emotional barriers to climate action (Fri 2pm)

### Krystyna Kidson

WORKSHOP: All you need to have a transformative,  
therapeutic, Spirit-centred, climate-related conversation (Fri 5pm)

### Rev. Dr. Stephen Robinson

KEYNOTE: Bushfires, Chaplaincy and Climate Change (Thurs 7:30pm)

### Brooke Prentis

KEYNOTE: 250 years of advocacy for Creation and Climate Justice:  
Learnings from Aboriginal peoples (Sat, 12:15pm)

WORKSHOP: Hope and Grief in the face of climate inaction:  
Whiteness and #BlackLivesMatter (Fri, 3:45pm)

- + School Strike 4 Climate
- + Christian Students Uniting
- + Stories from Australian eco churches
- And more...

## Main Program:

**Thursday 7pm - 9pm**

**Friday 12pm - 6pm**

**Saturday 10am - 2pm**

See the full program for  
bonus sessions...

**Climate Anxiety  
and  
Pastoral Care**

**How to communicate  
climate change**

**How your church  
can take action**



**Sponsors:**



**Register now!**

[www.unitearth.org.au/climate-conference/](http://www.unitearth.org.au/climate-conference/)

성령강림후 7주일 (7th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 7월 19일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 1 장 통 1 장 만복의 근원 하나님 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) ..... 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 15 장 통 55 장 하나님의 크신 사랑

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 잠언 8:32-36; 요한복음 1:1-5

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 들으라, 따르라, 지켜보라

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn) 새 455 장 통 507 장 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 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
벨전 4:12-19

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
벨전 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: Natasha and her family, 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, Robyne and Phil. All farmers and their communities, Sharon, 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, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Vita, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Lyn, Ruth and Lela, Mr and Mrs S.*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery that extends from Galston to Bargo, Lidcombe to Blackheath.*
- ♥ *We pray for Indonesian Church at Maroubra and Wentworthville*

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