



Parramatta
Mission



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Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

2nd August 2020

*The Struggle is
Real...*

BUT SO IS
OUR GOD

**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 UPDATE

Our congregation's continued thoughts & prayers are with our PM ministers, staff and leaders during this transitional time. Members with questions regarding Keith's recent announcement are invited to email him. Please also keep an eye on the newsletters for further updates. A closure of ministry and thank you service for Manas and Christine will be held in September. A combined task group has been formed to coordinate this event (convenor, Robert Key – enquiries: robert.key@parramattamission.org.au). "Many thanks" to all those continuing to facilitate a smooth and positive pathway ahead. It is valued – the LM Leaders team.

AUGUST 'BOOK MONTH' @ LEIGH!



This month, we'll be recommending some inspirational books to read during the final weeks of winter. If anyone has suggestions they would like to share, please send them to LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com.

This week's member recommended books are:

(1) *God, Stephen Hawking and the Multiverse* (David Wilkinson and David Hutchings, 2020), and (2) *In the Garden: A Collection of Botanical Scripture Verses* (House Whitaker, 2020). Our sentimental Book Worm's suggestion for the week is bestselling novel, *Her Mother's Hope* by Francine Rivers. NB: Before purchasing books, remember to check local libraries, second-hand sales, swops with friends, e-books, audio-books and 'free' or discounted options online.

PASTORAL CARE FOCUS: CHILDREN & YOUTH

We are mindful of this year's Year 12 students and their families at this time, in addition to our children and young people dealing with changes/disruptions to schooling, post-school education and job seeking in 2020. Prayers for all, including those studying or working from home – or giving their time as community volunteers or family carers. For additional support, please contact Rev. Manas, the Leaders team or the office, via 9891-2277.

TOILETRIES DONATIONS

August is Leigh Memorial's toiletries collection month for PM. This year, all donations will need to be taken directly to the office, and only if it is safe to do so. Suggestions include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, wipes, shampoo, soap, sanitizer, disposable shavers, women's products and face washers. Warm socks are also a big help at this time of year. Please call 9891-2277 if you require assistance.

PARRAMATTA BY FOOT – ARTISTS' TRAIL



An initiative of Rosehill Ward Councilors and curated by the Parramatta Artists' Studios opposite us in Macquarie Street, 'Parramatta by Foot' is a series of fascinating, outdoor art installations in three locations: Wentworth Point, Harris Park and the Parramatta River bike path. The installations are themed, and available for viewing until late September.

<https://www.discoverparramatta.com/see-and-do/parramatta-by-foot>

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

Offerings to the 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. Ongoing support for Meals Plus is also crucial.

See <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/meals-support-services/meals-and-outreach/> or contact Coral or Tracey, 9891-2277, for assistance.

Foster your faith this week

Gn 37:1-4, 12-28

Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Rom 10:5-15

Mt 14:22-33

Pastoral message for this week....

When we are unsure of the future, God is with us.
When we wrestle with ourselves, God is with us.

WESTMEAD Congregation

PRAYER

Please continue to pray for the staff and leadership of Parramatta Mission, including the Combined Congregations' Leaders Meeting as they work together in the leadership of the congregations in the coming months.

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 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**

성령강림후 9주일 (9th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 8월 02일 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 35 장 통 50 장 큰 영화로신 주

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마태복음 15:1-9

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 신령과 진정한 예배

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn) 새 318 장 통 528 장 예수가 우리를 부르는 소리

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
이사야 19:16-26

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
이사야18:1-22:14

Psalm 17: 1-7, 15

1 Hear a just cause, O Lord;
attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
2 From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.
3 If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
4 As for what others do,
by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
5 My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
6 I call upon you, for you will answer me,
O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.
7 Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O saviour of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right
hand.
15 As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

New Revised Translation

Reflection

The Psalm is a loud cry for deliverance. We can understand that. The Psalmist calls for God's help, proclaiming their innocence of wrongdoing. The Psalmist expects God to deal with the situation, and the Psalmist seeks refuge in God. The very act of crying out to God is an act of faith, that God hears and God cares. The Psalmist wants to be near God, and in a time of trouble this is comforting. God may not 'fix' the problem, but God's empathy can assist the psalmist face the problem, and God leading, inspiration lead to finding solutions. COVID-19 wont be magically fixed, but we can take our concerns, fears even anxieties to God, and pray for God's inspiration in finding ways to live with COVID, and even for those working on finding a vaccine.

Transition of Parramatta Mission

The Church Council decided to realign the vision of Parramatta Mission to the Parramatta Local Government Area, the City of Parramatta. That includes Parramatta and Westmead.

As part of these transitions the Church Council decided to move government funded programs to another part of the Uniting Church. These discussions are underway with two parts of the UCA.

The Church Council decided to review the possibility of retaining in the new Parramatta Mission Hope Hostel and Thelma Brown Cottage. A review is underway to determine if that is contractually possible, financially sustainable and clinically feasible.

Meals Plus, 175 and Wesley Apartments will be retained in the new Parramatta Mission. These programs will be amended where necessary to be sustainable and to flourish.

The Church Council decided to reorganise the congregations and Council of Parramatta Mission to be financially and socially sustainable and enable the community to flourish and be repositioned as a city church, as part of the inSpire Parramatta vision set by the Church Council in 2016. The inSpire vision is:

- **A place of life and worship, community and practice established in the hospitality of Christ.**
- **A public place which acknowledges the heritage of the past while encouraging visions of the future.**
- **A place to pursue the common good;**
- **A nurturing place.**
- **A place which is open to God's future.**

The conclusion of placement ministry for Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly, Rev Dr Manas Ghosh and the conclusion of supply ministry for Rev Dr Clive Pearson will be on Sunday 27 September. There will be a combined service. Details to follow.

I will be going on leave (annual, study and long service leave) from 6 October 2020 to work on my PHD thesis, returning 21 February 2021. The conclusion of placement for myself will be in February 2021.

The transition will take the balance of the financial year through to 30 June 2021. Regular updates will be provided through the newsletter.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Living faithfully in the midst of many faiths:

On line Follow up!

Following our 4 part series there was a request for further sessions when we might converse with a couple of Muslims about their beliefs and practice.

Saturday 8 August: 10:00 am – 11:30 am.
Dr Mahsheed Ansari
(women in Islam).

Saturday 15 August: 10:00am— 11:30 am.
Associate Professor Mehmet Ozalp
(Islamic beliefs and practices).

You are welcome to join in the conversation.

This series has been crafted to be in keeping with the 5 principles of Inspiring the Common Good.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3602745736>

Contact: Clive Pearson: cliverpearson@gmail.com
0409 523 024

Fijian Congregation

1. Ena qaravi tiko na i ka va (4) ni wasewase ni vuli ena ulutaga **'Living faithfully in the midst of many faiths'**, ena siga Lotulevu nai ka 6 ni siga ena vula ko Okosita mai na 7:00-8:00 pm. Eda na veidutaitaka na cava e tukuna na Qu'ran kei na Veiyalayalati vou me baleti Jisu.

2. **Soqosoqo ni Tabagone (Youth group):** Vakaraubuka nai ka 7 ni siga ni vula ko Okosita mai na , 7:30-9:00 pm.
Ulutaga: **The Christian Faith and Other Faiths.**

3. **Covid 19:** Kerei me da rokova nai vakasala mai na matanitu me baleta na sosoqoni vata ena noda vei vale, ni sa tososi sobu mai 20 ki na 10 nai wiliwili ni tamata.





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Every dollar makes a difference.

<https://www.parramatta.mission.org.au/donate/>

Thank you to North Rocks Shopping Centre customers for your very generous donations to Parramatta Mission - assisting those in need. Look out for these big red donation bins if you are in the centre - collecting donations until the end of August of non-perishable food and toiletry items. North Rocks Shopping Centre more information at <https://bit.ly/NoRo-Parra-Mission>



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.*
- ♥ *PM Fijian: 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 Jamistown Uniting Church*

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