



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 UPDATE

Our congregation's continued thoughts and prayers are with Manas & Nita, and all our PM ministers, staff, leaders, members and families during this transitional time at Parramatta Mission. Members with questions regarding Keith's announcement last Sunday, including information on the structure of the "new" Parramatta Mission, are invited to email to him. Please also keep an eye on this week's newsletter and those to come for further, official updates. A special service of thanks/ closure for the PM ministries of Manas and Christine will be held in September. Keith will be on study leave from October and concluding his tenure in February, 2021. Many thanks to Ian, and key others, for their considerable and ongoing efforts to facilitate a smooth and positive pathway for the implementation of this new phase in our Church and Mission's 'life and witness' journey – the LM Leaders team.

INSPIRATION: JOIN OUR 'BOOK MONTH' @ LEIGH!

During August, we'll be recommending some enriching books to read during the final chilly weeks of winter. If anyone has suggestions they would like to share, please send them to LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com by each Sunday. For this week's preview, our Book Worm recommends 2 recently released books: Australian non-fiction book, *God is Enough* by Ray Galea and children's e-book: *Dear God, I Have a Question* by Kathryn Slattery. Our first member recommendation is: *God is with you every day*, a devotional guide by Max Lucado. *Before purchasing a book, remember to check second-hand book sales, 'pre-loved' reading websites and swops with friends, plus e-books, audio-books and 'free' or discounted options online.



PASTORAL CARE

Members are reminded to exercise caution and follow recommended coronavirus and flu prevention guidelines when visiting fellow members or others who may be elderly or in vulnerable health, and/or when engaging in group/community activities. Our prayers remain with the people of NSW & Victoria during the current virus resurgence. If anyone needs additional support or assistance at this time, including practical help, please don't hesitate to contact Manas, the congregation leaders or the PM office on 9891-2277.

TOILETRIES DONATIONS

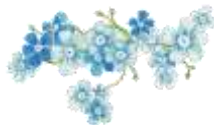
August is traditionally Leigh Memorial's toiletries collection month for PM. This year, toiletries may still be donated, however they will need to be taken directly to the office – and only if it is safe to do so. Suggestions include: toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, wipes shampoo, soap, sanitizer, disposable shavers, women's products, face washers & combs. If you are unable to make a delivery at this time, that is not a problem. There will be another collection next year. For those who can make a drop-off or alternative donation, "thank you." While many things have stopped due to the pandemic, basic human needs have not. Please call 9891-2277 if you require assistance.

PM HERITAGE COMMITTEE: CHANGES TO MACQUARIE STREET



Parramatta Mission has been operating from our Macquarie Street site for nearly 200 years. Prior to European settlement, it was an area of intense activity for the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation for thousands of years, with archeological sites to the rear of Leigh Memorial Church indicating multiple ceremonial fires and gathering points for indigenous and visiting groups. Before our first

Chapel was built in 1821, followed by the churches of 1839 and 1885 – our site was little more than a swampy garden beside the town creek/drain and surrounded by houses, a School of Arts, medical practices, pubs, shops, small factories, abattoirs and tanneries, a dog pound and the busy town marketplace. For a time, our drain was also infected with deadly typhoid and known as one of the town's major "nuisances." First granted to the Wesleyan missionaries by Gov. Lachlan Macquarie in 1818, the Mission's landholding once extended much further than it does today, particularly to the south and west. Over time, land was sold to relieve church debt and/or fund new projects, including during the Great Depression. Lately, our site has become surrounded by the vast, new 'Parramatta Square' development, including WSU and the new NAB building. Shops to the right of Epworth House have been demolished and work to the rear of the church is gathering pace, as is construction of the Light Rail. While building plans for our site remain in the planning, Macquarie Street, including the portion that we occupy, continues to change at a rapid rate. The future of Parramatta is literally on our doorstep. Let's pray that it retains important elements of the past as it reaches for the new, and that the swathe of new construction facilitates both commercial opportunities and a healthy and inclusive community spirit. Photo – Our Macquarie Street site c. 1930, showing Leigh Memorial Church, the 'Leigh House' parsonage, Macquarie Hall and Jubilee Hall. The parsonage and two halls made way for 'Epworth House,' which opened in 1963. Source: Parramatta Mission archival collection.



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**

Fijian Congregation

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

Foster your faith this week

Gn 32:22-31

Ps 17:1-7,15

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:13-21

Follow up communication to congregations July 2020

Subject: PM Transition

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As you will be aware from our communication last week that PM is going through a time of transition over the coming 12 months. Here is a summary of how the transition is progressing so far.

The Church Council has begun a process for Parramatta Mission to embark on a year of transition, reorganisation and renewal. This is in line with our vision of a Church-based Community Transforming Lives, and our values: grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.

The Transition will respond to the financial challenges of recent years and continue our strategic efforts towards sustainability and flourishing in the future. The transition takes up recommendations in a review of Parramatta Mission over recent months. The transition is also responding to the Church Council decision of December 2019 to refine the Strategic Directions and Actions of Parramatta Mission. The decision of Church Council and the Community Care Network Board is to centre our focus on the City of Parramatta and upon activities that our congregations can embrace and connect with. Similarly, we want to ensure that our significant work supporting people experiencing mental health issues and homelessness continues within the life of the Uniting Church.

Meals Plus, 175 Hotel and Wesley Apartments will remain part of the new Parramatta Mission, but may have to be modified to ensure financial viability, at least in the shorter term. Bula Feeding Ministry at Blacktown will continue. We will also be entering conversations with other Uniting Church agencies to ascertain their interest in leading our government funded programs and activities and seeking to discern what is in the best interests of our clients and employees going forward. In doing this, we will look particularly at some of our more historical services and what continuing role we might have with them.

As this transition progresses there remains some uncertainty, but certain decisions are as follows:

- The Board has been reconstituted as an interim Board until 30 June 2021, with new membership. The interim Board Chair is Paul Linossier. We welcome Paul to this role. Other members are Ian Gray, Keith Hamilton and there will be up to 7 members in total. Additional members will be recruited to reflect both gender and cultural diversity of our community.
- An interim Chief Operating Officer (COO) has been appointed for the coming 12 months, until July 2021. The interim Chief Operating Officer is Mark Newton who will report to the Senior Minister / CEO. We welcome Mark Newton to this role; Mark has been the Director of Operations of Parramatta Mission since August 2019.
- Terms and conditions of employment for staff remain unchanged for the foreseeable future. Staff who might be directly or indirectly impacted by changes will be consulted when those changes become known.
- It is anticipated 175 Hotel & Apartments will maintain a business as usual approach during and after the transition period. Where financial sustainability questions arise, these will be addressed in the normal course of business.
- A dedicated project / change team will be established to outwork the transition. Staff will have access to the project team for the purpose of providing feedback or raising concerns alongside existing channels.
- The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) are committed to supporting staff through this change process and ensure there is adequate resourcing and supports available to support staff through the transition.
- Staff and ministers have access to the EAP, and People and Culture and management support as required.
- A new Combined Congregation Leaders Meeting (CCLM) has been initiated with membership of three people from each of the three congregations, and chaired by the Chairperson of Presbytery, Rev Geoff Stevenson.

- A new Parramatta Mission Council replaces the Church Council from 1 July with interim membership including the former members of the Church Council and members of the CCLM and is being chaired by Ian Gray.
- A joint Nominating Committee will be established by the Mission Council to call a new Senior Minister / CEO to commence sometime in 2021. The placement of Keith Hamilton as Senior Minister / CEO will conclude on 28 February 2021.
- CCLM is currently working on the ministry needs of the congregations from 1 October when several ministers cease their placements.

Please be assured that throughout this process Parramatta Mission is committed to do all we can to maintain our services and the wellbeing of our congregants, clients, consumers, staff and other members of our community. Indeed, we are wholly committed to continue being a church-based community transforming lives. Please pray for this transition and everyone who is involved over the coming 12 months.

We will provide regular updates on the transition as it progresses over the coming weeks and months.

Thank you for your commitment to being part of our community.

Blessings,

Keith Hamilton

Pastoral message for this week....

Nothing can separate you from the
love of God through Jesus -
not even COVID

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/

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:



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시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

19-30

성령강림후 8주일 (8th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 7월 26일 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 10 장 통 34 장 전능와 오셔서

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 이사야 25:6-9 ; 로마서 14:16-19

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 기뻐하며 즐거워하자

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 458 장 통 513 장 너의 마음에 슬픔이 가득할 때

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 502 장 통 259 장 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
이사야 14:1-23

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
이사야 12:1-16:14

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 Ingleburn Uniting Church*

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