



Parramatta
Mission



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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

16th August 2020

**FAITH
IS
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THE
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TO
LET
GOD
HAVE
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**A Church-Based
Community
Transforming
Lives**

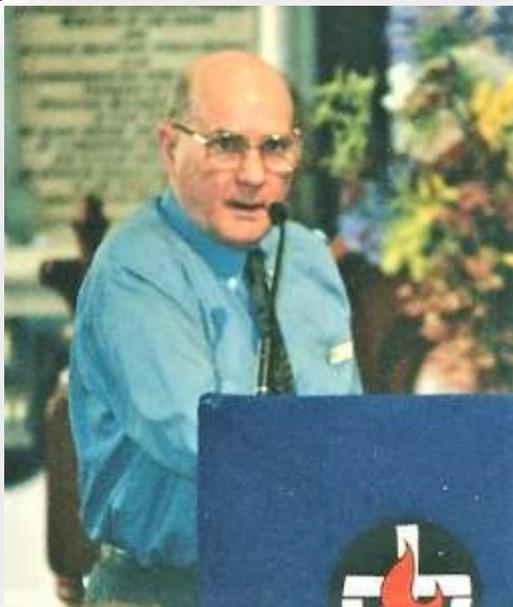
Our Values

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.

Thank you & farewell: Mr. Richard Manton



This week, we mourn the passing, and celebrate the life and wonderful achievements, of our dear friend, **Richard Manton** (1933–2020). Born at 11.30am – or as he liked to tell people – just in time for the offering plate at Leigh Memorial Church – Richard’s family ties were already steeped in Methodist tradition. His parents were faithful Parramatta Methodists, Edwin Spencer Manton and Eleanor (nee Hunt), his great grandparents were George and Elizabeth Hunt, and his great, great grandfather was none other than pioneer Wesleyan missionary, Rev. Walter Lawry. Another ancestor was Rev. John Allen Manton, the founder of Newington College. An Accountant by training, Richard’s young life included being an active member of the Parramatta MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship), a church steward, an accredited Lay Preacher and an Administrator and Stewardship Director with the Methodist Young People’s and Home Mission Departments from 1960–1979. Prior to the start of the Uniting Church in 1977, Richard was also a dedicated member of the Methodist Conference and Standing Committee. After church union, he became an enthusiastic member – and ultimately Secretary, then Chairperson (1999-2000) – of the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery (visiting all its associated congregations at least once during his Chairpersonship to preach, induct or meet/greet).

His longest Presbytery membership was a distinguished 32 years with the Finance and Property Committee between 1977 and 2009. During his career, Richard was also a member of Synod, the Council of Synod and numerous other UCA committees, and in the mid-1990s, he held the key role of 'Financial Controller' for Parramatta Mission. During the same period, he travelled extensively in Europe and the UK, where he visited the 'other' Leigh Memorial Church, located in Samuel Leigh's birthplace of Milton, Staffordshire.

During the 1990s, Richard was also a tireless and dedicated conservator of Leigh Memorial's history and played a key role, along with other congregation historians of the period, in Rev. Alan Jackson's heritage celebrations and renovations of the era. In 2009, Richard, Keith and Liz commenced the Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee, and during Richard's subsequent retirement to the Southern Highlands, he maintained a strong interest in the Mission's rich past and its preservation. In February 2010, the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery met at Galston Uniting Church and delivered a special vote of thanks to Richard for his then more than 50 years of Lay Ministry and Christian service, to both the church and the community – and in 2011, Richard and his brother, Rev. David Manton, were special guests at Parramatta Mission's annual heritage service, with the Heritage Committee officially naming its collection of 19th century artefacts and memorabilia, 'The Manton Collection' in honour of Richard, David and their family. A staunch supporter of Leigh Memorial's activities and the Mission's community/outreach initiatives throughout his life, Richard's level of selfless dedication, service, consistency, humility, faith and devotion were an example to all. On a number of occasions, Richard was asked: "Would you like to be ordained?" – alluding to the life and career of his brother, David. Richard's standard reply was always, "One Reverend Manton is enough. I will remain the *irreverent* one." Thank you Richard. We farewell you with heavy but deeply thankful hearts.



Leigh Congregation

CONGREGATION UPDATE

Our congregation's continued thoughts & prayers are with our PM ministers, staff and leaders during this transitional time for PM. Please keep an eye on the newsletters for further updates. "Many thanks" to all those continuing to facilitate a smooth and positive pathway ahead – the LM Leaders team.

CONDOLENCES

Our congregation's sympathies, love and prayers remain with the Manton family following the passing of our friend and long term member and servant of Leigh Memorial Church and Parramatta Mission – **Mr. Richard Manton**, on 7 August at his care facility in the Southern Highlands. Richard will be farewelled at a private family funeral. A thanksgiving service will take place at Leigh Memorial when virus restrictions permit.

DIARY DATE: CLOSURE OF MINISTRY SERVICE

A closure of ministry service for Manas, Christine and Clive will be held on Sunday, 27 September. A combined task group is currently organising this event. Further details will be provided as they come to hand. Please contact Robert (convenor) with enquiries: robert.key@parramattamission.org.au

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

'Happy 98th birthday!' to Hazel Knight! Congratulations Hazel – what a remarkable milestone! We send our love and prayers, and hope that you enjoyed a very special celebration.

AUGUST 'BOOK MONTH' @ LEIGH!

This week's 2 x member recommended books are: (1) *The Faith of Queen Elizabeth* by Dudley Delffs, and (2) *The School of Restoration: The Story of One Ugandan Woman Who Has Given Hope to Hundreds of Female Victims of War and Violence*, by Alice Achan and Philippa Tyndale. Book Worm's suggestion for this week is for all our resident trivia/quiz champs: *The Ultimate Bible Quiz Book*, by Douglas Jacoby.



TOILETRIES DONATIONS

August is Leigh Memorial's toiletries collection month for PM. This year, all donations need to be taken directly to the office. Suggestions include toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, wipes, shampoo, soap, sanitizer, shavers, women's products and shampoo. Warm socks are also helpful at this time of year. Thank you!

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

Offerings to the life, witness & work of our Church & Mission can be made by direct electronic transfer. Bank acct. name: Parramatta Mission Giving Direct. Acct. number: 100025901. BSB: 634 634. Please consider regular giving. Thank you.

Ailsa Tang passed away peacefully in the early morning of Thursday 13.8.2020. in Wahroonga Hospital. Funeral service details are not yet known. Please check the Sydney Morning Herald.

Our love, condolences and prayers for Himmie and their sons and families.



Leigh Fijian Congregation

1. **Soqosoqo ni Tabagone (Youth group):** Nomudou sota na tabagone ena qaravi tiko ena veisiga vakaraubuka kece ena zoom mai na, 7:30 kina 9:00 pm. E na qai tukutuku tale mai o nai talatala Clive ke dua na veisau ni nomudau sota.
2. Tukutuku mai na Synod me baleta na veiqaravi ena loma ni soqosoqo lotu.

Na Synod ni NSW-ACT sa vakabibi taka:

- Na vei vavakoso kece ni Synod e NSW kei ACT me ra sa tomana tiko ga na sokalou ena mona livaliva (streamed or recorded) ena gauna oqo.
 - Oqo e oka kina nai Soqosoqo ni tabagone, Wilivola ni sigatabu kei na veisoqosoqo tale e so me vaka na matasiga.
 - Sa vakabibi taki mai me da daramaka na **“face mask”** kevaka eda sotaso ta vata vaka i vavakoso se soqosoqo.
 - Sa vakatabui na lagasere vakaivavakoso se vakaisoqosoqo ni da soqoni vata ena dua na vanua.
 - Sa vakadaroi tiko na kena vakayacori na Papitaiso.
3. Sa digitaka na Church Council na lewe ni pastoral team me tuvana na Covid 19 safety plans. Me yacova mai na guna oqo era sa vagalalataki na lokoloko ni dabedabe (cushions) kei nai Volatabu mai nai tutu ni vunau. Ka se tomani tiko ga na nodratou cakacaka.

Psalm 133

1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

(NRSV translation)

Reflection

COVID is reminding us that we are all interconnected. The welfare of one is the concern of many. The behaviour of one affects the health, even mortality, of many. Physical isolation affects all of us socially. Even to shutdown borders or cities, affects the rest. Shops are running out of overseas produced goods. Restrictions on interstate contact affects all of us in multiple ways. For example, NSW people with family in Melbourne, or goods and services stopped or delayed in transport from interstate.

In this context Psalm 133 seems not as counter-cultural as it might otherwise. The image of oil running down our heads, face and onto clothes may not sound delightful. The context is of a priest being anointed, and the oil represents the pouring of God's spirit over the person, as a blessing. While not the same, it can be delightful to have our hair washed and head massaged at a hairdresser, something somewhat limited at present. The image of being blessed by God in the anointing with oil, points to the blessing when people live together in unity, looking out for one another, encouraging one another, being there for one another in difficult as well as good times. In this time we can be a blessing for one another in doing the same, keeping physically distanced of course. Interconnection with others can be of such a blessing it is as if God is physically blessing us. I suspect it is also 'good and pleasant' to God.

A note from Uniting

Uniting NSW.ACT has made errors affecting payments and leave entitlements for some of our former and current employees from 2013-2019. We regret and apologise for the errors and any impact they may have had on our people. The errors occurred for a number of reasons, including configuration of key systems and manual processes.

Uniting has now entered into an Enforceable Undertaking with the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) to ensure its ongoing compliance with Commonwealth workplace laws. Since discovering the errors, we have worked openly and collaboratively with the FWO to rectify them. I am pleased to report that any employees who were underpaid, have now been repaid with interest or credited with additional leave owing. Many former employees have also been paid and we continue to make efforts to contact everyone who has been impacted.

Following execution of the EU by Uniting NSW.ACT and the FWO, Uniting NSW.ACT is required to commence communications to affected employees by way of a **letter of apology and public notice published in the weekend editions of the Canberra Times and the Sydney Morning Herald**. The FWO will also publish a media release to their website along with a copy of the EU. It is expected that these will be published in the next two weeks.

The public notice is attached below.

Uniting values our 9,000 strong team and the contribution they make to community every day. We regret the adverse impact this has had and have sought to communicate transparently, to quickly rectify this matter, take significant steps to reach all affected current and former employees and to review our systems to ensure it does not happen again. Should you have any further questions please contact Craig Corby (ccorby@uniting.org)

Public Notice

Uniting NSW.ACT recently undertook a review of its payroll systems and processes and determined that it contravened the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth) by:

- between February 2013 and March 2019, failing to pay laundry allowance to 9,300 employees who were entitled to the allowance;
- between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2019, failing to identify 2,353 employees as shift workers and so failing to provide these employees with the additional 1 week of annual leave per year that shift workers are entitled to; and
- between 28 November 2014 and September 2019, paying a lower and incorrect rate of vehicle allowance to 1,300 Home and Community Care employees for travel between client locations and Uniting workplaces.

On 29th November 2019, Uniting NSW.ACT formally admitted to the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO) that contraventions of Agreements had occurred and consequently a number of employees had been underpaid.

Uniting NSW.ACT has now entered into an Enforceable Undertaking with the FWO to ensure its ongoing compliance with Commonwealth workplace laws. Uniting NSW.ACT will, as a result of the Enforceable Undertaking, commit to undertake a number of activities to ensure its ongoing compliance such as, conducting three independent audits and formally apologising to individual employees.

Uniting NSW.ACT expresses its sincerest regrets and apologises for these contraventions.

If you worked for Uniting NSW.ACT during the period of February 2013 to September 2019 and have queries or questions relating to your employment, please contact either:

- The Uniting NSW.ACT Service Desk on 1300 751 145 (option 3), or email employeeservices@uniting.org. We will make every attempt to resolve your enquiry within 1 week of receiving it and communicate with you regularly about the progress of your enquiry.
- If you would like to raise your concerns confidentially and outside of Uniting NSW.ACT, you can contact Speak Up on 1800 324 775, by email: ispeakup@coreintegrity.com.au or by visiting: www.uniting.org/contact-us/speak-up-program
- Alternatively, anyone can contact the FWO via www.fairwork.gov.au or on 13 13 94.

Doug Taylor, Deputy Executive Director, Uniting NSW.ACT

Combined worship 30 August 2020: The three congregations will be holding a combined worship via zoom on Sunday 30 August at 10 am. Zoom details will be provided closer to the date.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

Foster your faith this week

*Ex 1:8 - 2:10 Ps 124
Rom 12:1-8 Mt 16:13-20*

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.

Please note:

**We had a wonderful session with Mahsheed Ansari.
Mehmet Ozalp has needed to change his date
from 15 August to 22 August**

Saturday **22** 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

성령강림후11주일(11th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 8월16일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) I 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 8 장 통 9 장 기록 기록 기록
 새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 골로새서 3:5-11

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 신앙의 자기 성찰

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 322 장 통 357 장 세상의 헛된 신을 버리고

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 29:15-24

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
이사야 28:14-31:9

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**

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 Kurrajong Heights Uniting Church*

Pastoral message for this week....

The way ahead may not be clear.
Take heart; have faith in God

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