



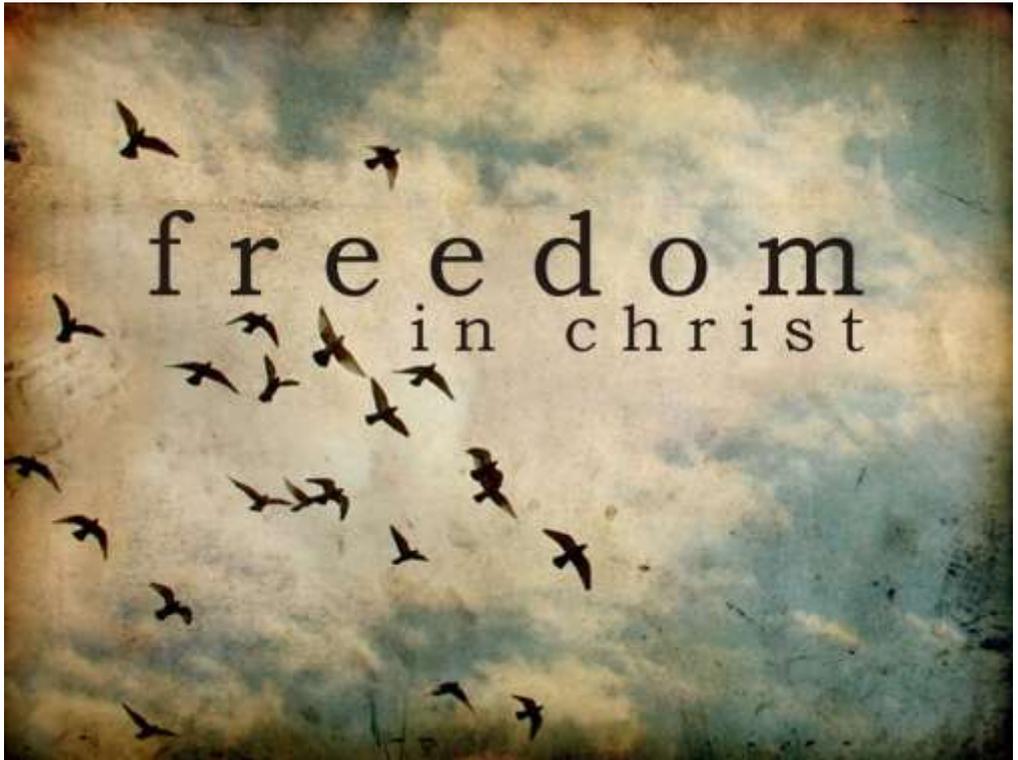
Parramatta
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Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

23rd August 2020



Congregational life @ Westmead & Parramatta,
Hospitality, Community and Mental Health
Services across Greater Sydney, Central Coast,
Hunter and Mid-North Coast

**A Church-Based
Community
Transforming
Lives**

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.

Our Values
Grace,
Inclusion,
Dignity,
Faith and Hope.

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.

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

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.

Foster your faith this week

Ex 3:1-15

Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Rom 12:9-21

Mt 16:21-28

Last week, we were saddened to learn of the passing of our long term friend and congregation member, Ailsa Tang, aged 90.

We thankfully acknowledge Ailsa and Himmi's many years of contribution to our morning tea roster and their dedicated support of all our congregation activities.

Ailsa's gentle, kind and loyal nature was fondly valued by us all. Love and prayers for Himmi and the Tang family at this sad time.



Pastoral message for this week....

"God is the One who sets us free"

성령강림후12주일(12th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 8월23일 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 9 장 **통 53 장** 하늘에 가득 찬 영광의 하나님

새 270 장 **통 214 장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **야고보서 5:13-20**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **매를 분별할 줄 아는 믿음**

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)
새 502 장 **통 259 장** 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
이사야 35:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
이사야 33:1-37:38

Leigh Fijian Congregation

1. Lotu ena Sigatabu macawa mai qo nai ka 30 ni Okosita, eda na lotu koko vata tiko kina kei na vavakoso vakavavalagi. Na lotu ena tekivu tiko ena 10am.
2. **Soqosoqo ni Tabagone (Youth group):** Nomudou sota na ta bagone 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.
3. Tukutuku mai na Synod me baleta na vei qaravi 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 sotasota 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.
4. 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.



WSLHD Youth Health have put together a short survey about Covid-19 and testing for young people to complete. They're hoping to better understand what the barriers are how we might convince young people to see testing in a more positive light.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/youngpeople_covid19



If you, or someone you know, is having a tough week, month or year, you can find help with food relief and other essential services (including Parramatta Mission) now and nearby at www.askizzy.org.au.



WENTY LEAGUES IN THE *Community*

MAINTAINING A COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Even in times of uncertainty, there is always an opportunity to help others. Lead by CEO, Glenn Kovacs, the Wenty Leagues team made various trips to Parramatta Mission to donate some much-needed food and beverage items.

It was great to see the Parramatta Mission family in high spirits and continuing to devote their time and efforts selflessly to help those in need. This is a testament to the will and commitment of their organisation and we're privileged to be affiliated with them after all these years.



Paul, from Parramatta Mission with CEO, Glenn Kovacs



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If you're interested in being actively involved
or donating visit

www.parramattamission.org.au

Exodus 1:8-2:10

8 Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. 9 He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. 10 Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." 11 Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. 12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. 13 The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, 14 and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. 15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, 16 "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." 17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. 18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." 20 So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. 21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live." 2:1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. 5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. 7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" 8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. 9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. 10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

(Translation: New Revised Standard Version)

Reflections

What a tale from the Hebrew scriptures! It can speak to us today. Joseph, of the technicolour coat fame, had come from slavery into running the country. Now long after his death and that of the ruler, a new ruler arose who did not know the Joseph story. A good reason for organisations, churches and countries to teach history. The new ruler seems to be both fearful and arrogant. If he had been inquisitive he might have learnt the history. However, out of fear he wants to baby boys put to death. Anxiety and fear always lead to bad decisions. Pharaoh uses coercive force and violence to suppress people. Pharaoh makes a life-threatening command to two mid-wives whose vocation is life-affirming. They put life ahead of death and concoct a story to thwart the intentions of Pharaoh. The boys live. Then Pharaoh happens upon another murderous plan; kill the two year old boys. But one is saved. The amazing thing is that the baby Moses is raised in Pharaoh's house. As an adult Moses will lead his Hebrew people out of captivity and oppression and into another land. The midwives are key characters in this story, and a symbol of life. The central character is God who works out God's plans even through the machinations of human greed, enmity, despotism and violence. There is something to ponder in that for us all.

Combined zoom service 30 August 2020:

The congregations are combining for Sunday church on 30 August at 10 am. Zoom details will be sent next week. A planning session is being held tonight at 6:30 pm, on zoom.

Conclusion of Ministry Placements and Supply ministry 27 September:

A combined church service will be held on Sunday 27 September to mark the conclusion of the placements of Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly and Rev Dr Manas Ghosh, and the supply ministry of Rev Dr Clive Pearson. The preacher will be Rev Dr Peter Walker, Principal of United Theological College. Zoom details will be sent closer to the time.





The new headspace site in Katoomba – an extension on our headspace in Penrith, is now open. Senator Marise Payne joined with PM staff, people from Wentworth Healthcare (Nepean Blue Mountains Primary Health Network), Mountains Youth Services Team, Gateway Family Services, Platform Youth Services and Katoomba High School to inspect the building. A virtual tour is available on the PM Facebook. headspace is service for young people 12 to 25. The new site is located next to other community services, across the road from a supermarket and around the corner from the high school. The building is on a large site, and plans are underway to activate the backyard, including a large blackboard. Just as at all headspace locations, the local newly formed youth advisory committee provided input into the colours and arrangement of the rooms, and recommendation for the activation of the yard. There is space for a GP, yet to be appointed. It should be borne in mind that the Blue Mountains experienced trauma from the bush fires of 2013 as well as last Summer. Using this office as a base, staff will provide assistance to young people through



a special bushfire relief program across the mountains, as far as Bilpin. Congratulations to all who have made this possible. It is the outcome of more than 6 or 7 years of advocacy and planning.



Physically distanced for COVID.
It was a cold morning only reaching 9 degrees!
Senator Marise Payne in the green coat.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

WESTMEAD Congregation

COMBINED SERVICE 30th AUGUST

Sunday August 30th is a combined Service via zoom for Leigh and Westmead Congregations.

PLEASE NOTE- THE SERVICE WILL BE AT 10.00AM VIA ZOOM. LINK TO FOLLOW.

In preparation for that service there will be a meeting of the Ministers and New PM Worship Committee on Sunday 23rd via zoom.

WORSHIP LINK FOR SUNDAY 23RD

Topic: WUC Worship Time: Aug 23, 2020 09:30 AM All are welcome

[https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93292775244?](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/93292775244?pwd=bHRMZWSvSTRrU09HdTBMszNmdUxuQT09)

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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 Rev Christine prepares to conclude at Westmead she will be taking Annual Leave.

Sunday 30 th August	Combined worship with 3 congregations
Sunday 6 th September	Rev Keith Hamilton
Sunday 13 th September	Westmead Leaders
Sunday 20 th September	Rev Christine

**Sunday 27th September Concluding worship for placements of Rev Christine, Rev Dr Manas and supply for Rev Dr Clive.
(This will be via zoom with limited people present in the worship space)**

All other worship and Bible study is via zoom or printed materials found at <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/faith-and-worship/newsletter/>

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

Play Group – Mondays and Thursdays 9.15-10.45am

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

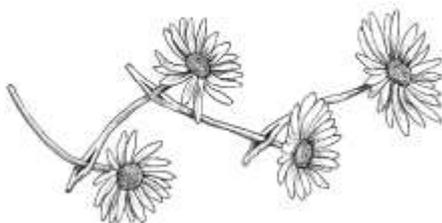
Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

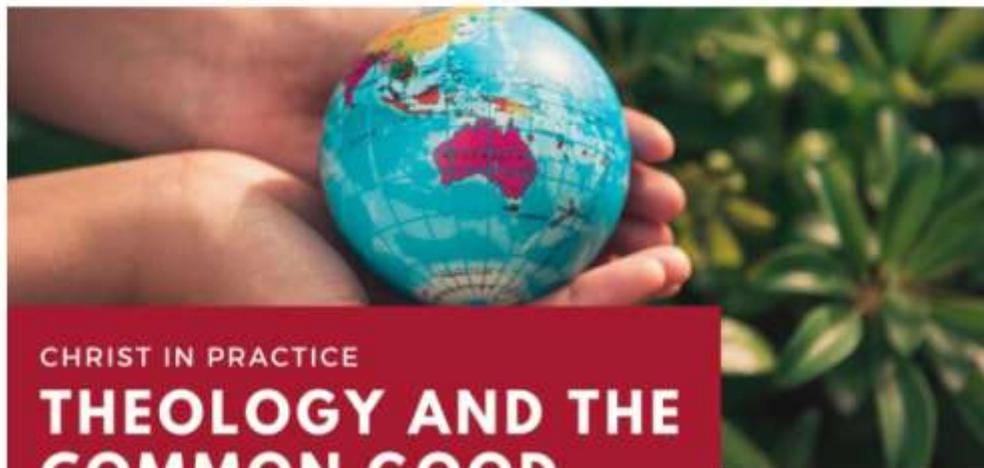
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CHRIST IN PRACTICE

THEOLOGY AND THE COMMON GOOD

WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 10AM - 1PM
CENTRE FOR MINISTRY
16 MASONS DRIVE NORTH PARRAMATTA NSW 2151

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 10AM - 1PM
VIA ZOOM



Centre for Faith
& Public Issues

Lying behind labels like Uniting for the Common Good is the practice of a public theology. This workshop is designed to look beneath the labels and explore the biblical and theological foundations for this kind of work. Public theology is a relatively new discipline that is being practised around the globe. It has its own principles of good praxis.

This inter-active workshop will explore how a public theology engages with three current issues of Race, Climate and Covid 19.

The workshop will be facilitated by:

- Dean Drayton, former President of the Assembly
- Keith Hamilton, Senior Minister / CEO, Parramatta Mission
- Clive Pearson, one of the founders of the Global Network of Public Theology and Editor-in-Chief, International Journal of Public Theology.

Places are limited for 16th September, please RSVP to amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au before Friday 11 September.

To receive further information and to register for the zoom session please also email amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au before Friday 16 October.

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: The Manton Family, Himmi and Family, Phillip, 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 Leets Vale - Faith Community*

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