



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

9th August 2020

GOD  
is faithful  
yesterday, today, tomorrow  
always.

**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 ministers, staff and leaders during this transitional time for PM. Please keep an eye on the newsletters for important updates. "Many thanks" to all those continuing to work hard at all levels of the process. It is greatly valued. Enquiries: 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](mailto:robert.key@parramattamission.org.au)

## AUGUST 'BOOK MONTH' @ LEIGH



Interesting fact: This Sunday, 9 August, is 'Book Lovers Day' in various countries! For our own Book Month @ Leigh, the 2 x member recommended books for this week are: (1) *The Bible Down Under* by Meredith Lake, and (2) *A Spectator's Guide to World Religions* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition) by John Dickson. Uncle Book Worm's recommendation for children this week is the classic, *The Tale of the Three Tress* by Angela Elwell Hunt.\*Remember before purchasing books to always check

local libraries, second-hand sales, swops with friends, e-books, audio-books and 'free' or discounted options online.

## PASTORAL CARE FOCUS: SENIORS

We are mindful of our cherished senior members at this time, including those dealing with the challenges of COVID-19 prevention and mental health in aged care facilities, hospitals and the community, or when living alone. Let's hold those impacted in our prayers, in addition to hard-working aged care staff and frontline workers. For additional support, please contact Rev. Manas, the Leaders team, or call: 9891-2277.

## TOILETRIES DONATIONS

August is Leigh Memorial's toiletries collection month for PM. This year, donations need to be taken directly to the office. Suggestions inc. toothbrushes, toothpaste, tissues, face wipes, shampoo, soap and sanitizer. Warm socks are also helpful at this time of year. Thanks to those who have already made a delivery!

## OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

Congregation offerings to 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. Meals Plus also needs ongoing support:

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

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES



August 9 was designated the 'International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples' by the United Nations in 1994. The day marks the first day that the UN commenced a Working Group on Indigenous Populations – which account for 6% of the world's population but an incredible 90% of its cultural richness and diversity. Indigenous peoples have strong ties to their lands and often suffer marginalization and issues relating to health, housing, social justice, language/cultural preservation and climate change – including First Peoples populations in Australia and those near to us in Asia and the Pacific, inc. Fiji. See – <https://www.un.org/en/observances/indigenous-day>



### HERITAGE SNIPPET: MERRICK & DAISY O'REILLY

The couple pictured here are Alan O'Reilly's grandparents, Merrick and Daisy O'Reilly, c. 1940. Merrick was a doctor and a highly respected Leigh Memorial church trustee. Daisy was also a much loved leader of women's programs. Both had an involvement with music at the church in an era when our choir and musicians were renown throughout Sydney. Merrick and Daisy's sons included Alan's Dad, Meredith, a solicitor and longstanding Leigh Memorial trustee and choirmaster – and Brian, who served in WW2 and sadly died from an illness contracted in the tropics. The WW2 memorial with memorial flame inside Leigh Memorial was donated by the O'Reilly family in

loving memory of Brian. In the photo here, Merrick and Daisy pose outside the church and the double storied 'Leigh House' parsonage, which stood directly beside Leigh Memorial for 90 years. Merrick, Daisy and their descendants have served our congregation with distinction and are fondly remembered. The Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee.

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

Even in the most difficult of times God knows our needs,  
and meets us –  
may God's blessings be with all who are afraid -  
especially with those in Victoria



Visit Vikki and the team at Kolatsio Café - Kings Langley Shopping Centre to get your coffee and tap to make donation supporting Parramatta Mission.

성령강림후10주일(10th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 8월 9일 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 26 장** **통 14 장** 구세주를 아는 이들

**새 270 장** **통 214 장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **욥기29:11-21; 예베소서 2:19-22**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **고난 속에서도**

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)  
**새 357 장** **통 397 장** 주 믿는 사람 일어나

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 24:14-23

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
이사야23:1-27:13

## Psalm 105: 1-15, 45b

Alleluia

1 Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his name;  
declare his works among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell all his marvellous deeds.

3 Glory in his holy name: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face continually.

5 Remember the marvellous works that he has done;  
his wonders and the judgement from his mouth.

6 You descendants of Abraham, his servants, children of Jacob,  
his chosen ones.

7 He is the Lord our God; his judgements are in all the earth.

8 He has remembered his covenant forever;  
the word which he commanded for a thousand generations,

9 the covenant which he established with Abraham,  
and his sworn promise to Isaac.

10 He even confirmed the promise with Jacob,  
and to Israel for an everlasting covenant,

11 saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion of an inheritance:

12 when they were very few in number, very few, and sojourners in it.

13 And they went from nation to nation,  
and from a kingdom to another people.

14 And God suffered no person to wrong them;  
and God rebuked kings for their sakes:

15 saying, do not touch my anointed ones; and do my prophets no harm.

45b Alleluia.

*Translation by Keith Hamilton from the Septuagint*

### Reflection

The Septuagint is the Greek translation from the Hebrew in about the third century BCE (Before the Common Era), and revised over several hundred years even to 128 of the Common Era (CE). The translation was because the common language of the day was Greek. Many of the New Testament writers were more familiar with the Greek than the Hebrew Old Testament. The following reflection is one I wrote in 2002, when the world was dealing with the post-9/11, war in Afghanistan, and the ramping up to war in Iraq. It seems relevant today as we deal with COVID-19.

Psalm 105 has had a rich history. If you read 1 Chronicles 16:8-22 you will notice that the first fifteen verses of the Psalm are reproduced there. Most likely, this Psalm has been compiled from various poems over several hundred years. The verses we read today are set in the context of the arrival of the Ark of the

Covenant to the tent that David has pitched especially for it on Mount Zion (see 1 Chronicles 16:1-7). This Psalm is a hymn that holds up the importance of the community of faith in whose midst God is present and worshipped. This community gathering for worship marks the covenantal relationship between Yahweh (A Hebrew name for God) and the people.

Note that the opening verses 1-6 are a call to the covenant community to participate in their community life through hymns, prayers and praise of God. The people are assembled not only as descendants of Abraham and Jacob, but also as bearers of the promises of blessings to their foreparents. Verses 7-11 form a hymn briefly sketching the testimony of the community. Verses 12-15 God continues to carry out his plan of salvation even through the seemingly aimless wanderings and stresses of the people that would appear to imperil the promise. God's promise will come to fruition, so there is no point nor need to worry. The faith of our foreparents is depicted in this Psalm. God continues to work even in difficult times.

Our gathering for worship is no different to the people of the Psalm. We gather to be reminded of who and whose we are and the promises that have been revealed to all through the foreparents such as Abraham and Sarah, and Jacob and Rachel, the prophets like Isaiah, the early followers such as Mary Magdalene, Peter and the disciples and early theologians such as Paul, and of course, Jesus the Word made flesh.

As we enter into the very essence of worship, as we engage in the model of prayer for our lives, namely praise, confession, listening to God, thanksgiving, intercessions for ourselves and for others, blessing, we are reminded of who we are, we renew the covenant made with our foreparents, and we gain confidence in God's salvation plan to engage with the world free of fear.

The location of this Psalm in the Psalter is significant. Psalm 104 is about God's work of creation. This Psalm is about God's work in history. They declare that God is Lord of creation (Ps 104) and Lord of history (105). That ought to give confidence to those who live in difficult times.

Christians who are over concerned (worried) about the events of life ought to examine their way of prayer and their approach to prayer (worship is prayer). Likewise, Christians who have a "couldn't care attitude" to the events of life also ought to examine their way and approach to prayer.

The Psalm encourages confidence in God in every circumstance of life. Our response to these words ought not to be a sense of guilt. If we are challenged, then an appropriate response is to get down and pray before getting up and joining the people in the alleluias, which will lead us all out to do God's work trusting in God's eternal promises.

# News in General

**COVID-19:** With the increase in COVID-19 outbreaks in Sydney, particularly Western and South Western Sydney, our UCA Synod of NSW.ACT has strongly recommended that all in person worship services and other congregation activities be moved to virtual. Our PM staff with oversight of risk, compliance and WHS, as well as managers, Executive Leaders and the Pastoral Team are both monitoring and adjusting as necessary to the situation, and also ensuring that all our people, and the people we contact are safe.

**Transition:** Work is well underway in developing a transition plan for the programs that will move to other parts of the UCA. The Interim Board has met once formally, and out of session several times. The Combined Congregation Leaders Meeting has met several times and is working on a plan for interim ministry from 1 October 2020 – 30 June 2021.

**Combined Congregation zoom Service 29 August:** It has been the practice of our two Parramatta congregations to hold a combined service on the fifth Sunday. In response to suggestions from people in our congregations, Pastoral Team decided this week to hold a combined zoom service on Sunday 29 August at 10 am. Details to follow.

**Closure of ministry placements 27 September 2020:** Please note the special combined service on Sunday 27 September for the Closure of Ministry Placements for Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly in the Westmead Congregation, and Rev Dr Manas Ghosh in the Leigh Memorial Congregation, and the conclusion of the supply for Rev Dr Clive Pearson in the Leigh Fijian Congregation. This service is planned for a combination of in person and zoom. There will be limited numbers of people in person, in accordance with the latest guidelines, and those arrangements may not be finalised until very close to the day. More details to follow.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

## Fijian Congregation

1. **Soqosoqo ni Tabagone (Youth group):** Nomudou sota na tabagone ena qaravi tiko ena siga vakaraubuka nai ka 14 ni Okosita mai na, 7:30 kina 9:00 pm
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 mata-siga.
- 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 vakai-soqosoqo 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.

## 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 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 **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 Katoomba Uniting Church*

**Foster your faith this week**

**Gn 45:1-15**

**Ps 133**

**Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32**

**Mt 15:(10-20), 21-28**

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