



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

13th September  
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

## **PASTORAL CARE**

Our prayers remain with Himmi and family, plus all our members and friends who are grieving, unwell, hospitalised or anxious, and those dealing with coronavirus-related illness, isolation or job loss. We are also mindful that this is a transitional time for Manas, Nita and all our ministers and their families, and a period of ongoing hard work for our Mission Council and congregation leaders – and the staff of PM. Please continue to hold those mentioned in prayer, inc. this year's HSC students. NB: Rev. Manas is now on leave until the conclusion of his placement on 30 September.



## **SAVE THE DATE: INTERFAITH PEACE SERVICE 2020**

This year's International Day of Peace Interfaith Prayer Service will be held via Zoom on Monday 21 September. Please see the flyer included in the newsletters for Zoom details. The service will include prayer and/or musical contributions from numerous religious and cultural groups, inc. the UCA NSW/ACT Moderator and UCA President. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Sue Wareham, OAM. Enquiries: Rev. Manas/ Leaders team.

## **CLOSURE OF MINISTRY SERVICE**

The closure of ministry service for Revs. Manas, Christine and Clive will be held on Sunday, 27 September at the CFM. Limited numbers will be permitted to physically attend, however a 'Zoom' option will be available for those at home. Enquiries: [robert.key@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:robert.key@parramattamission.org.au)

## **PM 'SOCKS & UNDIES' DRIVE**

Those wishing to make a donation to PM's 'Socks & Undies' campaign – \$10 enables the purchase of socks & undies for 1 individual, \$25 for a couple and \$50 for a family. Please contact 9891-2277 if you need assistance.

## **OFFERINGS & DONATIONS**

Congregation offerings to our Church & Mission may be made by direct deposit. Bank Acct. name: Parramatta Mission Giving Direct: 100025901. BSB: 634 634. Donations to the work of Meals Plus are also crucial.

See <https://www.parramattamission.org.au/meals-support-services/meals-and-outreach/> or chat to Coral or Tracey.

# THANK YOU & FAREWELL

Many thanks to Fiona, Margie & their families for supplying delicious morning tea treats to the Zoom participants ahead of last Sunday's service, and to those who made the deliveries. This kind gesture was intended to bring about a 'virtual' morning tea together in honour of Manas and Nita's final Leigh

Memorial service. Photo below: (screen shot, courtesy of Rev. Amelia) – some of the congregation waving goodbye to Manas & Nita via Zoom at the conclusion of last week's service. Take care Manas and Nita. You will be missed!



성령강림후15주일(15th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 9월13일 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 19 장 통 44 장 찬송하는 소리 있어

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 출애굽기33:7-11; 로마서 12:1-3

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 주님 앞에서

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.

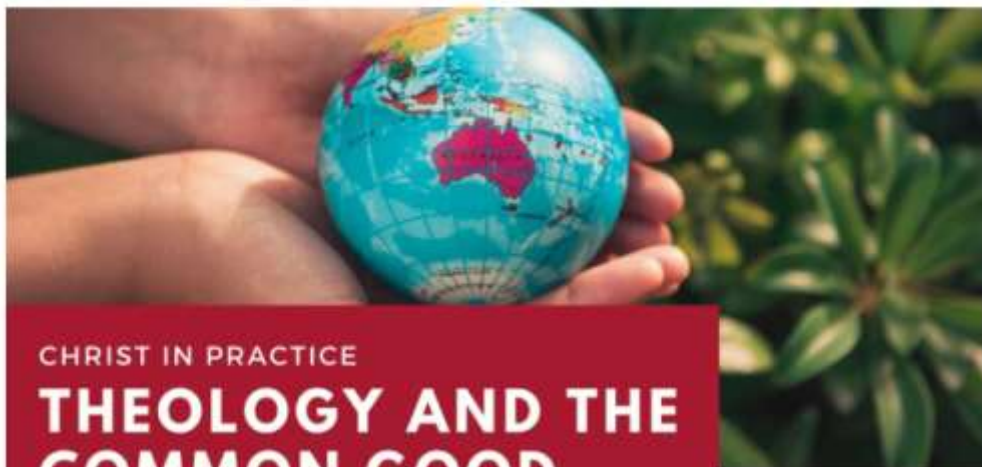
폐회찬송(Final Hymn) 새502장 통 259장 너 시은아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
창45:16-28

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
창44:18-47:26



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](mailto: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](mailto:amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au) before Friday 16 October.**



# Reflections

The Bible anticipates that a changed relationship with God, and statements of loving our neighbour have practical implications. What happens when we have disagreements? Do we just walk away, or do we struggle to find a new way forward, together? The radicalness of the Christian faith (other faiths as well) is the expectation and the resources to build relationship with people who are different to us, even who have opposing views to us. Ultimately any religion, Christianity included, stands or falls on what happens when under extreme pressure. The Team Australia at the start of the COVID between governments Federal and State, and oppositions, has become messy. How the national cabinet is able to negotiate a way forward that can withstand differences will be crucial to the success or not of that fine initiative. Likewise, in families, communities, workplaces, sporting clubs, churches, all is well when we freely have consensus, but what happens when there is a diversity of views? What about when relationships are damaged? In Matthew Jesus sets out ways to maintain a relationship and, to form a renewed relationship. Elsewhere in Matthew, Jesus says he is with us always to the end of the age, and in this we can draw upon the wisdom of Jesus in our relationships today. Check out some of that wisdom below.

## Matthew 18:15-34

15 Jesus said, "If a brother or sister of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If your sister or brother listens you have regained that one. 16 But if the brother or sister does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. 17 If the sister or brother refuses to listen to them, tell the church; and if the brother or sister refuses to listen even to the church, let that one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 21 Then Peter came to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often shall a member of the church sin against me, and I forgive him or her? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times but seventy times seven. 23 The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed equal to 20 years wages; 25 and as he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, and his wife, and his children, and all that he had, and the payment to be made. 26 So the servant fell down on his knees and implored him saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will repay you everything'. 27 Filled with tenderness, the master of the servant released him, and forgave the loan. 28 But going out that servant found one of his fellow servants who owed him a day's wages; and seizing him by the throat so that he nearly choked him, said, 'Repay what you owe.' 29 So his fellow servant fell down on his knees and pleaded to him saying, 'Be patient with me and I will repay you.' 30 He refused; but he went and threw him into prison until he would repay what was owed.

31 When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went to their master and explained everything. 32 Then his master called him forward and said to him, 'You evil servant! I forgave all your debt, because you requested me. 33 Shouldn't you also have had mercy on your fellow servant, even as I had mercy on you?' 34 And being angry, his master delivered him to the torturers until he should repay everything owing him. 35 So also your heavenly Father will do to you if you do not each forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

## News

I want to update you with some of the decisions made at the Mission Council (formerly the Church Council) the other night.

Ms Pam Rutledge and Dr Tim Smythe were appointed to the interim board of Parramatta Mission.

Rev Vladimir Korotov was confirmed as the Interim Lead Minister for Parramatta Mission, commencing from when I go on study leave, 6 October, and through to 30 June 2021. Please welcome Vladimir. Vladimir will also be a member of the interim board while I am on leave.

A reminder that I go in study leave, annual leave and long service leave from 6 October 2020 until 21 February 2021, to work on my PHD thesis, which is on parish missions of the Uniting Church. I return for a week, 21-28 February 2021, and conclude my placement at Parramatta Mission on 28 February 2021. At this stage I do not have a placement to go to, however, I am trusting in God's leading over the next months.

The Mission Council also decided to reframe Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler's terms of placement. Amelia will, from 1 October, be in a transitional ministry placement until 31 December 2021. Amelia will undertake 15% of her time at Western Sydney University as the chaplain. Along with Rev Dr Clive Pearson, who will be undertaking transitional ministry supply at 50%, Amelia and Clive will work with Vladimir in the transition of the three congregations. While this is due to officially commence from 1 October, with both Rev's Manas and Christine on leave, that work is commencing now.

Note that the closure of ministry placements for Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly and Rev Dr Manas Ghosh, and the end of the current supply ministry of Rev Dr Clive Pearson with the Leigh Fijian Congregation will be on 27 September at 10 am. While a small number of people will gather in-person at the Centre for Ministry, the service will be on zoom. At the conclusion of the service there will be provision for people to interact with all present through the zoom facility.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

## WESTMEAD Congregation

Today, Westmead Congregation welcome Rev. Sarah Bishop (Chaplain at the Westmead Children's Hospital) to lead worship via zoom. A warm welcome and thank you Sarah.

REV. CHRISTINE IS ON LEAVE until 17th September. 2020.  
During this time please contact one of the elders if needed.

SUNDAY 13th September Rev Sarah Bishop preaching via zoom link  
[https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98193713371?](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98193713371?pwd=dC83d0Z2b3I4bnZZVnlJbFdGZjlvdz09)  
[pwd=dC83d0Z2b3I4bnZZVnlJbFdGZjlvdz09](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/98193713371?pwd=dC83d0Z2b3I4bnZZVnlJbFdGZjlvdz09)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September** Rev Christine's last service via zoom link  
[https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/92624635915?](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/92624635915?pwd=VStqVTdreFc0czh3RU40aWovUWFRUT09)  
[pwd=VStqVTdreFc0czh3RU40aWovUWFRUT09](https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/92624635915?pwd=VStqVTdreFc0czh3RU40aWovUWFRUT09)

We look forward to sharing this service with Rev. Christine.

### SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

Combined service of Conclusion of Ministry at Parramatta Mission for Rev. Christine and Rev. Dr. Manas, and supply For Rev. Dr. Clive. Zoom link to be advised.

In Rev. Christine's absence, we take this opportunity to mention to Westmead congregation that we are currently collecting from all who wish to contribute to a farewell gift, to show our thanks and appreciation for the wonderful leadership and support shown to our congregation during the past 51/2 years. Contributions may be left at 175 reception with Rebecca or Cameron, in a special box for this purpose, between 9a.m. and 3p.m. week days, or phone an elder. Final date for this contribution is Thursday, 17th September.

**Offerings** may also be dropped off at reception at 175 where they will be secured ready for collection  
**OR** offerings may be made electronically.

On behalf of the congregation at Westmead, a big thank you to Cameron and Staff at 175 for the wonderful support they give in managing our beloved complex at Westmead. Always willing to assist and support in whatever way, in these testing times. A wonderful ministry is happening there, with welcoming and supporting the many visitors from interstate and country arriving for medical attention, and welcoming them in such a friendly, family atmosphere. Even though we are unable to attend at present, the Hospitality of Jesus Christ, is apparent.



## A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY.

Jean Mitchell was celebrated with a small gathering in spite of the rain.

A most happy occasion, and a highlight was a surprise visitor, Rev. Veitinia Waqabaca. Unfortunately, Dear Jean was summoned to hospital in the afternoon, and is progressing well.



### **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**

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

We do not belong to ourselves.

We belong to God.

We are called to love, forgive and be reconciled

"Friends from Sri Mandir, Australia's First Hindu Temple donated 70 kilos of Basmati Rice and 20 kilos of sugar to Mealsplus to feed people facing homelessness. Thank you so very much. God bless! "



***Foster your faith this week***

*Ex 14:19-31*

*Ps 114 or Ex 15:1b - 11, 20-21*

*Rom 14:1-12*

*Mt 18:21-35*

# 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 Luddenham Uniting Church*

# Pastoral Contacts



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