



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS

20th September
2020



New day.
New thoughts.
New strength.
New possibilities.

**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

PEACE SERVICE – MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER VIA ZOOM



This year's International Day of Peace Interfaith Prayer Service will be taking place on 21 September via Zoom. It will include prayer and musical contributions from multiple religious/cultural groups, and the Uniting Church will be represented by NSW/ACT Moderator, Rev. Simon Hansford and UCA President, Dr. Deidre Palmer. Keynote speaker is Dr. Sue Wareham, OAM. Monday's service will be Rev. Manas's 16th, having commenced his coordination of Interfaith Peace Services at Lindfield UC in 2004.

CLOSURE OF MINISTRY SERVICE

The closure of ministry service for Revs. Manas and Christine (and for Clive's current supply ministry) will be held next Sunday, 27 September at 10.00am. A small gathering will take place at the CFM and a 'Zoom' option will be available for those at home. Enquiries: 9891-2277/ robert.key@parramattamission.org.au

REV. VLADIMIR KOROTOV

The Leigh Memorial congregation warmly welcomes Rev. Vladimir Korotov, who will be serving as Parramatta Mission's 'Interim Lead Minister' between 6 October, 2020 when Keith goes on leave, and 30 June, 2021. Vladimir's appointment was recently confirmed by the Mission Council. Revs. Amelia and Clive have also had their placements extended, and will continue supporting the PM congregations.

PASTORAL CARE

Our prayers remain with members, friends and neighbours who are grieving, unwell or anxious, including those dealing with COVID-19 related issues. In this transitional time for Manas, Nita and all our ministers and their families, and a period of ongoing hard work for our Mission Council, congregation leaders and the staff of PM, we hold everyone in prayer – in addition to this year's HSC students and their families, with exams commencing in one month's time. NB: Rev. Manas is on leave until the conclusion of his placement on 30 September.

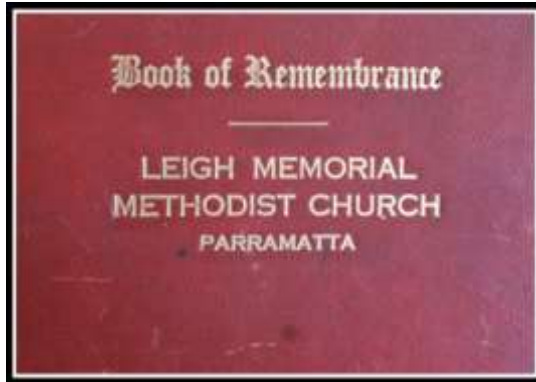
PM 'SOCKS & UNDIES' DRIVE

Those wishing to make a donation to PM's 'Socks & Undies' drive, please note that \$10 provides for the purchase of socks & undies for 1 individual, \$25 for a couple and \$50 for a family. Donations such as these ensure people's health and dignity in often trying situations, including homelessness.

Please contact Coral or Tracey on 9891-2277 if you need assistance.

WW2 BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

After 70 + years of placement at the World War 2 Memorial inside Leigh Memorial (consecrated, 1947), the 'Book of Remembrance' has been removed for safe keeping to the Minister's Vestry museum. The book has been showing signs of deterioration and a couple of pages have been defaced by graffiti, so to preserve the book in the best possible condition for the future, it will be now be held in a more protected position. Names included in the book are Alan's uncle, Brian O'Reilly and Liz & Ian's uncle, Gordon Gray. Those wishing to access the book for family or academic research purposes, will need to contact the Heritage Committee.



Pastoral message for this week....

When so much could divide us,
let's remember that in God's eyes
we are equally valued

Foster your faith this week

Ex 17:1-7

Ps 78:1-74, 12-16

Phil 2:1-13

Mt 21:23-32

성령강림후16주일(16th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 9월20일 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 20 장 통 41 장 큰 영광 중에 계신 주

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 요한 계시록 1:1-7

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 보라! 주님이 오신다

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 285 장 통 209 장 주의 말씀 받은 그날

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
창49:13-28

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
창48:8-고후1:11

**TALANOA
WITH DR. T**

Vosa kei nai tovo vakaviti
classes



- **Create basic sentences**
- **Learn rules of speaking in Fijian**
- **Sing songs**
- **Learn Fijian proverbs**
- **Ancient Stories**

\$10 US per child (5-17)
\$20 US per adult (18 +)
Free for under 5's



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Classes start: 21 September.

AlsoL: You group:

Friday night, 7:30-9:00pm

Matthew 20:1-16

1 The kingdom of heaven is like the householder who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the workers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And going out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; 4 and to these he said, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right. So, they went. 5 Going out again at twelve o'clock and three o'clock he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, "Why are you standing around here idle all day?" 7 They said, "Because no one hired us". He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard". 8 When evening came, the owner said to his manager, "Call the workers and pay their wages, beginning with the last through to the first. 9 And the ones who came at five o'clock received the daily wage. 10 Now when the first came they thought they would receive more; but they each received the daily wage. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the householder, saying, 12 These last worked only one hour and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat. 13 But he replied to one of them, saying, "Friend, I did not injury you; did you not agree with me for the usual day's wages? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to the last the same as I gave to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I wish with what belongs to me? Is your eye evil because I am good? 16 So the last will be first and the first will be last.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)



Reflections

I don't think this is about industrial relations. Matthew's gospel was written in the later part of the first century, after the church was established. Indeed, Matthew's Jesus refers to the church. I think this is a message to the church about how it values and treats its members. The long-term member is sometimes treated better than the most recent attender, but that is not what is intended. Jesus is saying whether the congregation is 199 years old like Leigh Memorial, or 60 like Westmead that began in a tent after WWII, or the Leigh Fijian about 28 years after beginning in the 1980's and recognised in the early 1990's, or even the Korean Faith Community that is about 20 years, none is more important, nor less valuable to the whole. Whether a family can trace lineage back generations, or a person arrived last week, all are the same, none more worthy. Jesus is saying whether we started at 6 am, 9 am, 12 pm, 3 pm or even 5pm, at 6pm, all are equal. Indeed, those who have been there longer have a special role to make the more recent arrivals welcome, included and blessed. That is the wonder of God's grace and hospitality, and a challenge to the church in every era. Two critical questions are: Who is Jesus Christ for you? Is he a good man who set an admirable example, or is he the son of the living God, worthy of worship? The second question is who or whose is 'our' church? If the church is ours, we will set by our language and behaviour who is in and who is out, who is welcome and who is not, and if the church is Christ's, we are more likely to make the most recent arrival as welcome as the 'long term.'

News

A clarification and correction on what I wrote last week. Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler has been redeployed in her placement at Parramatta Mission. This means that her Terms of Placement are not altered, they remain the same. She is being redeployed, or 'seconded' to parish work. Amelia will be still employed as the Parramatta Mission Multifaith Chaplain at WSU for up to 15% of her time, until this is reviewed. The rest of Amelia's time will be with the Transitional Team with the congregations. The redeployment of Amelia's time will commence from 1 October.

A reminder, as elsewhere in this newsletter that the combined service for the conclusion of ministry placements is next Sunday, 27 September at 10 am on zoom. Some people will be at the Centre for Ministry to lead the service. There will be a zoom 'open mike' at the end to enable fellowship.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

WESTMEAD Congregation

REV. CHRISTINE, Welcome back after 3 weeks leave. We are so happy to have you with us today, which is the last time we worship with you as our minister after more than 5 ½ years together.. Thank you for the preparation made to help us through the last 3 weeks and for all you have done to train others with zoom and other matters. This is all very much appreciated. WE ARE CERTAINLY GOING TO MISS YOU.

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

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.

Please join on zoom, as many people as possible as this will be a special time for the congregations to worship together and show appreciation for all of the ministers caring and support.

Congregations will make a presentation to each of the ministers whose ministry is concluding. This service begins at 10.00A.M

Offerings may be dropped off at reception at 175 where they will be secured ready for collection

OR offerings may be made electronically.

Owing to the restrictions of Covid 19, we are unable to farewell Rev. Christine in a real gathering. However, in 2021, when it is possible to gather, there will be a fine farewell planned and you will be invited! Thank you to all who have donated towards a parting gift for Rev. Christine. You will be notified further details in the next week.

Even though we are not yet able to meet for worship, the work of our congregation still goes on, and so to be ready as we return to normal routine, please remember to support the following, if able.: FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN. - MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP DONATION (\$5)

(this is supporting mission e.g. Uniting World)

GOLD COIN FOR WESLEY APARTMENTS. - COLLECTION OF STAMPS

If you need anything collected, please phone an elder or drop off at 175

PRAYERS: Please pray for Rev. Christine, Rev. Manas as they move on from Parramatta Mission congregations, and also for Rev. Dr. Amelia, and Rev. Clive and Rev. Vladimir as they Prepare to lead the congregations in the coming months

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.

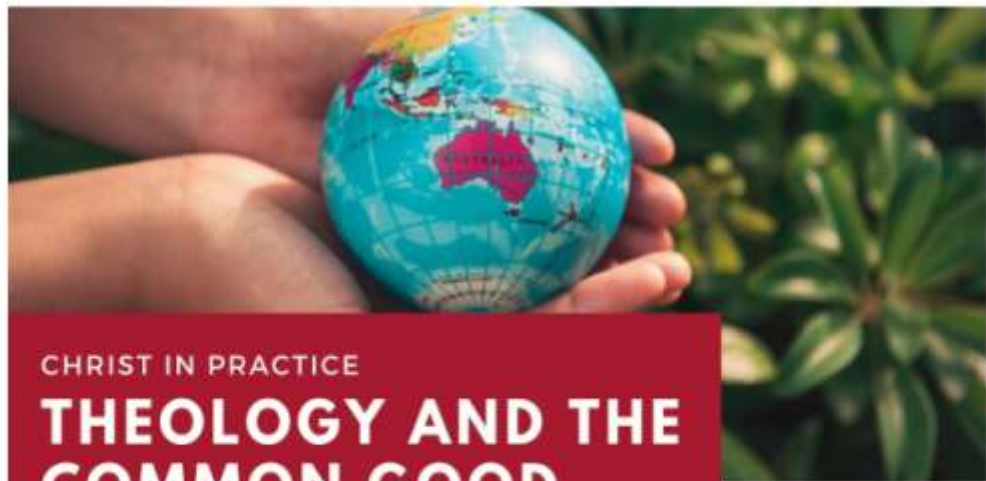
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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**



Thank you to everyone who generously donated grocery and toiletry items at North Rocks Shopping Centre and Lennox Village during their August campaign. 17 trolley loads collected and delivered to those in need!

North Rocks Shopping Centre Lennox Village Shopping Centre



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 North Rocks Uniting Church*

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