



Parramatta  
Mission



uniting  
church  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS  
27th 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

### **CLOSURE OF MINISTRY SERVICE – THIS SUNDAY**

The Closure of Ministry service for Revs. Manas and Christine (and for Rev. Clive's current supply ministry) will be held this Sunday, 27 September at 10.00am. A small gathering will take place at the CFM and a Zoom option will be available for the congregations

### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355>  
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### **THANK YOU & FAREWELL!**



Many thanks to **Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh** and **Rev. Christine Bayliss Kelly** for their many years of service to the Leigh Memorial and Westmead congregations of Parramatta Mission. As the Closure of Ministry service takes place this Sunday, we will recall their contributions with gratitude, and join together in acknowledging their generous support of our congregations via the pastoral team – and the many individual skills and personal qualities that they have brought to their respective ministries.

We particularly thank Manas for his pastoral care, interfaith/ecumenical vision and inspirational preaching, and Christine for her involvement at Leigh Memorial via numerous special events, children's programs and SPOW. As both depart, we pray that their future pathways bring fulfillment and happiness. We also express our gratitude to **Revs. Clive and Amelia** for their generous, ongoing contributions to the Parramatta Mission congregations. "Blessings" from all at Leigh Memorial.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

We continue to hold Manas and Nita in our prayers, especially in this time of farewell and transition. Thoughts and prayers also go out to our other PM ministers and their families, and those who serve us on the Mission Council, the CCLM and the Leaders' team. Thoughts also for fellow congregation members, friends and neighbours who are unwell or feeling isolated at this time, with virtual hugs for this year's HSC students as their exam period approaches.

For additional support, please contact the pastoral team via 9891-2277.

NB: Rev. Manas will remain on leave until the conclusion of his placement on 30 September.

## REPORT: INTERFAITH PEACE SERVICE, 2020

This year's 7<sup>th</sup> 'International Day of Peace' Interfaith Prayer Service at Parramatta Mission was held via Zoom on Monday, 21 September. It included prayer contributions from multiple religious groups, with the Uniting Church being represented by Rev. Keith Hamilton, NSW/ACT Moderator, Rev. Simon Hansford and UCA President, Dr. Deidre Palmer. Keynote speaker, Dr. Sue Wareham, gave an inspiring address, encouraging everyone to advocate for an end to the global manufacture, sale and use of nuclear weapons. Our congregation's Shaalane Srmbikal provided a soulful rendition of 'Make me a channel of your Peace'. A large number tuned in to view and participate in the service, and to express their appreciation to Rev. Manas and his son Solon, who facilitated the complex technical aspects of the afternoon's proceedings. The service was streamed – internationally – via the UCA Assembly's facebook:<https://www.facebook.com/UnitingChurchAu/videos/621482611871120> Rev. Simon Hansford commended Manas on behalf of the Synod for his outstanding efforts, and as a Mission family, we also say "thank you" to Manas for his long term dedication to interfaith ministry and peace advocacy, including via the annual Peace Services. The clear message from Monday's gathering was: **Let's say 'no' to nuclear weapons – and let's try shaping peace together!** For information about the UN's International Day of Peace, see: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

Photo: Manas on screen with the 2020 Peace candle.



성령강림후17주일(17th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 9월27일 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 14 장 통 30 장 주 우리 하나님

새 270 장 통 214 장 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마태복음3:7-12

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 회개의 합당한 열매

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn) 새 144 장 통 144 장 예수 나를 위하여

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 하나님께서 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  
고후 4:1-18

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
고후1:23-7:1

**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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**@TALANOAWITHDRT**

Classes start: 21 September.

AlsoL: You group:

Friday night, 7:30-9:00pm

## Philippians 2:1-13

1 If there is any encouragement in Christ, if any incentive of love, if any communion of the Spirit, if any compassion and empathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, united in spirit, agreeing with one another, 3 doing nothing for selfish ambition or cheap desire to boast, but in humility regard one another as better than yourselves, 4 let each of you look not only at your own interests, but also for the interests of everyone. 5 Have this mind among you which was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though subsisting in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of humanity; and being found in the fashion of a human being, 8 he humbled himself becoming obedient until death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and gave him the name above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence but now all the more so in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For God is working in you both to will and to work for his purpose. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

### Reflections

There is a lot in the above Bible reading. It points to who Jesus Christ is as both God and human. It points towards the end of time. It also makes two other important points about life in community, life in the church. One is about Christian unity: being in communion, of the same mind, having the same love, united in spirit, agreeing with one another. The second is related, humility. Having the same mind does not mean thinking the same thing; it is about commonality of approach, direction, in whom we trust, commitment to one another, together seeking the mind of Christ. Humility is modelled on Jesus, who as the writer affirms, was God, equal with God, yet did not allow that to prevent humility, even humility to take on human flesh, be born, live and die. For us this might model and inspire and remind that the way to build commonality of purpose, communion, seeking the mind of Christ, is through the humility of listening, taking account of the other's perspective, taking care for the other, quickly acknowledging when we have wronged another and the work of repair.

## News

Rev Vladimir Korotov was been confirmed as the Interim Lead Minister for Parramatta Mission, fully taking up this responsibility from 6 October through to 30 June 2021. Vladimir will also be a member of the interim board while I am on leave.

The Interim Board has appointed Mark Newton, Chief Operations Officer, to also the responsibility of the acting Chief Executive Officer while I am on leave.

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. I return for a week, 21-28 February 2021, and conclude my placement at Parramatta Mission on 28 February 2021. This is the first of what the church calls long leave and others call long serve leave that I have taken in 32 years of ministry, and in total 49 years since leaving school.

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 continue 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 Pastoral Team with the congregations. The redeployment of Amelia's time will commence from 1 October. 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. The immediate challenge is during COVID, but post-COVID what will be the shape of our congregations? Will there be three, or two or one? Will there be a zoom congregation? Will there be livestreaming? What about potential relationships with Centenary and Northmead Uniting, or the new Mayflower at Westmead? What will it mean to be in the centre of the second CBD of Sydney post-COVID? These and more are all important matters for the congregations during this time of transition.

Sunday 27 September, the congregations thank and farewell Rev Dr Manas Ghosh and Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly for their ministry at Parramatta Mission, particularly, and respectively, in the Leigh Memorial Congregation and the Westmead Congregation. We wish them and their families God's richest blessings for the future. For Manas, future ministry is still to be revealed. For Christine, this will be in a new placement at Penrith.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

## WESTMEAD Congregation

TODAY we meet for a combined service for the Conclusion of Ministry at Parramatta Mission for Rev. Christine, and Rev. Dr. Manas, and the supply ministry of Rev. Dr. Clive.

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This service is being held at the Centre of Ministry at North Parramatta, and because of Covid restrictions, a limited number of people can attend, and we are together through zoom Service will start at 10.00am.

The congregation's wishes and prayers for the future of these ministers who have served the congregations faithfully over the last several years. They will be greatly missed. We thank them for the wonderful contribution made to each of the congregations, and as they leave, we trust that God will lead them forward into their future ministries.

FAREWELL Rev. Christine. Thank you for your dedication to Westmead and the Community Rev. Dr. Manas, thank you for your dedication to the Leigh Memorial and Interfaith.

Rev. Clive, thank you for your leadership and teaching, especially to the Fijian Congregation. Your ministry will continue with the Parramatta Mission congregations, and we are grateful.

WELCOME to the Ministry team who will lead and work with the three congregations of Parramatta Mission, over the next 8 - 9 months, as we all learn to do things differently, and work together. Rev. Vladimir Korotkov, Rev. Amelia Koh-Butler, and Rev. Clive Pearson.

We are looking forward to meeting with you all as restrictions allow.

Elders of Westmead Congregation are: KAREN BANFIELD (CHAIRPERSON), LORNA PORTER, BIJU CHAKO, MERE VALAONO (NO. 28), AND JAN ROBSON. Please contact any of the elders if you have questions or enquiries, as we go forward.

If you have your little coins saved for the Fellowship of the Least Coin, can you please arrange to pass them on to Lorna. The service where this money if donated, is only 4 weeks away.

Karen Banfield's dear Mum, Aileen Banfield has passed away after a long illness, in Bathurst. A funeral will take place on Thursday, 24th September, and our thoughts and prayers and love are with you Karen, and your family at this time. A lovely memory to those who remember the happy garden parties, many from our congregation attended at Karen and Kath's house, some years ago, and Aileen used to come and cook the most delicious little treats for us to enjoy.



COMMUNION at Westmead will now be held on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month; This will be in line with the Leigh and Fijian Congregations and will begin next Sunday, 4th October, 2020. The service will be via zoom and the link will be sent to you during the week.



Jan Robson has become a Great Grandmother to beautiful Harriet Chelsea Brodie.

Offerings may be dropped off at reception at the 175 Motel between 9am and 3p.m. each week day, and they will be collected by Lorna for processing. **OR** offerings may be made electronically.

**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**

***Foster your faith this week***

*Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

*Ps 19*

*Phil 3:4b-14*

*Mt 21:33-46*

A United Theological College/ Charles Sturt University subject taught online. Available for the BTh degree, as a single subject, and for those wanting to audit the subject for interest.



**THL328: RECONCILIATION**

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS IN INVADED SPACE?

**How do we approach reconciliation between First and Second Peoples in Australia? Why is reconciliation even necessary? What makes it difficult and challenging? What is the role of the church in processes of reconciliation?**

This subject will examine the interaction between Christian and public understandings of reconciliation.

While making reference to other contexts, it will give particular attention to reconciliation in the context of Australia.

### **Class Times**

Running online between  
16 Nov 2020 - 5 Feb 2021

### **Information and Enrolment**

Please contact Joanne Stokes on:  
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or phone (02) 8838 8967.



**Rev. Dr Chris Budden** has had a longstanding interest in relationships with First Peoples, and a commitment to finding more just ways of being the church in this country. He is the author of *Following Jesus in Invaded Space: Doing Theology on Aboriginal Land* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2009).

# 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 Northmead Uniting Church*

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

Let God's light shine  
in your lives

(Thank you Manas & Christine)

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