



**Parramatta  
Mission**



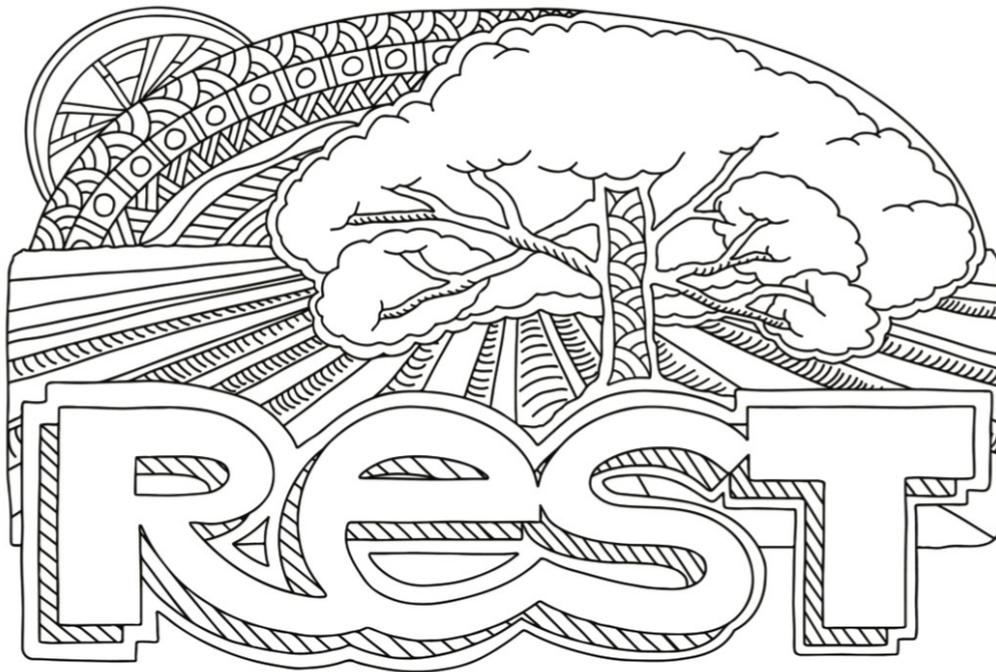
**uniting  
church**  
in Australia,  
Synod of NSW & ACT

**OUR NEWS**  
**11th October**  
**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.**

## CONGRATULATIONS!



Warmest congratulations to Thomas Morgan, who received first place for Year 12 at his high school in the subject 'Industrial Technology, Timber.' His major project – a hand-crafted guitar – is a masterpiece of design and skill. He also received top three placings in his 'Textiles' and 'Visual Arts' subjects. Well done Tom and all the very best for your exams – with love & prayers from all of us.

## PASTORAL CARE

We continue to hold Rev. Manas and Nita in our prayers, plus those who serve us on the Pastoral team, Mission Council, CCLM and Leaders' team. Thoughts and prayers also remain with fellow members who are unwell at this time or requiring additional support. Revs. Amelia and Clive may be contacted via 9891-2277.

## FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

Margie thanks those who have managed to donate to the Australian Church Women's FOTLC ('Fellowship of the Least Coin') fundraising campaign this year. Please pray for the FOTLC's ecumenical objectives of international justice, peace and reconciliation. <https://www.acw.org.au/the-fellowship-of-the-least-coin-1>

## DIRECT GIVING

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. Thank you.

## MEALS PLUS

Donations to support the work of Meals Plus are as crucial as ever. The important work of supporting those in need in the heart of Parramatta never stops. Serving multiple breakfasts and lunches each week to hundreds of clients, and providing key referral services for mental health, family, financial and accommodation needs, plus more – Meals Plus is not only a 'covid-safe' service situated close to our church and congregational life, but a program that has been close to the hearts of Leigh Memorial members for 30 years. Please consider giving to Meals Plus. \$10 provides breakfast and lunch for a client and \$25 provides a whole week of lunches. Giving may be in the form of a regular gift or a one-off donation. See the link below for further information, or call 9891-2277 for assistance. Many thanks.



Photo: Leigh Memorial members, Tomasi & Callum – volunteering at a Meals Plus BBQ lunch in 2018 with coordinator, Paul Moussa.

<https://www.parramattamission.org.au/meals-support-services/meals-and-outreach/>

## **Friends across Parramatta Mission, Greeting from the Pastoral Team!**

As we return from school or uni holidays or start to get used to Daylight savings, we feel the weather turning and the days getting longer. There are signs for seasons. We look to the skies and consider the way cycles of weather impact on our interactions. This is God's beautiful and glorious world. God created and saw goodness, inviting us to also see the wonder around us.

We are also mindful of the challenges the seasons bring. This week, you are invited to remember those who are still recovering from bushfires from last Spring-Summer. So many people were traumatized by the events of last fire season and many are making preparations for the summer to come. As we pause and lift others before God in prayer, let us look to see what we might do to encourage wellbeing and safety among our neighbours.

Do you know your neighbours? Can you keep an eye out and notice if your neighbour seems to struggle? Would it be an extra measure of comfort and security if someone were to contact you and check if you are ok too? Do you have a few ideas about how to cope with the heat? Could we collect some of the ideas and share them with one another? How can we model being the caring community God is calling us to be?

A few ideas:

- Keep some icepacks or coldpacks in your freezer. A wet washer in a container in the fridge can also be used to help cool yourself down if things get really hot.
- - Keep well hydrated. In the future, our churches may become important places where people can get a refill for their water bottles.
- Try to have a few indoor potplants - it helps with regulating the climate indoors.
- Catch excess grey water from washing for use on plants.
- Using shading, curtains or window film can help reduce the heat buildup in your home.
- Exercise or garden early or late and be ok about taking a nap during the hottest part of the day... we can learn a lot from those who enjoy a siesta!

This week I have gathered a few fallen leaves on my walk and leave them in a bowl on my dining table. I have written a word on each of the leaves: faith, hope, care, concern, healing, love, peace, sadness, joy. When I pause to pray, I pick up a couple of the leaves to help focus my prayers for all of you and for our communities and the wider mission. It is a reminder to me that in nature and in life, God is constantly present.

This Sunday you might also bring a few leaves to worship and bring a glass of water, as we remember the Source of all Life - God. Remember God in the simple things. Take joy and look for ways to share it with others.

Have a blessed week! Rev Amelia

(on behalf of the Pastoral Team - Rev Vladimir, Rev Mary, Rev Clive, Chaplain Sarah, Sunil, Robert, Coral)

Amelia is both an Accredited Youth Worker and Minister of the Word currently placed as Multifaith Chaplain at Western Sydney University and part of the Transitional Pastoral Team for Parramatta Mission. Amelia has served the Church nationally in congregational, educational, multi and crosscultural, worship and executive leadership roles. She is an Intentional Interim Minister (Change Management) and is a nationally accredited Mediator. Amelia is currently the Worship and Liturgy Chairperson for the World Methodist Council with a primary focus on multicultural/intercultural expressions of worship.

With a mixed culture heritage and a Doctorate in Intercultural Missiology (using music for building missional capacity), Amelia enjoys having faith conversations with people in their own settings, unencumbered by churchy expectations. She seeks to use her operatic and creative arts background in connecting with people who are prompted by God's Spirit to engage in Holy curiosity.

During COVID times, she encourages people to pray and colour in..

Amelia is keen to assist the congregations to develop spiritual confidence about moving into mission and discipleship in a changing world. She is working hard on developing achievable and practical goals for how we manage safe gathering, and support for those who cannot gather, during Con-COVID times.



**Clive Pearson** was ordained into the ministry back in 1983. He had previously been second in charge of a unity for the rehabilitation of alcoholics and worked also with teenage boys placed in care by the courts and the Leonard Cheshire Foundation which cares for those who suffer from such illnesses as muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and the like. For 6 years he was the minister of a Presbyterian Church in Christchurch which was actively engaged in exploring new music, biblical studies and engaging with social justice issues and ecumenism. His PhD was done in Cambridge and was an exploration of how the church seeks to manage the balance between tradition and being current and being 'comprehensive' or inclusive. Prior to coming to Australia he was Professor of Systematic Theology in the Faculty of Divinity in the University of Otago; in Sydney he was first lecturer and then Principal of United Theological College and Head of the School of Theology for Charles Sturt University.

Clive is a split-personality. He enjoys thinking about the life of faith and has done research in how faith relates to climate change and cultural diversity and migration. He is the editor of an international journal. He also enjoys leading worship, carrying out pastoral care and being available. He has had close involvement with churches and theological colleges in the Pacific and Korea.



# Message from Mark Newton

Acting Chief Executive Officer



I am humbled to be asked to act in the role CEO following the commencement of a well-deserved period of long service and study leave for Keith Hamilton from 6<sup>th</sup> October.

What follows is an extract from the first edition of my rejuvenated staff newsletter. I am committed to enhancing communication channels during the busy time ahead. I recognise that times of change can be exciting and a little unsettling, as we strive for meaningful strategic change that will position all parts of the organisation for a very positive future.

The three areas of focus for me for the rest of the current financial year relate to ensuring that the decision of Church Council to adopt the model described as a Mission of the Congregations is implemented well.

You will be aware from earlier communications that an Implementation Board has been established under the chairmanship of Paul Linossier and Paul has agreed to explain a little more of the work of this board in the next edition of this Newsletter in a fortnight's time.

A significant project such as this requires specialised leadership and we have established a Project Management Office, with Mark Warner joining the team to head up this function. I will be actively leading the work of the Steering Committee to oversee the transition of our government funded services, and working closely with Wesley Mission, who have been announced as the preferred partner, pending detailed "due diligence" considerations.

The Transition Project has commenced the activities that are required, and we are all committed to ensuring a successful transfer into the Community Services organisation of Wesley Mission. We will be aiming to sign a binding covenant within coming months which will describe the detailed arrangements to be put into place before the end of the financial year.

My second focus area is to ensure that the New Parramatta Mission, post transition, will be well placed to thrive and be sustainable. So we are also reviewing the remaining activities of Parramatta Mission to ensure they are sustainable after moving out such a large proportion of the Mission's services. This is being done with a view to ensuring the Mission can continue to successfully reach out to the people of greater Parramatta area, and develop a thriving congregational life of worship, witness, and service. I am sure that Vladimir Korotkov, who has commenced in the role of Interim Lead Minister will be vital in the success of this activity, so I extend my welcome to Vlad and look forward to working closely with him. Vlad will be invited to contribute some thoughts in this Newsletter once he has completed his orientation.

Thirdly and very importantly, I must ensure that the services provided by Parramatta Mission continue to operate effectively and efficiently in this interim period. I take this opportunity to thank staff for their continuing commitment to our work - we have established the guiding principle that all we do in relation to the work of renewal puts the interests of clients and help seekers as the first priority.

I value your prayers and practical support as we progress with this journey together.

Mark Newton

## WESTMEAD Congregation

**ZOOM:** <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/3958336709>

WELCOME to worship today as Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson and Rev. Dr. Amelia Koh-Butler lead the service. The theme will be Cycles of Creation: Death and Life.

PRAYER CHAIN at Westmead is still accessible through an elder.  
Please call an elder if you Have a need.

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 do not have a number or email address, please call Parramatta Mission office, and your message will be forwarded to Westmead leaders.

We continue to provide support for families at Wesley Apartments as needed.

**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.

Congratulations to Mayflower Nursing Home residents, who have now moved into the new Uniting Aged Care facility, now to be entered through Carolyn Street. We especially think of Henry, Lorraine, Vita and Jean. Visiting is only by appointment at this stage.

BIBLE STUDY AT 2P.M. MONDAY, as usual. Link to be sent. Hope you can join.

SUSPENSION OF WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES DURING COVID 19 PANDEMIC

(as per last week)

DEEPENING FAITH AND RELATIONSHIPS ETC. (as per last week.)

성령강림후19주일(19th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 10월 11일 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 가득찬 영광의 하나님

**새 270 장** **통 214 장** 변함없는 주님의 사랑과

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **로마서 12:9-21**

말씀 (Preaching) - 전현구 목사 서로 존중하기를 먼저하라

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

**새 510 장** **통 276 장** 하나님의 진리 등대

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

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
시편 24:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
고후 12:14-시 27:14

1. 18/10 - Lotu ena macawa mai oqo e ratou na veiqaravi tiko tiko na soqosoqo ni tabagone.
2. Kerei meda veinanumi tiko ga ena veimasulaki vei ira na nodatou qase Aqriu Rogoimuri, Vilikesa kei Mereoni Kamotu, S Qata, ratou na veiliutaki tiko ena nodatou vavakoso vaka viti kei na veivuvale kece sara ena loma ni nodatou vavakoso.



***PASTORAL MESSAGE***

Let us seek to care for one another -  
in every environment, as God intends.

***Foster your faith this week***

*Ex33:12-23*

*Ps 99*

*Thes 1:1-10*

*Mt 22:15-22*



# FIJI DAY SERVICE



CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
FIJI INDEPENDENCE

11<sup>TH</sup> OCT @ 11.15AM

PARRAMATTA LEIGH FIJIAN  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN ON ZOOM:

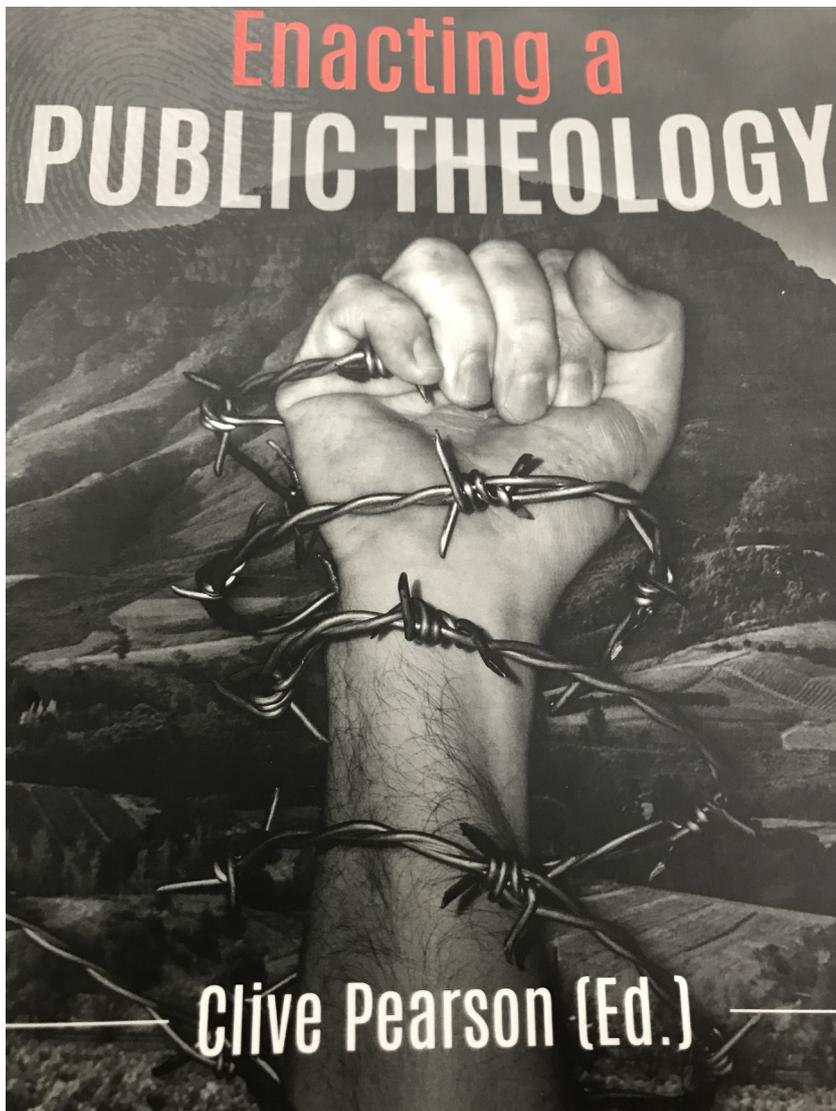
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- SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER -  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION OF MCIF  
REV. WILFRED REGU



WHEN LOGGING IN, PLEASE MAKE SURE  
YOU ARE NAMED AND NOT ANONYMOUS

VINAKA REV. DR. AMELIA KOH-BUTLER & REV. DR. CLIVE PEARSON  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



## What is a Public Theology?

There are many different callings that arise out of our response to Jesus' question, 'Who do you say that I am?' Some have to do with our personal journey of faith; some have to do with our life together through worship and pastoral care and outreach.

From its inception, the Uniting Church believed that the Christian life should also address the well-being of society at large and show a concern for neighbours around the world. The discipline of a Public Theology concerns itself with how the Christian faith positions itself in this world beyond our individual selves and the inner life of the church.

A Public Theology takes seriously 'who is your neighbour?' (the parable of the good Samaritan); 'what does it mean to do good to all? (Galatians 6:10); 'as you did to the least of these you did to me' (Matthew 25). It pays particular heed to the saying of Jesus to 'discern the signs of the times' (Luke 12:54-56).

What might these mean for us today? What are the signs of our times?

We have two ways of exploring these themes even in a time of Covid 19. For those who like to read there is a book; for those who like to discuss issues there is an online facilitated workshop, 'Theology for the Common Good' on 22 October 2020 from 10 – 1 pm via

Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4399152776>

You can email [reception@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:reception@parramattamission.org.au) to register.

**Enacting a Public Theology** is an anthology edited by Clive Pearson. It is available from Reception [or from Clive] at a cost of \$20. It deals with such diverse things as indigenous Australia, faith and democracy, faith and climate change, the importance of compassion, what is home and how do we belong.

A United Theological College/ Charles Sturt University subject taught as a week-long intensive in North Parramatta. Available for a degree or as a single subject, as well as to those wanting to audit the subject for interest.



## THL211: CREATION AND ECOTHEOLOGY

# RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

**Australia and the Pacific are at the forefront of climate change and its devastating effects.**

How do we as Christians begin to grapple with make and sense of this new reality? What are our responsibilities to those who are most impacted (e.g. Pasifika peoples, many in rural areas, poorer communities, wildlife?) How do we begin to understand and unravel the patterns and logics that have led to this crisis (e.g. colonialism, whiteness, neoliberalism)? How can Scripture and Christian theology help to orientate and sustain us?

This subject will include readings and presentations on the climate emergency itself, as well as on theological figures and concepts that can assist with a response. Among other things, readings and presentations will focus on creation, the Anthropocene, ecotheology, Pasifika theologies, and Christian activism.

**Class Times:** Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Date:** November 9<sup>th</sup> – November 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Location:** United Theological College,  
16 Masons Dr, North Parramatta

**Information and Enrollment:** Please contact Joanne Stokes on [joannes@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:joannes@nswact.uca.org.au) or phone (02) 8838 8967.



**Dr Dianne Rayson** is a Bonhoeffer scholar and has held a number of lecturing posts in Australia in theology and humanities.

She is a public theologian with special interest in climate change, ecoethics, and ecofeminism.

# Prayer Points

## ***The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for***

### ♥ ***PM Leigh Memorial:***

*comfort for those who have been bereaved, support for those who are living with illnesses and those who are having treatments and their carers, peace for those who are transitioning in home, work or life stage, positive connections for groups who have been unable to gather, community members who are unwell, unemployed or at the frontline of medical, mental health, pharmacy and scientific care.*

### ♥ ***PM Fijian:***

*for Fijian civic and community leaders, both in Fiji and across the world - especially as we remember Independence and the special relationship with Australia, for families in Fiji and scattered in many places, for those who are unwell or receiving treatments, for family members in care,*

*for Children and Youth as they return to school, for the Bula Feeding Ministry volunteers and guests, for Meals Plus and our other providers,*

### ♥ ***PM Westmead:***

*for the team at 175 and the guests there, for the team and families in Wesley Apartments, for our beloved Jean and wisdom about future options, for the recently bereaved, especially Karen and Kath, for families who are being supported at Westmead Children's hospital.*

### ♥ ***PM Korean Faith Community:***

*for opportunities for connections into the community of Korean-speakers*

### ♥ ***UC congregations of the Parramatta-Nepean Presbytery that extends from Galston to Bargo, Lidcombe to Blackheath.***

### ♥ ***We pray for Penieli (Tongan) Uniting Church***

## **For Our Combined Parramatta Mission Team**

*May God guide us in connecting well with the people we contact every day that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope. and*

*For Our Combined Pastoral Team*

*Rev Vladimir, Rev Mary, Rev Clive, Chaplain Sarah, Sunil, Robert, Coral, Rev Amelia, Rev Hyung Goo - and their families, as they help us to serve our wider communities.*

*Lord, as we remember the many people and places, we know you are before, above, beneath and beyond it all. We ask for your mantle of love and compassion to move us and make us as your people responding to the real needs of the world. AMEN*

# Pastoral Contacts

Prayer Points may be sent to

[wecare@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:wecare@parramattamission.org.au)

For a conversation or to contact a Minister, please call

*Parramatta Mission Reception (9am-3pm)*

119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150

9891 2277

*Leigh Memorial Church*

119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150

9891 2277

*Westmead Church*

175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead NSW 2145

9891 9354

## **IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED**

Our three ministers, Amelia Koh-Butler, Clive Pearson and Vladimir Korotkov are available to each congregation and members and your friends; their contact details are listed below.

Rev Vladimir Korotkov (Interim Lead Minister) 0431 759 573

Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler 0427 955 157

Rev Dr Clive Pearson (Supply) 0409 523 024

*YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THESE PEOPLE FOR PASTORAL ISSUES*

Rev Hyun Goo Jun (Korean Faith Community) 0433 320 588

Pr Sarah Bishop (Children's Hospital) 0429 912 943



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