



**Parramatta  
Mission**



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

**OUR NEWS**  
**8th November**  
**2020**

**A Church-Based  
Community  
Transforming  
Lives**

***Our Values***  
**Grace,**  
**Inclusion,**  
**Dignity,**  
**Faith & 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.**

## THANK YOU



Many thanks to everyone who facilitates our leadership, pastoral and worship programs each week, and a very special word of appreciation to **Tracey** (Reception) and **Coral** (Reception/Congregational Admin Support) who have looked after us in a variety of ways throughout 2020. Coral's and Tracey's efforts, both on the 'frontline' at PM and behind the scenes, have included fielding enquiries, producing and distributing the weekly newsletters, managing admin tasks, supervising reception and providing warm, unconditional pastoral care to congregation members, fellow staff and clients. For all these contributions and more, we say a heartfelt "thank you!"

## 'INTERFAITH ON THE FRONTLINES'

This year's Abraham Conference was to have taken place at our own Fellowship Centre, but will now be held via Zoom next Sunday 15 November from 2pm. Frontline workers from the Jewish, Islamic and Christian faiths will share their experiences during the intense challenges of 2020. See the flyer for registration details.

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

A warm "hello" to members currently living in aged care or living alone, or who are presently grieving or unwell/receiving medical treatment. You are very much in our thoughts and prayers. Please don't hesitate to contact the Leaders or Pastoral teams for additional support, information or practical help as needed.

## 'MAKING READY FOR ADVENT!'

Look out for information in the newsletter regarding Clive's online Advent studies for this year. The series will commence at 10.00am on Saturday 21 November and proceed for four sessions. Please also keep an eye on the PM website and newsletters for information regarding Parramatta Mission's seasonal program for 2020, including Christmas fundraising and all the ways that congregation members can help/participate.

## CONSTRUCTION

Due to ongoing Light Rail construction, Macquarie Street is still closed on a regular basis. When complete, stage 1 of the rail line is intended to connect Westmead and Carlingford via the Parramatta CBD and serve 28,000 commuters by 2026. Construction work is also evident in the Leigh Memorial car park, where a portion is now closed off due to demolition/building work taking place on the western side of Epworth House – which was once the site of the MLC building and before that, the Mission's 'Jubilee Hall' of 1871. The Lawry Chapel memorial in the car park has been sealed off/protected as part of the process.

## ILLUMINATE

Leigh Memorial's recently released book, 'Peaceful Witness' will soon to be added to the UCA's online *Illuminate* repository (UCA Archives/Camden Theological Library):  
<https://illuminate.recollect.net.au/>

## DIRECT GIVING

Offerings to support our Church & Mission may be made by direct electronic transfer. Bank acct. name: *Parramatta Mission Giving Direct*. Acct. number: 100025901. BSB: 634 634. Many thanks!

## PM MEMBERS...SAVE THE DATE: "GROWING UP UNITING"

The UCA's National History Society will be holding its biennial, multicultural Conference at the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta, on the weekend of 11 – 13 June, 2021. The theme is: 'Growing up Uniting.' PM Youth Leaders please note: the involvement and attendance of both youth leaders and young people at this event is being strongly encouraged.  
<https://uniting.church/uca-national-history-society/>

**Pentecost 23A, 2020**

**Matthew 25: 1-13**

**Vladimir Korotkov**

***Parramatta Mission Interim Lead Minister***

**NAIDOC WEEK: 8-15 NOV 2020**

***Keeping Awake to Indigenous rights***

In our text this week, Matthew 25.1-13, Matthew's Jesus shares a parable about ten people who went out to meet the bridegroom. We can imagine the excitement and expectation. But only five were really prepared for possible delays and their challenges, like facing the dark of the coming of night, for the unknown, stepping into it being prepared; the other five were "more enthusiasm" than genuinely prepared or ready to be engaged, and so had no way of keeping their lamps lit for the arrival.

The writer of Sacred Conversations ( <http://sacraconversazione.blogspot.com/> ) suggest that this parable

is not about the content of faith, but learning the steps in the dance of believing; not belief as an exercise of right-thinking but about behaviour and priorities while we wait; not about concepts but actions. Even if we lack details about when, where and how Jesus will return, we are to learn the right habits engendered by eager expectation.

This writer alerts us to John Caputo's words:

"The 'second coming of Christ' is not a 'when' to be calculated but a 'how' to be lived, ... of being ready, existentially transformed and radically open ...

The writer continues: This "radical openness," Derrida insists, inflames "passion," a "passion to let justice flow."

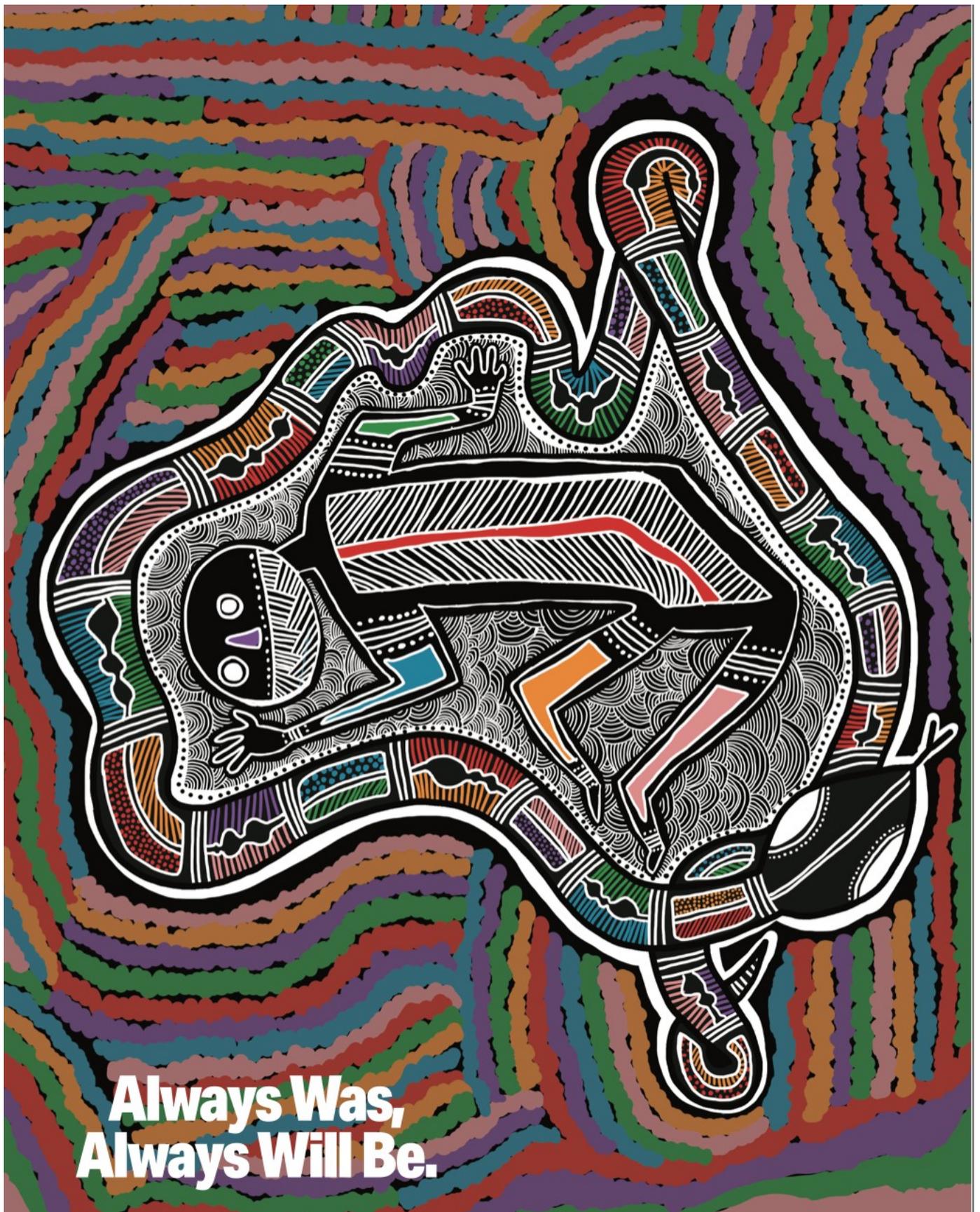
This parable calls us to be awake to God's transformative and alternative empire and invites our active role as companions of God to express God's love and compassion to all, especially those pushed to the margins. Being awake is to take active steps of witness and justice "in the dance of believing."

One of the most important steps of faith in this land is to let justice flow as we walk with the First Peoples of this land, working with them for their just claims.

This coming week we enter NAIDOC week. NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. According to its webpage:

During this week we celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

As the Uniting Church we are people who have covenanted to walk together with our Indigenous brothers and sisters to seek their desires for justice and equality. Let us find ways to do this in this coming week, and in our ongoing journey.



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**



[naidoc.org.au](http://naidoc.org.au)

# NAIDOC WEEK

**8-15 NOV 2020**

#NAIDOC2020  
#AlwaysWasAlwaysWillBe

Artwork: Shape of Land by Tyrone Waigana

The Rainbow Serpent came out of the Dreamtime to create this land. It is represented by the snake and it forms the shape of Australia, which symbolises how it created our lands. The colour from the Rainbow Serpent is reflected on to the figure to display our connection to the Rainbow Serpent, thus our connection to country. The overlapping colours on the outside is the Dreamtime. The figure inside the shape of Australia is a representation of Indigenous Australians showing that this country - since the dawn of time - always was, and always will be Aboriginal land.

[facebook.com/NAIDOC](https://www.facebook.com/NAIDOC)

[@naidocweek](https://www.instagram.com/naidocweek)

[@naidocweek](https://www.tiktok.com/@naidocweek)



# THE VIRAL CITY



Centre for Faith  
& Public Issues

**Thursday, 19th November 2020**  
**7.00pm – 8.30pm via Zoom**

On behalf of the Centre for Faith and Public Issues, a webinar has been organised on the topic of "The Viral City". The conversations relate to COVID-19 in the City, and will be addressing these important questions :

- How has COVID-19 affected your personal work schedule ?
- How has COVID-19 affected your workplace / office space ?
- How has COVID-19 affected the city ?
- What do you predict will happen in the future ?

### **What does this mean for the making of a good city ?**

Our speakers will include:

- **David Borger**, Executive Director, Western Sydney Business Chamber
- **Melissa Monteiro**, CEO, Community Migrant Resource Centre
- **Billie Sankovich**, CEO, Western Sydney Community Forum

Some church based responses also from:

- **Paul Moussa**, Meals Plus, Parramatta Mission
- **Suguta Rogoimuri**, Bula Feeding Ministry

Please RSVP your attendance to : [Amelia.Pereira@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:Amelia.Pereira@parramattamission.org.au)

Zoom Details

<https://zoom.us/j/4399152776> Password : 124622

## ***Making Ready for Advent***

### ***Advance Notice:***



Every Christmas Day it seems as if we finish the service with a reading of the prologue to John's Gospel (1:1-14)—and then sing, 'Joy to the world'!. Sound familiar? But. ....

What does this reading from John mean?

How does it fit in with the whole of John's Gospel?

And. ....

Why is this Gospel so different from the other 3 gospels?

This Advent we make ready for Christmas and the seasons beyond through a study of John's Gospel.

For purposes of preparation, why not read John right through from beginning to end. Come prepared!

Our studies will happen on-line at the following times:

**Saturday** morning: 10am to 11:30 am

21, 28 November; 5, 12 December.

### ***All Welcome***

**Thursday** evening: 7:00pm to 8:00 pm.

26 November, 3, 10 and 17 December

### ***Fijian.***

The 4 themes are:

John 1-5

The Divine Emigrant

John 6-11

The Sign

John 11-17

The Farewell

John 18-21

The Crucified and Risen Christ

# WESTMEAD Congregation

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

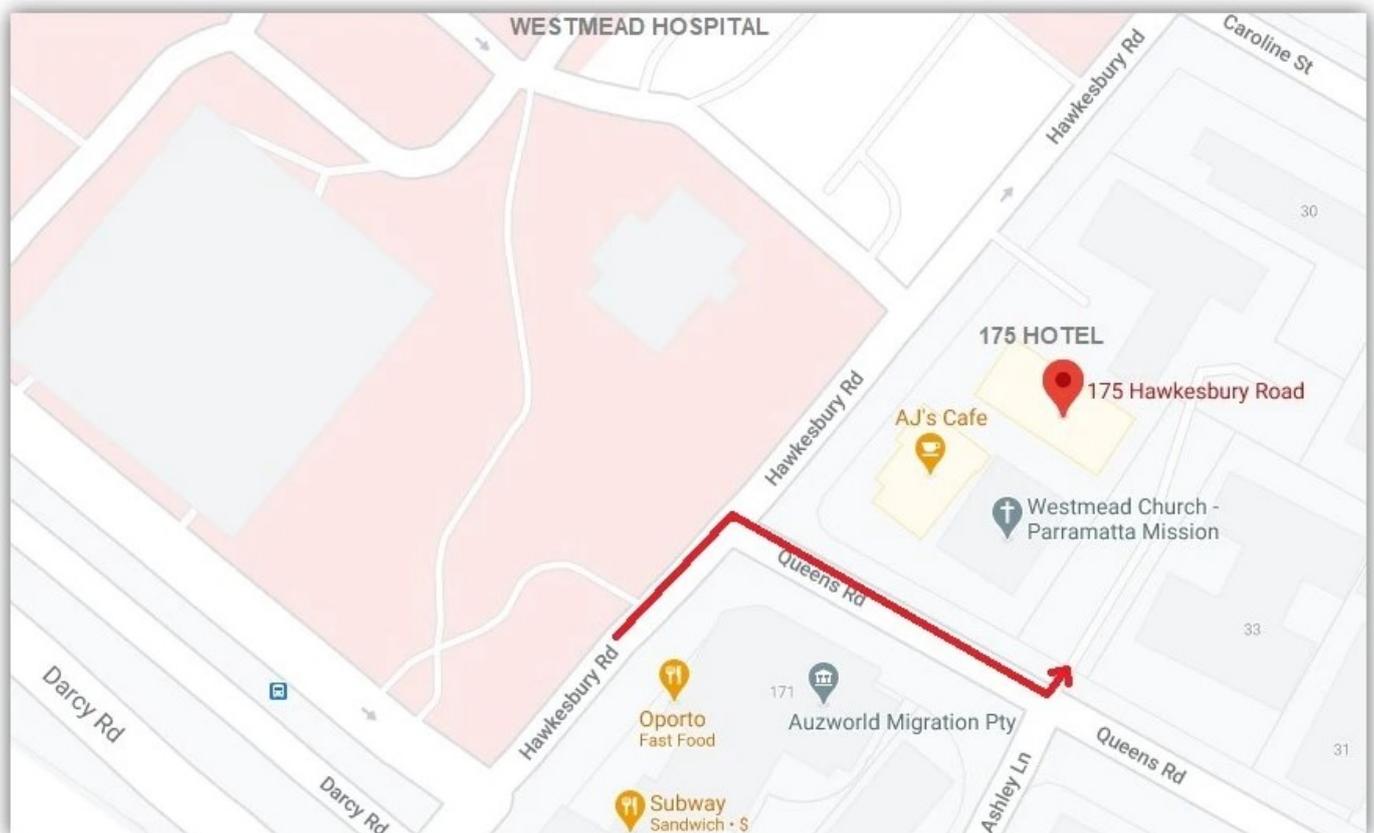
**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMEAD** today. Rev Clive Pearson will lead the service today and bring the sermon. Thank you for being with us Clive.

With Love to the World is used as a study for the Bible Study group. The new book starts from 9th November and apologies that to date, we have not received the new copies. The bible readings can be found in the Newsletter "Fostering your Faith", and if you wish to prepare for Bible Study, these are the ones to read.

When the new books have arrived at 175 reception, we will let you know, and if you need to have yours posted out, please call Lorna and she will do that for you.

With Love to the World is also available on line, and is less expensive. Information to access the book this way, is inside of the back cover of the book you have now.

**IMPORTANT** information for anyone accessing the 175 property. Cameron has advised that over the next 3 weeks there will be **NO ACCESS** from Hawkesbury Road. The Queens Road exit will be the **ONLY** access and exit for the property. There will be someone on duty at all times to assist you with this process. The light rail is progressing and lines are being laid in Hawkesbury Road during this time (See diagram below)



Elders of Westmead Congregation are :

KAREN BANFIELD (Chairperson)

LORNA PORTER, BIJU CHAKO, MERE VULAONO (No. 28) & JAN ROBSON.

Pastoral Care contact person & also contact person for Prayer Chain for Westmead Congregation is JAN ROBSON, phone number 0418 438 901.

KAREN BANFIELD is the contact person for Worship - 0488 101 469

LORNA PORTER is contact person for Administration & Finance - 0408 365 478

Please do not hesitate to call your Elder if you have any concerns during this Covid-19 time.

We are continuing to support families at Wesley Apartments, supplying a voucher for their use and also welcome packs to new families on arrival. Thank you for your continued support.

Offerings may be dropped off at reception at the 175 Motel between 9am & 3pm week days, Lorna will collect for processing. **OR** offerings may be made electronically, details as follows:

Account name:       **PM Direct Westmead**  
                              **BSB 634634**  
                              **Account number : 100046885**

## **STAMPS**

Please keep collecting any stamps you may receive on your mail, especially with Christmas drawing near. The stamps need to be cut with a good border around them so as not to damage them. They will be collected and sent to the department of the church where they are sold and the proceeds are made good use of for various needs.

## **DEEPENING FAITH & RELATIONSHIPS with others**

**WORSHIP**               Sunday via zoom at 9.45am (link on top of Westmead Page)  
                                  (next Sunday Pastor/Chaplain Sarah Bishop will bring the message)

**BIBLE STUDY**       Mondays via zoom at 2.00pm (link will be sent)

**FELLOWSHIP** will occur occasionally

## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Time Out Café (TOC) Open Door, Play Group, Tai Chi, **ALL ON HOLD AT PRESENT**

성령강림후 23주일(23th Pentecost of Sunday) 2020년 11월 08일 오후 1시 30분

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) 주기도문송 **새 635 장** 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **호세아 6:1-6; 마태복음 5:13-16**

말씀 (Preaching) - 전현구 목사 **이제 주님께로 돌아가자!**

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)

**새 304 장** **통 404 장** **그 크신 하나님의 사랑**

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

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
역대하 8:17-12

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
역대하 7:1-11:23

# Parramatta Nepean Presbytery

## Retreat via zoom

### For Lay Leaders



Wednesday 18th Nov evening–

for preparation– 7-8.30pm

Saturday 21st Nov day

9.00am—2.00pm

Tuesday 24th Nov evening–

for debriefing and follow up (if desired) – 7.8.30pm

The opening and closing sessions will be via Zoom with periods of time in the middle of the day for individual reflection.

**(The link will be available on registering)**

The retreat is an opportunity for Lay Leaders (including those leading worship or groups) within the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery to join with others in a day of refreshment, reflection and engaging in a time together.

There are limited places so please reply to Rev Christine Bayliss Kelly [cbaykel@gmail.com](mailto:cbaykel@gmail.com) to register your place. (0409 925 607)



## ***Foster your faith this week***

*Jgs 4:1-7a, Ps 123*

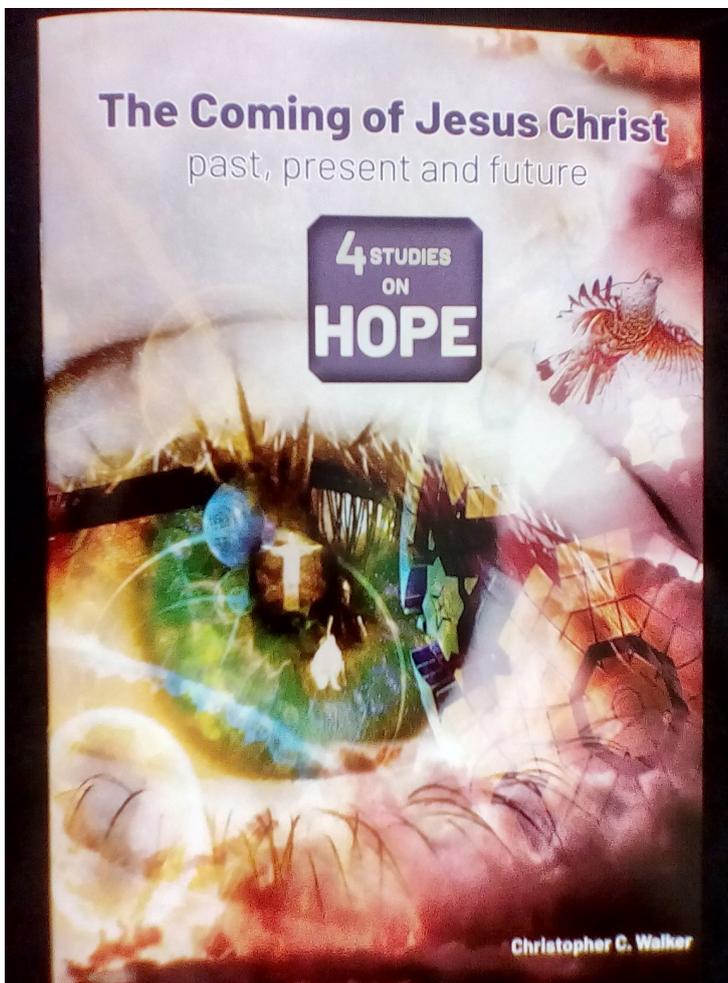
*1 Thes 5:1-11, Mt 25:14-30*

## ***PASTORAL MESSAGE***

'A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, shows the way...'

(Maxwell)

Jesus' Way is peace, love and healing for all, not just some.



## ***The Coming of Jesus Christ***

***past, present  
and future.***

***4 studies on Hope.***

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ABRAHAM CONFERENCE 2020

# INTERFAITH ON THE FRONTLINES



**Rachael Kohn**  
Facilitator



**Renata Ieremias**  
Jewish Care



**Dan Fleming**  
St Vincent's Health



**Haroon Kasim**  
Medical Hospitalist

**JEWISH, CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM FRONTLINE WORKERS SHARE THEIR STORIES OF HARDSHIP AND HOPE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES**

**SUNDAY | 15 NOVEMBER | 2PM-3.30PM**



THE ABRAHAM CONFERENCE WILL LIVE STREAM ON ZOOM

To receive the Zoom link, register for FREE at 

<https://events.humanitix.com/abraham-conference-2020-interfaith-on-the-frontlines>



INDIAN CRESCENT SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC



## ANGEL TREE 2020

On Christmas Day, thousands of children in Australia open a present from their father or mother or grandparent or other significant adult in their lives who is not there – they are in prison. Angel Tree, an international program of Prison Fellowship, makes this possible. Incarcerated relatives, through the Chaplain in their prison, nominate their children for the program, including basic details of each child as well as carer's contact details.

## WESTMEAD CONGREGATION

Over the past 10 years Westmead Congregation has supported the ministry of Angel Tree through generous donations from congregation members and friends. Over this time we have purchased gifts for more than 100 children and provided Christmas hampers for their families.

We enjoy purchasing and wrapping the gifts, and the privilege of being able to make contact with families in our local area when we deliver the gifts.

COVID 19 is affecting everything, and that of course includes fund raising for the various ministries. We would like to extend an invitation to all congregations and friends of Parramatta Mission to join us and help families keep relationships and connections alive in spite of difficult times.

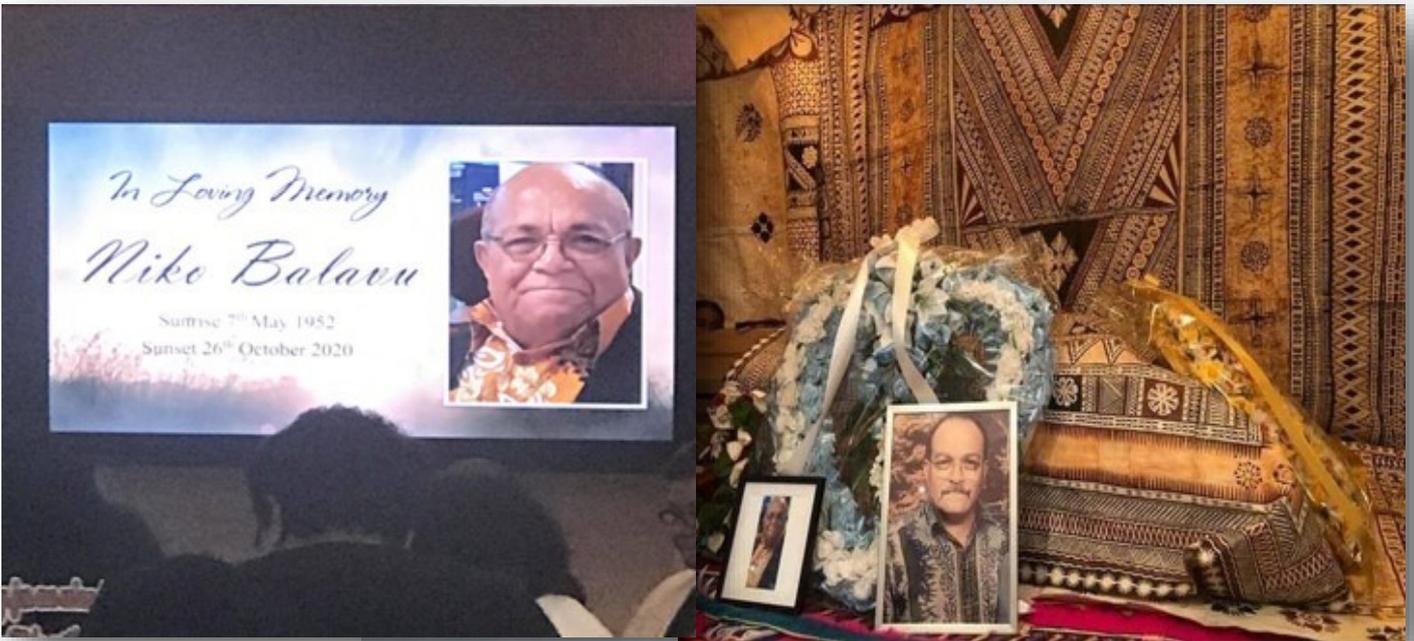
Donations can be dropped off between now and the end of November, in an envelope marked 'Angel Tree donation', to reception at 175 motel. Or, if it is difficult for you to get to 175, please don't hesitate to contact Lorna (0408 365 478) or Karen (0488 101 469) and they will make an arrangement with you to collect your donation.

THANK YOU!



# FIJIAN Congregation

1. **Bose ni Vavakoso** – Na bose ni vavakoso ena qaravi tiko ena I ka 14 ni Noveba, mai na 3 kina 5 na kaloko. Na vanua ena qaravi kina ena qai vakadeitaki malua mai.
2. Vakavinavinakalevu ni sa mai qaravi na nodra veitarogi na luveda ena HSC. Sa kerei na noda veimasulaki ena nodra sasaga ena vuli torocake.
3. **Veinanumi ena Masu:**  
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. Me nanumi tale tiko ena noda masu na veiqaravi ni Bula Feed.
4. Na somate vua na qase vakacegu mai Ermington Niko Balavu:





# Prayer Points

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

### **Our Community**

- We pray for all HSC students as they continue exams this week, especially our HSC families and teachers
- We give thanks that some small gatherings are starting to take place. We give thanks for welcoming cafes and the disciplines we have learnt to help keep us all safe
- We give thanks for coffee, tea, muffins and spiritually encouraging conversations.

### **PM Westmead**

- We pray for chaplain Sarah and the ministry at the Children's hospital, for the teams and guests at 175 and Wesley Apartments, for those who are contemplating life changes, for those who grieve, especially Karen, Kath and Amelia. We pray for the researchers and health care responders at Westmead WSU campus.

### **PM Korean Faith Community**

- We pray for the Korean community in Western Sydney and for Rev Hyung Goo and Hannah.

### **PM Leigh Memorial**

- We pray especially for those whose health is not the best. We ask for calmness for people having treatments for illnesses and for the courage of their carers,
- For those who are experiencing anxiety around home, work or life changes, we pray for supportive community. We continue to pray for those unable to gather, community members who are unwell, people who are unable to work and those who are lonely or depressed.

### **PM Fijian**

- We pray for those who are going through transitions from school to beyond.
- We pray for the Synod Pulse Team and Ofa's role as a newly commissioned Pastor in the Team, resourcing youth ministry across NSW/ACT.
- We pray for the guests at the Bula Feeding Ministry and Meals Plus and our wonderful volunteers. We pray for those who are unable to meet because of rain or storms and for those who have been sleeping rough.

### **Wider Work**

We pray for **Richmond** Uniting Church

- for the Chaplaincy at Westmead and the transition of the Team as people come and go - we pray especially for Sarah as she continues while others change
- UC leaders doing the DIGITAL MINISTRY training with Rev Amelia, learning how to use technology to hold communities together during COVID times.

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

May God guide all our workers and volunteers to live out our values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.

Rev Vladimir, Rev Mary, Rev Clive, Chaplain Sarah, Sunil, Robert, Coral, Rev Amelia, Rev Hyung Goo - and their families, as they support us to serve in mission.

We ask for God's help to bless 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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