



**Parramatta  
Mission**



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

**OUR NEWS**  
**14th February**  
**2021**

**Let all  
that  
you do  
be done  
in love.**

**1 Cor. 16:14**



**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.**

*Join us for  
Closure of Ministry Service*



*Rev Keith Hamilton*



*Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler*

10 am, Leigh Memorial Church  
119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta  
Sunday, 28th February 2021

Please join in person or on

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

RSVP : <https://events.humanitix.com/closure-of-ministry>

## **Gift Contribution Invitation**

### **For the ministry of Keith Hamilton and Amelia Koh Butler**

Congregational members are invited to express their gift of appreciation and thanks for the ministry of Keith and Amelia with gift offerings as they conclude their ministry with us at the end of February 2021.

Reception points for gifts are:

- Cash at Reception at the office.
- EFT to account :

Bank: Uniting Financial Services

BSB: 634634

Account number: 100027263

Ref: KH / AKB Gift/(..your family name)

## ***PASTORAL MESSAGE***

*The things that are not  
trans-form the things that are*

***Foster your faith this week***

*Jer 31:31-34*

*Ps 51:1-12 or Ps 119:9-16*

*Heb 5:5-10*

*Jn 12:20-33*

*The things that are not trans-form the things that are*

“God is the beyond in the midst of life.”  
*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

**1. A unique transfiguration: ongoing Exodus in all of life**

In our reading in Mark 9: 2-9, we find a unique Christian version of transfiguration in the story of the transfiguration of Jesus.

Jesus takes Peter, James and John “up the mountain”. A symbol of a relationship into the heights of life, the things that are not, away from the distractions of the things that are, our social, cultural, religious and personal constructions.

And this is the meaning of this transfiguration story: that within the life of the historical Jesus, heaven and earth mysteriously intersect, to reveal the ongoing Exodus in all of life: liberation from all forms of oppression, vision and guidelines to make human life more human.

As Bill Loader writes:

Heaven and earth meet in him (the space perspective); future and present meet in him (the time perspective), without dissolving the distinction between either...

This is the Son: listen to him! The transfiguration is a celebration of who Jesus is.

Heaven and earth meet and what happens?

For Mark, this story is a disclosure of God’s vision for society. Elijah and Moses both sought a just and free society for their own age and time.

They challenged rulers who threatened the well being of the people. Moses challenged the Jewish nation’s distortion of their agreement with God, and returned to the Mountain to rewrite their agreement with God. That Moses returns signals the ongoing exodus in all of life.

Elijah challenges King Ahab, who wants to kill him, so he retreats to Mount Sinai. But there, God sends him back to face the king; to keep working for the freedom of the political space of Jewish people against the abusers of shared equal power.

The voice of God has further profound meaning: “This is my beloved Child, Listen to Him”, speaks the voice of God hidden in the cloud – never seen or controlled by humanity. Listen to what: to the new message of love and justice, and suffering love. As in the baptism of Jesus, when the voice repeats this message of love and acceptance, we too are loved and valued; the whole of life is valued and the desire of a sustainable future for all is desired.



## 2. *Transfiguration and contradiction*

We face the daunting reality of our struggle as followers of Jesus to be partners in the work transformation.

As Sr. Joan Chittister, a Benedictine nun and a social psychologist, remarked:

“In the story of the Transfiguration ... [the disciples experience the] unexpected and certainly the disturbing. ... [but] Peter ... opted for piety.

“Let’s settle down here, Jesus, and build three booths.”

... Peter ... was opting for a religion of temples, institutions and shrines. ... for a religion that transcends the world ... [for a] ...privatised religion.

“Real religion, the scripture insists, is not about transcending life; real religion is about our transformation.

... Transfiguration means that the role of religion demands enlightenment. The role of religion is to bring us to an awareness of life as it is. The role of religion is to transform the world, to come to see the world as God sees the world and to bring it as close to the vision of God as we possibly can.

Why? Scripture is very clear. What God changes, God changes through us.”

And when they descend into the valley, the disciples are powerless. They are unable to heal child who suffers from epilepsy. Later they do not understand Jesus’ teaching and quarrel over who is the greatest among them. We as the church can contradict our transfiguration encounters and our espoused vision to accompany the church in its exodus into appropriate mission in the world.

This event is an extraordinary moment in Jesus life, and in the life of the world, Mark suggests.

It is a frightening and overwhelming moment for his disciples. Peter wants to hold this moment, to create a religious monument out of it, to hope it will remain deep in their beings and accompany their reintegration back into daily life, where Jesus has told them he will face political abuse and death.

This is a necessary moment. It is a love story, wherein the compassionate God entering humanity on this mountain, showing in this event that things can be turned inside out. A necessary love story because humanity, groups, individuals, roll from one moment of disempowerment to another, overwhelmed not by voices from clouds and faces shining like the sun, but by the abuse of political and personal power and desire.

## 3. *The things that are not trans-form the things that are*

In spaces of disempowerment, the unseen compassionate God, the future “beyond” always seeks to mysteriously dis-turb the normal.

In memory’s distant space, I re-member a visual experience in my imagination in my early teens. It was one of those nights! Our two-bedroom fibro house, set on wooden stumps, with an attached kitchen area was asleep, rattled by the snoring of my intoxicated father in the undersized bedroom I shared with him. You see, my war-shaken parents tried to make the best of life, but we lived, survived and suffered various forms of abuse within our dysfunctional family, and we considered it was normal.

This one night, as I again drowned in loneliness and despair, in my imagination I was transfigured within a really vivid, mixed image: the anguished feeling that even if I travelled to the furthest planet I could never escape this suffering; but, alongside this moment, I was overwhelmed by the strong feeling-sense that I was held and supported by a great power, like being nestled in a great hand; and I felt safe and comforted.

The things that are not, such as this experience of planets and powerful sustenance, in my imagination, transformed the things that are, my loneliness, and despair.

This paradoxical combination of human despair and powerlessness together with this strong sense of being supported, has remained and has sustained me through my life in growing richness and new understanding, and which I now interpret as God's loving, unseen presence within our suffering, within the suffering of the world. This was a personal inner response within the turbulence of family life.

INTO THE THINGS THAT ARE, my dysfunctional family life, enter THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT, the vision in my imagination, that transformed, sustained and enabled me to survive the pain and the suffering.

Transfiguring experiences are common to all human beings, cultures and religions. They empower, enlighten and even transform and sustain in different ways.

### *Conclusion*

This unrepeatable, magnificent story functions to announce the presence of a new way of being: new power, new formation of social and cultural space for the freedom of all.

It creates the trans-valuation of values: the turning of accepted values inside out: the hatred of an enemy is replaced with the practice of love.

It deals with the transformation of power: conflict between nations, groups or individuals is dealt with by negotiation instead of military might and economic power.

The transfiguration story and its revaluation of power and humanity, the turning of his heart inside out, encourages new values and practice.

Faith is about recognising that God is constantly seeking to work together with us in the practice of re-ordering and transfiguring power; transfiguring political life, social and cultural arrangements for the freedom and benefit of all. This is about the Radical following of Jesus. To be in step with the hidden, unseen future influencing the present, including our hearts, communities and our nation.

The transfiguration story and our transforming experience are only real if they lead us to partner with God in the continuing work of leading all people into Exodus where ever suffering and oppression shape human lives.

As Paul Lehmann writes in his book, *The Transfiguration of Politics*, God works mysteriously in transfiguration in human lives, cultures, societies and nations where ever human life is made more human. The things that are not transform the things that are.

Transfiguring moments are always surprising, out of our control, yet liberating and make human life more human.

**Vladimir Korotkov**

## **Future Services in Leigh Memorial Church**

Under current Covid 19 Safety Notifications we are able to hold services in Leigh Memorial Church as well as online.

We are calling this 'dual mode'.

You are welcome to come back to church!

Under the 4 square metre rule it is possible to have a maximum capacity, suitably space, for about 90 people.

Under the present constraints we still need to check in with QR codes, hand sanitiser, and wear a mask. Please bring your own if you can - but, if you forget, there will be a supply on hand in the foyer.

Only 5 people at present can sing in the service. They need to be suitably spaced. This will change in the future - but not yet.

We have had to remove the cushions from the pews. They are a soft surface and would require a deeper kind of cleaning than is possible every Sunday. This being the case, bring your own cushion!

We enter the church from the front door, but must exit by another door. There will be a Covid 'marshal' on duty wearing a hi-vis vest to ensure that we observe the proper requirements.

It is not the 'old' normal — but you are welcome to come to church. If you cannot, and your health is vulnerable, you can participate in the service on line.

Each week the schedule for forthcoming services will be posted in the newsletter and placed on the congregational website.

**Interpreting the Way of the Cross  
During a Season of Covid 19**

**Lenten Study 2021**

**4 weeks: two times, two modes.**

**Saturday mornings, 10:00 am to 11:30**

13, 20, 27 March

On site in the choir vestry, Leigh Memorial

**Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm**

17, 24 March

On zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3602745736>

Every year in England the national church puts out a Lenten study. This year Sam Wells, the Dean of St. Martins-in-the Fields in the centre of London, has published *The Cross at the Heart of God*. That title is no surprise. The lectionary gospel for the year is the gospel of Mark. It turns upon a 'journey to the cross': along the way the disciples learn more about who this Jesus is and how he differs from their expectations.

This Lenten season we are able to reflect upon this journey in the light of the continuing presence and legacy of Covid 19. Throughout the past year we have been told what we can do and what we can't do. It has been a time of necessary compliance. The church has often had to respond to pandemics in the past. It has always sought to understand how the life of faith, the gospel, fits into this kind of situation. In our time the Pope and Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, have provided much helpful food for thought.

This study will combine the themes of Mark with how members of the church responded to their Covid 19 equivalent.



Seeking

# God's Good News – in a time of Covid 19



Centre for Faith  
& Public Issues

**Thursday 18 February, 7pm-8:30pm**

**Zoom : <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/4399152776>**

Writing on the pandemic, Pope Francis reminded us that we do not belong to ourselves: we belong to God. The present is a time of 'sifting' what is in our hearts. It is a time for 'reflection'. What do we 'see', 'hear' and 'do'? The Oxford theologian, Angela Tilby, wondered what is our 'message' in a time of compliance and constraints and what can be done online.

**What are we 'thinking'? What are we 'singing'?**

Back in time, in the midst of a plague, Martin Luther spoke of the need to take care and to pay attention to the gospel in order to learn how to live well—and die well.

**Our discussion will be led by :**

**Rev. Dr Matagi Vilitama**, Georges River Presbytery, Sydney

**Dr. Janice Mcranal**, The Cooperative, Brisbane

**Rev. Michael Earl**, Bowral Uniting Church

**Rev. Simon Hansford**, The Moderator for the Synod of NSW-ACT, will provide an initial reflection.

There will be time for facilitated discussion.

**Please register with [amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:amelia.pereira@parramattamission.org.au)**



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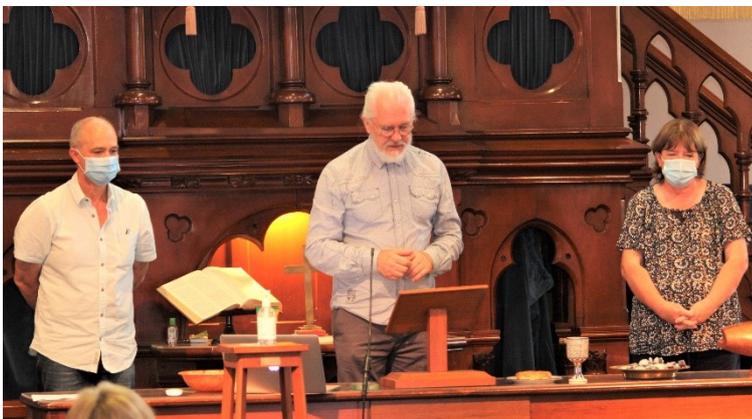


### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

There may have been as many as three martyred 'Saint Valentines' in early Christianity, including a priest of Rome who gave sanctuary to persecuted Christians. As a day dedicated to love, it reminds us to share our love with others: *Let all that you do be done in love - 1 Corinthians 16:14*

### COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP @ LEIGH MEMORIAL!

Please consult the weekly newsletters and emails for updates regarding worship arrangements and special programming/services, including the up & coming combined **Closure of Ministry service for Revs. Keith & Amelia on 28 February** at Leigh Memorial. NB: COVID regulations apply. Photos: Communion @ Leigh last Sunday (thanks Mario!). Enquiries: 9891-2277.



### WORSHIP ROSTER

If you would like to be part of our Leigh Memorial Roster for prayers, Bible readings, communion etc, please see the Leaders team or Worship Committee. COVID Marshalls are needed.

### PASTORAL CARE

We continue to hold everyone in our prayers, including PM staff and congregation members who are unwell, grieving, or otherwise in need of extra care. Revs. Clive and Vladimir may be contacted for assistance and support as needed (contact details in the newsletter).

### DIRECT GIVING

Offerings to support our Church & Mission can be made by direct electronic transfer. Bank acct. name: *Parramatta Mission Giving Direct*. Acct. number: 100025901. BSB: 634 634. Many thanks to everyone who is contributing in this vital way.

# WESTMEAD Congregation

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

WELCOME to worship on zoom at Westmead today. Rev. Clive will bring the reflection today.

Wednesday 17th February is the first day of Lent. There will be a Lent service face to face at Leigh Memorial church, or on zoom. Please see further details in this newsletter.

'Third Sunday' Westmead Worship - Sunday, 21st February, 2021 9.45am.  
Please join us for our first Sunday face to face worship service since March, 2020.  
A very special occasion.

We are planning a COVID safe worship, so, if you would like to join us please:

1. Register with Lorna this coming week, beginning Monday 15th February, by Email: [royp@iprimus.com.au](mailto:royp@iprimus.com.au) or Mobile: 0408 365 478
2. Bring your own mask.  
We will have some spares if you forget.
3. On arrival we will check your temperature.
4. On entry use the hand sanitiser provided.
5. Check in with the QR code for Westmead worship.  
We can help with this if you are unsure how to do it.
6. Sit in the seats you are directed to.
7. Please note that, at this time, we are not able to sing together.
8. If you are feeling unwell we ask that you do not attend this worship service.

Thank you for helping us to stay Covid-19 safe.

Those who are not able to join us face to face are warmly invited to join in with the Leigh Memorial congregation's 9.30am online zoom service: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5199089657>

## Picture of Noticeboard



Friday 12th February, 2021 was the start of the Lunar New Year, the year of the OX. Happy New Year to all who celebrate at this time.

BIBLE STUDY on zoom is Mondays at 2.00p.m. All are welcome to join in this study

BIBLE STUDY ZOOM link.

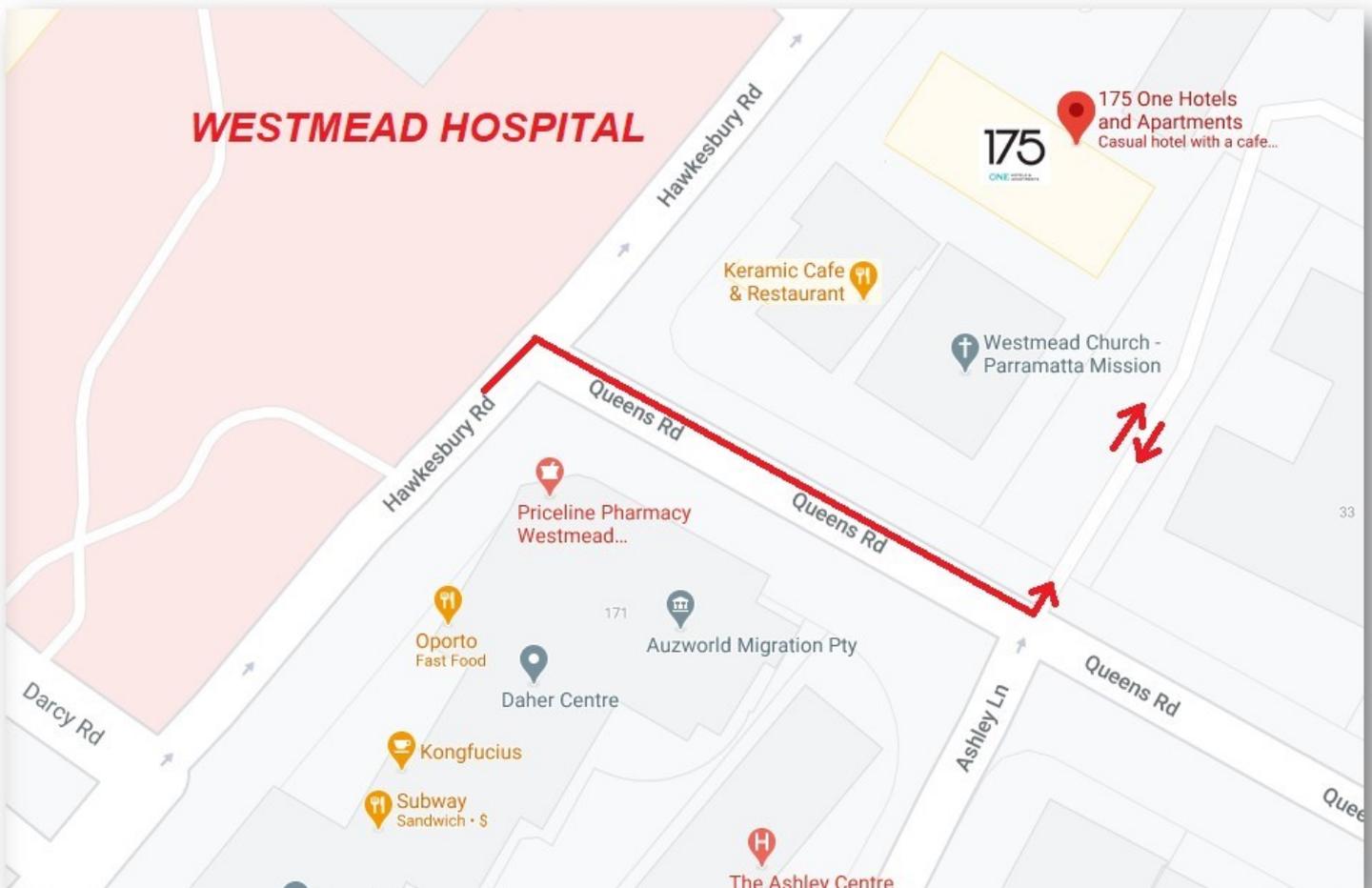
OFFERING: Your offering may be left at the reception of 175 Hotel in an envelope marked Westmead Congregation. It will be collected by Lorna and deposited. Alternatively, electronic deposits can be made, details as follows:

Account name: PMDIRECT WESTMEAD  
BSB: 634634  
Account number: 100044885

Thank you so much to all who make the time and effort to assist in this way of making an offering, or in other ways when requested. In this Covid time, your help makes a difference.

The entrance to our 175 Hotel & Chapel at Westmead will be closed for approximately 5 weeks from today Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This will allow Parramatta Light Rail to dig up and remove the existing South bound lane along Hawkesbury Road between Queens & Caroline and then create a new lane and lay bitumen which will remain as the new road for when the project is complete.

The hotels Queens Rd exit will be used over the next 5 weeks as an entry and exit point and a traffic controller will be stationed at the boom gate to assist 24/7.



예수님 변모주일 (Transfiguration of Jesus ) 2021년02월07일 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 09 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) **왕하 4:11-17/누가복음 9:28-36**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 기쁘게 좋은 일하며 사는 신앙

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

**새 380 장** **통 424 장** 나의 생명 되신 주

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  
누가복음 15:1-10

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
누가복음 14:15-16:31

## Fijian Congregation

1. **Lotu ena sigatabu 14/02** : Na lotu ena sigatabu oqo eratou na veiqaravi tiko kina na matamasumasu naba 1. Ena vunau tiko kina nai vakatawa. Ena qaravi tiko ga l valelotu kei na zoom. Sa kerei vei kemuni na vavakoso ko ni lotu e valelotu, mo ni qai rejsita ena Eventbrite ena vuku ni covid-19. Na lotu ena kena gauna 11:15am.

2. **Lotu ena sigatabu 21/02** : Na lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo eratou na veiqaravi tiko kina na soqosoqo ni tabagone. Ena qaravi tiko ga l valelotu kei na zoom. Sa kerei vei kemuni na vavakoso ko ni lotu e valelotu, mo ni qai rejsita ena Eventbrite ena vuku ni covid-19. Na lotu ena kena gauna 11:15am.

3. **Soqosoqo ni Tabagone** : Ena qaravi tiko na nomuni vakatakakana ena siga vakarauwai mai oqo nai ka 20 ni Veverueli, gauna mai na 3pm – 5pm. Ena qaravi tikoga eso na qito, talanoa mai na volatabu, lagalaga sere. Sa kerei mo ni qai vakaligaliga yani ena so na kakana kei na wai ni gunu.

4. **Bose ni Vavasoko** - Na bose ni vavakoso ena qaravi tiko ena siga vakarauwai oqo nai ka 13 ni Veverueli. Ena qaravi tiko e valelotu ena 3pm.

- Ena bose talega oqo, e gadrevi tiko e so na yaca me kau cake kina bose ni Parramatta Mission ni gadrevi tiko me vakatawani e so nai tutu ni veiqaravi e lala tiko ena Parramatta Mission.
- E gadrevi talega e rua na yaca mai na nodatou vavakoso me kau cake me rau lewe ni church council.

5. **Matamasumasu** : Veivakananumi tikoga mai na teveli ni veiliutaki ni lotu ni sa tekivu tale na yabaki ke sa rawa ni tekivu talega na noda matamasumasu. Na kena usutu ni noda qarava na Kalou levu oqo na kena vakatakatariki tiko na noda sosoqoni vata vakayalo.

**Lesoni ni loma ni macawa mai oqo** : Isa. 58:1-12; Same. 51:1-17; 2 Kor. 5:20b-6:10; Mk. 6:1-6; 16-21.

7. **Veinanumi ena Masu** : Kerei meda veinanumi tikoga 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. Na nodratou vuli talatala nei Filikesa Kamotu, Samu Sadrata kei Ofa Foiakau. Na nodratou veiqaravi ni Bula Feeding.

Me qai nanumi tale ga na vuvale nei S Qata ena o loaloa ni rara e solega tiko na vuvale.

## 1.ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17 at 7:00 pm

Leigh Memorial Church

On site and on line

Zoom details:<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5199089657>

Meeting ID: 519 908 9657

Or Dial in by phone +61 2 8015 6011 Australia

For those on line: would you create your own wood ash with a little oil added once cold.

## 2. Next Sunday's services: 21 February 2021.

Leigh Memorial, 9:30 online and onsite

zoom details. <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5199089657>

Meeting ID: 519 908 9657

Or Dial in by phone +61 2 8015 6011 Australia

Westmead 9:45 online and onsite

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

Leigh Fijian 11:15 online and onsite

zoom details: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/9134913679>

## 3. Future services in Leigh Memorial Church

4. Seeking God's Good News—in a time of Covid 19. 18 February

5. Interpreting the Way of the Cross. —Lenten study

## Save the date!

### Synod Climate Action Conference - Future Directions

**When:** Saturday March 20, 9.00am – 5.00pm

**Where:** Centre for Ministry and on-line via Zoom



In 2019 the Synod meeting initiated the Synod Climate Action Strategy. The strategy grew from our church's long standing commitment to care for creation.

As a church we resolved to:

- Advocate to all levels of government for reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Stand with young people in their concerns about climate change

Work to reduce our emissions in all parts of the church

Since then five task groups have been working to bring the strategy to life in tangible ways.

In the wider world much is happening to re-focus attention on the need for decisive action on climate change: a change of government in the US; our major trading partners recently committing to net zero emissions by 2050; the next UN Climate Conference in Glasgow this November.

With the Synod meetings approaching it is timely to consider what our priorities should be in the next phase of the Climate Strategy. What actions will make a difference?

What can we as a church distinctively contribute to this movement for a safer climate future and flourishing world for all?

#### What can you do?

If those questions stir you in some way, if you want to be part of answering them in thinking and action, then we would love to have you at the conference. There will be a range of speakers and workshops stimulating our reflection on issues like:

- Climate leadership and what types of action can achieve positive change
- Understanding what other climate actors are doing and where we connect
- Faith, politics and living and voting our values
- First Nation's perspectives on care for creation

What it will take to have an impact for our Pacific Island neighbours

Due to the changing nature of COVID restrictions physical places may be limited. We hope that many Uniting Church people, especially in regional and rural areas, will be able to participate via Zoom. Either way, please register early by going to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../climate-action...>

We hope to see you there.

The Uniting Advocacy team on behalf of the Synod Climate Strategy.

**If you have any questions or would like more information  
please contact Jon O'Brien on 9407 3225 or [jobrien@uniting.org.au](mailto:jobrien@uniting.org.au)**

A United Theological College/ Charles Sturt University BTh subject taught in Sydney and via Zoom. Available for a degree or as a single subject, as well as to those wanting to audit the subject for interest.



THL105  
INTRODUCTION TO OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

# HOW DO WE MAKE SENSE OF THE **OLD** **TESTAMENT?**

**This subject is an exploration of the ancient world: the people, places and times that lie both within and behind the Old Testament.**

It grapples with some difficult questions: why is the Old Testament God so angry? Why do things always go wrong? Why is humanity so violent? It also takes in some of the most beautiful ideas that humanity has ever come up with: a god that loves us, and the possibility of a world configured differently to the one we live in. In this subject, you will gain the skills and knowledge to read and understand the Old Testament in a new light and appreciate the way it might contribute to a better understanding of God and the world.

**Dates**  
4 March – 3 June 2021

**Class Times**  
**Thursdays**  
9.40am – 12.30pm

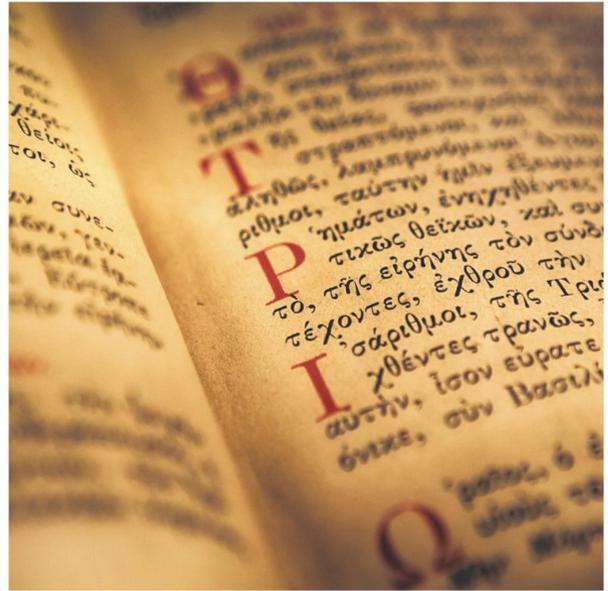
**Location**  
United Theological College  
Parramatta or via Zoom

**Information and Enrolment**  
Please contact Joanne Stokes on:  
[joannes@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:joannes@nswact.uca.org.au) or  
phone (02) 8838 8900.



**Rev. Bec Lindsay** is a lecturer at the United Theological College and a PhD candidate at Flinders University. Her research explores decolonial hermeneutics for 'settlers' in Australia, reading the book of Ruth in conversation with Indigenous texts.

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THL101/THL417  
NEW TESTAMENT GREEK 1

# READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN GREEK!

**This subject provides an opportunity to begin to read the New Testament in Greek.**

It does this by introducing students to the basic grammar and vocabulary of the Greek New Testament and providing opportunities for reading the New Testament in its original language.

The subject draws attention to the significance of New Testament Greek for biblical and theological study.

**Date**  
3 March – 2 June 2021

**Class Times**  
**Wednesday**  
6.30pm – 9.20pm

**Location**  
United Theological College  
Parramatta or via Zoom

**Information and Enrolment**  
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# Prayer Points

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

## **Our Community**

- 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 all affected by the covid virus and those families who are losing loved ones in the battle.
- We also pray for the front line workers e.g. doctors, nurses, ambulance workers, police and the families of front line workers too.
- We pray especially for David and Eileen and their loved ones in South Africa.
- We pray for those going through illness and complete changes in their lives.
- We pray for all of our dear congregation members who are now in aged care and feeling quite isolated because of the Covid related restrictions.

## **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
- We particularly remember - Betty E (who is doing well and singing along to Songs of Praise on Sunday mornings) Himmi and family, Liz and family and Jolame.
- 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 Blacktown Uniting Church

## **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

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For a conversation or to contact a Minister, please call

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

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9891 2277

*Leigh Memorial Church*

119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150

9891 2277

*Westmead Church*

175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead NSW 2145

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## IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

Our two ministers, Clive Pearson and Vladimir Korotkov are available to each congregation and members and your friends; their contact details are listed below.

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Rev Dr Clive Pearson (Supply) 0409 523 024

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## YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THESE PEOPLE FOR PASTORAL ISSUES

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