



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

OUR NEWS
2nd May 2021

Our Vision
A Community Transforming Lives

Our Values
Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope



*I am the vine,
you are the branches.*

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.

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 of our congregations and give thanks that we are able once again meet together for worship, and also to have others able to be part of the service on zoom. We give thanks that various activities are gradually returning, as we are ever mindful of covid safety.
- We pray for the safety and well being of all people, and especially pray for the people of India and others there, who are being so severely effected by Covid 19. We pray for the doctors, nurses, and families separated and suffering loss of loved ones. For people all over the world in this time of stress, and danger.
- We pray for the Ministers and Staff and Management and leaders of Parramatta Mission in these times of change. We pray for insight, guidance, and dedication to serve the community and all we meet In God's name.

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.

Prayer Points

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 Fairfield 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, Robert, Coral, 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

Service & Zoom Information

Parramatta Mission Leigh Worship

Time: Sundays 9.30am

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

Meeting ID: 519 908 9657

Or Dial by your location +61 2 8015 6011 Australia

Westmead Uniting Church Worship

Time: Sundays, service starts at 9.45am...

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

Westmead UC Bible Study

Time: Mondays 2pm

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95043695512>

Meeting ID: 950 4369 5512

Or phone in +61 2 8015 6011 Australia

Parramatta Mission Leigh Fijian Worship

Time: Sundays 11.15am

Join Zoom Meeting <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/9134913679>

Meeting ID: 913 491 3679

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

Easter 5B, 2021

John 15. 1-8

"I am the true vine, you are the branches"

What if congregations lived as the branches of Christ the vine?

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raises a strong challenge to contemporary Western models
of individual autonomy and privatism.

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Gail R. O'Day

"Reflections", New Interpreter's Bible

John 15:1-17 poses challenging questions to the contemporary Christian community about its self-identity. What does it mean for the church to live as the branches of Christ the vine? What would "church" look like if it embraced this model for its corporate life?

First, the image of community that emerges from John 15:1-17 is one of interrelationship, mutuality, and indwelling. To get the full sense of this interrelationship, it is helpful to visualize what the branches of a vine actually look like. In a vine, branches are almost completely indistinguishable from one another; it is impossible to determine where one branch stops and another branch starts. All run together as they grow out of the central vine. What this vine image suggests about community, then, is that there are no free-standing individuals in the community, but branches who encircle one another completely. The fruitfulness of each individual branch depends on its relationship to the vine, nothing else. What matters for John is that each individual is rooted in Jesus and hence gives up individual status to become one of many encircling branches.



The communal life envisioned in the vine metaphor raises a strong challenge to contemporary Western models of individual autonomy and privatism. At the heart of the Johannine model is social interrelationship and corporate accountability. The vine and

branches metaphor exhorts the community to steadfastness in its relationship to Jesus, a steadfastness that is measured by the community's fruits (vv. 4-5)....

To live as the branches of the vine is to belong to an organized unity shaped by the love of Jesus.

revealing itself to be one of Jesus' disciples (vv. 8-16). To live according to this model, then, the church would be a community in which members are known for the acts of love that they do in common with all other members. It would not be a community built around individual accomplishments, choices, or rights, but around the corporate accountability to the abiding presence of Jesus and corporate enactment of the love of God and Jesus.

Second, the metaphor of the vine suggests a radically non-hierarchical model for the church....

Fruitfulness is the only differentiation among branches, and the discernment of fruitfulness falls to the gardener (God) alone, not to any of the branches. It is the gardener's role to prune and shape the vine to enhance fruitfulness. All branches are thus the same before God, distinguishable only by their fruit....This dimension of John's metaphor also poses some serious challenges to the ways in which institutional church life is

understood and maintained. For the Fourth Gospel, there is only one measure of one's place in the faith

community -- to love as Jesus has loved -- and all, great and small, ordained and lay, young and old, male and female are equally accountable to that one standard. Where the church to shape itself according to the Johannine metaphor, it would be a community in which decisions about power and governance would be made in the light of the radical egalitarian love of the vine image.

Third, this metaphor is stark in its anonymity. That is, the visual image of the branches lacks any and all distinctions in appearance, character, or gifts.... Unlike the Johannine metaphor, the Pauline image [of the body] does not remove the differences among the various members of the body, but actually points to those differences as definitional of what it means to be a body....

The Johannine metaphor undercuts any celebration of individual gifts, and this, too, challenges contemporary Western understandings of personality, individualism, and self-expression. Were the church to live as the branches of Christ, individual distinctiveness would give way to the common embodiment of love. The distinctiveness of the community would derive solely from its relationship to God and Jesus, not the characteristics or even gifts of its members. The mark of the faithful community is how it loves, not who are its members. There is only one gift, to bear fruit, and any branch can do that if it remains with Jesus. [pp. 760-761]

To live as the branches of the vine is to belong to an organized unity shaped by the love of Jesus. The individual branch is subsumed into the communal work of bearing fruit, of living in love and so



Leigh Congregation

HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY! – ERIC TWEEDALE

Oldest living ‘Wallaby’ Rugby Union player, Mr. Eric Tweedale, is turning 100 on 5 May. Eric was a talented prop forward and long-serving member of the Parramatta Club (now known as the Western Sydney ‘Two Blues’) – and represented Australia 10 times, including as part of the undefeated 1947-48 team that played in the UK. Eric was also a veteran of the Second World War and a member of the Leigh Memorial congregation for many decades in the mid-to-late 20th century, including the Couples & Friends. He was also involved in the start-up of many of Dr. Gloster Udy’s landmark community outreach ventures of the 1970s, including Lifeline Parramatta (1973-4). Eric was particularly involved in the establishment and operation of Lifeline’s ‘Economy Shops’ in the Parramatta area, which were some of the earliest ventures of their kind. A hard-working congregation member and leader, and a generous supporter of Parramatta Mission’s community care objectives, Eric ultimately retired to the Central Coast, where he retained an interest in supporting others. He is considered a ‘living legend’ within local, national and international Rugby Union circles. Many tributes have, and will, be afforded to Eric when he turns 100 this coming week, including the re-naming of the Granville Park stadium as the Eric Tweedale stadium – and from us here at PM, “many thanks” for your incredible record of service Eric – and prayers & blessings for a “happy birthday” and many more.



PASTORAL NEWS

We continue to hold everyone in our prayers, including PM staff, and Mission & congregation leaders and members all who are in need of extra care at this time. Our warmest “hellos” are conveyed to members who we haven’t seen in a while, and we hope to see you again very soon. Please let Revs. Clive & Vladimir, or the congregation leaders know if you need a pastoral visit.

SAVE THE DATE: HERITAGE SUNDAY 2021



Members are asked to 'save the date' of Sunday 20 June this year for our Combined Parramatta Mission congregations' celebration of our 200th anniversary (1821 – 2021). Further details of a special anniversary service and luncheon will be available soon. Our 200th anniversary logo has recently been released (pictured) – with thanks to the PM marketing department. Enquiries: Robert, arrangements committee, via 9891-2277.

SECURITY & SAFETY REMINDER

Everyone using the church and adjacent premises is kindly requested to lock-up, turn off lights and appliances and remove rubbish when they leave. Please report any issues to Reception, 9891-2277.

"GROWING UP UNITING" – Uniting Church National History Society Conference: 11 – 13 June, 2021 @ the Centre for Ministry. Conference presenters will include Dr. Deidre Palmer (UCA President), Assoc. Prof. Ruth Powell (Executive Director, NCLS) and historians, Dr. William Emilsen and Dr. Elizabeth Watson. In-person & zoom and full or part-time attendance options are available. Tickets are available from eventbrite.

Advance Notice: Ascension Day Online.

In the past it was well known. It was a holiday / a 'holy day'. Today it is one of the most least known festival days in the Uniting Church in Australia. It passes by without notice – and, yet, what it proclaims is vital for all of our ongoing lives of faith. Its absence leaves a 'hole'.

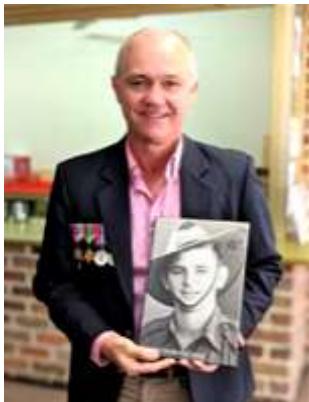
Ascension Day marks Jesus' last 'appearance' with his disciples and his 'return' to God. It is the 'next step' after the resurrection. This year Ascension Day falls on Thursday 13th May.

Around the world there are many services to mark Ascension Day.
In our congregations we will offer a short service online, 13 May, 7:00-7:20pm.

Zoom details:<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5199089657>
Meeting ID: 519 908 9657
Or Dial by your location +61 2 8015 6011 Australia

Next week's notices for Ascension Day will include a brief paragraph on why Ascension Day is important.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION & PRAYERS FOR PEACE, LEIGH MEMORIAL CONGREGATION, 25 APRIL, 2021



We Will Remember Them



The First and Second World Wars & Between the Wars:

Parramatta Mission, 1914 - 1945

Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee

HERITAGE COMMITTEE BOOK AVAILABLE:
*We Will Remember Them: The First & Second World Wars
and Between the Wars – Parramatta Mission, 1914-1945.*

This book represents the culmination of many years of research by our past and present PM church historians and supporters – and includes articles by Clive, Keith & Liz. To help with the cost of producing this book, copies may be purchased for \$20 each – or any contribution that is possible for you. Please see Liz or Mario, or enquire at Reception, 9891-2277.

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

20-19

부활후 다섯 번째 주일 (5th Easter of Sunday) 2021년 05월 02일

오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)

예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling)

인도자

송영 (Gloria)

새 1장

통 1장

만복의 근원 하나님

다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

다함께

새 43 장

통 57 장

즐겁게 안식할 날

새 415 장

통 471 장

십자가 그늘 아래

기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송

새 635장

하늘에 계신 다함께 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

사도행전 26:12-18

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구 목사

일어나 밭을 딛고 서라!

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 436 장

통 493 장

나 이제 주님의 새 생명 얻은 몸

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

- 전 세계가 전염병으로 힘들 때 주님과 동행하시는 성도가 됩시다.
- '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 적용하는 운련을 합니다.
- 말씀, 기도, 전도 생활로 하나님께 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn)

새 502장

통 259장

너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도

전현구 달임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
잠언 2:16-22

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
잠언 1:2-4:9

**WESTMEAD CONGREGATION NEWS FOR
SUNDAY 2ND MAY, 2021**
Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMEAD - 9.45 AM

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

Today Rev. Clive Pearson and Pastor Sarah Bishop will lead the worship service. Being the first Sunday of the month, Holy Communion will also be administered. All are welcome.

Last Sunday we were privileged to have Rev. Geoff Stevenson, Chairperson of the Parramatta - Nepean Presbytery, lead the worship service. Thank you Rev. Geoff, for providing the music, teaching us a new song, and an inspiring message, and remembering Anzac Day.



COVID SAFE:

- 1 HAND SANITISE.
- 2 REGISTER (Karen or Lorna)
- 3 SOCIAL DISTANCING.
- 4 If you are unwell, please DO NOT attend.

'WITH LOVE TO THE WORLD' is the booklet used for the Westmead Bible Study. The new books are now ready to purchase, cost \$6, and there are limited copies available from today, 2nd May. If you wish to reserve one please contact Lorna to arrange payment.

BIBLE STUDY at Westmead is held on Zoom each Monday afternoon at 2pm. <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95043695512>

ALL WELCOME.

OPEN DOOR - THIS IS THE WEEK when Open Door returns!
EVERY 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS

After a long break, due to Covid, Sue and Georgie are waiting to welcome you with open arms - at a Covid safe distance of course!

**OPEN DOOR
RE-OPENING
5 MAY 2021
AND CONTINUING
EVERY 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH
FROM 1 - 3PM**



**COME AND JOIN US FOR AN
ENJOYABLE AFTERNOON
WITH BOARD GAMES OR
JUST TO SIT AND CHAT**



TAI CHI had a happy return last Friday at Uniting, 1 Caroline Street, Westmead. The group was very happy to be finally meeting once again, and it was great to see several of the original group, plus some new people joining in. It was wonderful to know that our dear Jean Mitchell, who was a long time member of the group, was able to watch the activity from her window, but best of all, she actually joined in from her room. Inspiration!



Tai Chi meets from 10 - 11am each Friday. Please contact Jan Robson for Details. 0418 438 901

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION ON ZOOM: Led by Pastor Sarah Bishop
Tuesdays and Thursdays. Time 6.25 AM
Contact Sarah for the zoom link.

Email: sarah@bluetardis.com.au

Phone: 0412 606 049

ALL WELCOME

WESTMEAD LEADERS:

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| Karen Banfield | - Worship and Bible Study 0488 101 469 |
| Lorna Porter | - Finances and Administration 0408 365 478 |
| Jan Robson | - Pastoral Matters & Prayer Chain 0418 438 901 |
| Biju Chako | - 0420 275 396 |
| Mere Vulaono | - No. 28. 0488 137 067 |
| Alysa Biju | - Technology Support, 0467 674 251 |

Your Weekly Offering can be made electronically:

Account Name: PM DIRECT WESTMEAD. BSB634634

Account Number: 100046885

Fijian Congregation

1. **Lotu ena sigatabu oqo 02/05** : Na lotu ena sigatabu oqo na lotu vulavou ena veiqravi tiko kina ko Talatala Clive ka na qaravi tale tiko ga na sakar amede.
2. **Lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo 09/05** : Na lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo na sigatabu ni tina. Era na veiliutaki tiko kina o iratou na tinada. Eda na vakasigalevu vata tiko ena hall e valelotu ni suka na lotu. Na wasewase ni kakana vei kemudou na turaga sa tiko vei tuirara.
3. **Lesoni ena macawa mai oqo** : Cakacaka. 10:44-48; Same. 98; 1 Joni. 5:1-6; Joni. 15:9-17
4. Nomudou sota na marama ni suka na lotu ena sigatabu oqo, ena vaka vakarau ni nomudou veiliutaki ena macawa mai oqo. Dou na vakasigalevu vata e valenilotu.
5. **Komiti ni vakananumi ni yabaki 30** : Ena qaravi tiko na noda Island night ena I ka 29/05. Ena qaravi tiko ga ena hall e valenilotu ena tekivu tiko ena 5pm.
6. **Matamasumasu**: Nuitaka ni sa qaravi tiko na veimatamasumasu ni yasa ni koro. Matamasumasu naba 1 sa sota tiko.

Lolo kei Na masumasu - Veinanumi ena lolo kei na masumasu ena vei Vukelulu mai na 6am – 12pm se 6am – 6pm. Soli tu na galala ke o rawa ni qarava.

Masumasu Sema - Na noda masumasu sema vakai vavakoso ena matai ni veivakarauwai ni veivula mai na 7pm – 7am

Veinanumi ena Masu : Kerei meda veinanumi tikoga ena veimasulaki vei ira na nodatou qase Aqriu Rogoimuri, Vilikesa kei Mereoni Kamotu, S Qata, Violet Cama. Ko iratou na veiliutaki tiko ena nodatou vavakoso vaka viti kei na veivuvale kece sara ena loma ni nodatou vavakoso. Na nodrau vuli talatala ko Filikesa Kamotu kei Samu Sadrata. Na nodratou veiqravi na Bula Feeding.

Veigaravi ni Bula Feeding ena yakavi ni siga Vukelulu 28/04.



Foster your faith this week

Acts 10:44-48

Ps 98

1 Jn 5:1-6

Jn 15:9-17

Pastoral Contacts

Prayer Points may be sent to
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 two ministers, 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 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

Anare Vocea (Fijian Vakatawa) 0432 772 852



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