

200
YEAR
ANNIVERSARY



Parramatta
Mission



uniting
church
in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

1821 – 2021

OUR NEWS

13th June 2021

Our Vision

A 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.

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 people of Victoria in yet another lock down with Covid outbreak, and for people everywhere who are affected. We pray for doctors and nurses and people in isolation. that people will remain vigilant and thoughtful of others.
- We pray for the management and leaders of Parramatta Mission as difficult decisions have to be made, and that God will guide all who are involved as there needs to be a new way of helping people who come for help and advice, support and love. We pray for Meals Plus, for Paul and all who provide food and care and a listening ear to so many in need.
- We pray for world peace, and for our own country, Australia, for our families, and for the members of all of the congregations, as life becomes difficult, and for all who grieve. We pray for leaders to rise up through the congregations to enable God's work to spread throughout wherever we are needed.

PM Korean Faith Community

- We pray for the Korean community in Western Sydney and for the revival of the church.
- We pray especially for Nak Su Baik, Kyeong Ok Hyeon (Those who are not in good health).

PM Leigh Memorial

- We pray for all PM congregation members, leaders and staff who are unwell, or having tests or procedures - and/or suffering from anxieties surrounding work, study, family life or health.
- We particularly remember Betty, Bruce, Himmi, Liz, Jolame and others in need of additional support at this time, including those who are separated from their families or grieving. We also remember those within our congregation who are devoted carers.
- We pray for those within our neighbourhoods and communities who are in need of support, friendship and inclusion in the face of marginalisation and loneliness.
- We pray for our PM ministers, leaders, managers and staff during this period of transition and new beginnings - and offer our hopes for strength, wisdom, guidance and inspiration to infuse participation and decision-making at this crucial juncture.

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 Greystanes 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 Hyun 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 Memorial 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](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 Memorial Fijian Worship

Time: Sundays 11.15am

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

Meeting ID: 913 491 3679

Acting CEO's Update

Update on Transition of Government Funded Services

Members of the Congregations will be aware from prior communications that the transition of the government funded services of PM to Uniting is going ahead effective from 1st July 2021. This has been no small task and many people have been working very hard to enable us to reach this point.

As part of this initiative there have been significant endeavours to communicate with impacted parties and all stakeholders, however, now is the time to increase communications to congregations to address the likely impact these changes on the congregational life of PM.

Congregational Matters

Through the auspices of the Parramatta Mission Council (PMC) and the Combined Congregational Leaders Meeting (CCLM) there has been an attempt to capture questions that have arisen from individuals, the intention has been to respond to these based on themes and this work remains ongoing. This work sits alongside proposals from the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery (PNP) as to how the future looks for the ministry team serving the congregations of PM in the wider context of the presbytery, these will be determined by 1 July 2021.

At a very practical level, come 1st July, PM will no longer have the same support infrastructure that its scale has permitted up to this point. The arrangements for the "New PM" are being finalised, a staffing structure has been agreed and a budget will be considered by the Implementation Board at its June meeting.

The hospitality services at 175 Hotel and Wesley Apartments, along with Meals Plus will remain. These will be supported by a much-reduced corporate support structure which will include my role entitled Executive General Manager, I will work alongside Vlad Korotkov, in his role as Interim Lead Minister. The New PM will retain some administrative support and the fundraising team. Uniting will continue to provide some administrative support for a period, and we will plan to move these systems across to Synod as soon as this can be arranged, likely to be some 3-6 months into the new financial year.

Congregational services such as the formulation of the weekly "Our News" newsletter, Orders of Service for Sundays, bookings for the Coffee Shop etc, will continue and the precise arrangements will be notified in advance of the transition. I am sensitive to the desire of congregations to have certainty about this, please bear with us a little longer.

Facility Related Issues

A comment on our facilities related situation, as you will no doubt be aware, these are severely impacted by surrounding development and by Light Rail works, both on Macquarie Street in Parramatta and on Hawksbury Road at Westmead. The car parking availability and access at Leigh Memorial Church is very difficult indeed,

there are only 6 spaces remaining, the developer of the adjacent block has made available additional car parking at 46 George Street, we are currently assessing the suitability of this arrangement, so for those able to do so it would be preferable to use alternative means of accessing the church.

Exciting building related projects are now moving forward as we consider the developments on the Epworth House site and on the Fellowship Centre site, to be known as “The Gathering Place”; amongst so much turmoil it is wonderful to have such positive forward plans as we begin to see a new future emerging for the organisation in its 200th year.

Upcoming Church Services

I note that there are two important church services being planned on 20th June there will be a service celebrating the bicentenary of PM and on 27th June there will be a service to include the “handover” of the services to Uniting as well as the recognition of the service of Clive and Mary Pearson. Further information will be forthcoming from Vlad and the organisers of these services.

One final update, and the subject of much loving concern and prayer, is the news that Amelia Pereira, EA to the CEO, has been seriously unwell and has undergone two surgeries and follow up treatment is underway, such that we are making plans for her to be off work for perhaps six months to allow a full recuperation. As a sister in Christ, I know Amelia would highly value your prayerful support.

An Exciting Future

I thank you for your faithful part in the continuing mission of this organisation in our continuing journey of worship, witness and service. There is a clear commitment to work together to ensure a positive and exciting future for PM, a fresh expression of our Parish Mission in the City of Parramatta. We are committed to a positive relational focus across all parts of PM post 30th June, a sense of being “one and equal” as we journey together under God, trusting in His goodness.

Mark Newton
A/Chief Executive Officer
Executive General Manager (Elect)

Pentecost 3B, June 13, 2021
Mark 4:26-34

The Sleeping Gardener

By Debie Thomas

Last month, my husband and I took our annual spring trip to the local garden store, and came home with everything we need to launch a new growing season on our patio. Heavy bags of soil, a box of fertilizer, new pots and hanging baskets, fresh gardening gloves, and

the seedlings we hope will produce plenty of basil, mint, cilantro, tomatoes, peppers, jasmine, petunias, and marigolds this summer.

In the weeks since, I've developed the obsessive habit of checking on my plants first thing every morning. Do the leaves look droopy? Am I watering too often? Does the jasmine need shade? Is the tomato cage tall enough? Why isn't the basil growing?

I know myself: if I could force those plants to grow, thrive, and produce by some fool-proof combination of hard work and sheer willpower, I would. I like having control. I like sure results. I like knowing that if I do A, then B will happen.

This is an ideal I impose on many areas of my life. Work, marriage, parenting, friendship. The ideal of control. The ideal of linear progression. The ideal of defined labor and tangible reward. Of course, the inevitable corollary to this ideal is anxiety: am I doing enough? Have I covered all bases? What will happen if I fail?

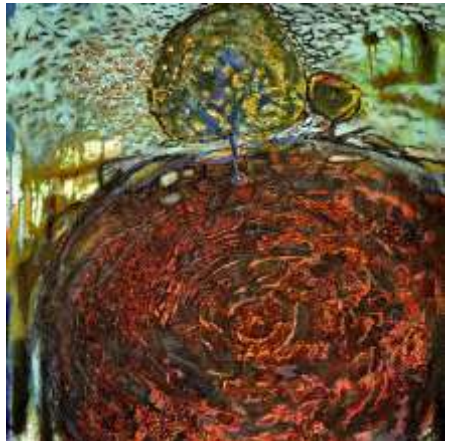
Thankfully, my ideal is not God's.

In the first parable Jesus offers his listeners in this week's Gospel, a gardener scatters seed on the ground, and goes off to sleep. The seeds fend for themselves (or, as Mark puts it, "the earth produces of itself"), and when the grain is ripe, the gardener harvests it.

In the second parable, someone sows a tiny mustard seed in the ground, and it grows into a gigantic bush, large enough to offer birds shelter in its branches.

Both of these parables, insofar as they're meant to show us what the kingdom of God looks like, are counter-cultural to the point of sounding ridiculous. As in: they make no sense. They're big, cosmic jokes, intended to stretch our imaginations far beyond any place we'd take them on our own.

What is the kingdom of God like? Are you sure you want to know? Okay, brace yourself: the kingdom of God is like a sleeping gardener, mysterious soil, an invasive weed, and a nuisance flock of birds.



Let's start with the sleeping gardener. If you are any type of workaholic or perfectionist, then you know what's wrong with this first parable. Good gardeners don't toss a bunch of seeds into their backyards and then snooze away the growing season. They plan, plod, and hover. They make neat little rows in well-manicured beds. They keep a wary eye on the weather. They protect their gardens from birds, rabbits, and deer. From early spring until harvest time, they water, they fertilize, they prune, they weed, and they worry. But the gardener in Jesus's parable? He sleeps. He doesn't slog. He doesn't micro-manage. He doesn't second-guess. Instead, he enjoys the rest that comes from leaning into a process that is ancient, mysterious, cyclical, and sure. He trusts the seeds. He trusts the soil. He trusts the sun, the shade, the clouds, the rain. Yes, he participates in the process by planting and harvesting. He pays attention to the seasons, and gets to work when the time is ripe. But he never harbors the illusion that he's in charge; he knows that he's operating in a realm of mystery. In this story of the kingdom, it is not our striving, our piety, our doctrinal purity, or our impressive prayers that cause us to grow and thrive in God's garden. It is grace alone.

Which brings us to the soil. According to Jesus's parable, the kingdom of God is both fecund and hidden, both generous and mysterious. It works its fertile magic underground, deep beneath the surfaces we see and quantify. Yes, the soil eventually brings forth abundance, but the process of that bringing forth — all the nitty-gritty details we long to dissect and master — is hidden from our eyes. If anything, we live in the disconcerting time between the planting and the harvest. We look outside and see nothing but dark earth and fragile shoots. Vast expanses of hope, longing, love, and uncertainty. Deep desire and delicate potential. As Annie Dillard puts it so beautifully, "Our life is a faint tracing on the surface of mystery."

There are many areas in my life where I struggle to trust the soil. Where I "plant" my prayers, but then refuse to let them rest and germinate in God's care. I might call this refusal "vigilance," "wisdom," or "caution," but in Jesus's gardening metaphor, it is faithlessness. It's a futile attempt to play God. In Jesus's second parable, a sower sows a mustard seed in the ground. The joke here is not only that mustard seeds are tiny, but that the people in Jesus's day didn't plant mustard seeds. Mustard was a weed — and a noxious, stubborn weed at that. If a first century gardener in Palestine were foolish enough to plant it, it would quickly take over his land, dropping seeds everywhere, and breaking down all barriers of separation between itself and the other plants in the garden. Imagine a gardener today planting kudzu, or dandelions, or broomweed. These are commonplace nuisances we try to get rid of, not plants we'd ever cultivate on purpose.

Mustard, moreover, is not a plant that grows with any stateliness or beauty. It's nothing like a cedar, or a giant sequoia, or even a well-tended rose bush. It grows like a weed, and it looks like one.

So what is Jesus saying when he describes the sacred and the holy as a tiny, insignificant mustard seed? What does it mean to take an invasive, spindly weed — a plant we'd sooner discard than sow — and make it the very heart, the very structural center, of God's kingdom? Who and what counts in God's economy? What is beautiful? Who matters? Where do we see the sacred? I don't think it's a coincidence that the speaker of this parable — Jesus himself — comes to earth as a tiny and forgettable “mustard seed.” A backwater baby born into poverty on the edges of empire. Or that the people who first follow him when he grows up are a bunch of raggedy fishermen and corrupt tax collectors. Clueless, clumsy, timid, and doubtful. Is it really the case that God's kingdom rests on folks like these? Yes. Absolutely yes.

Maybe, if I'm struggling to "sleep" in God's care, it's because I discount the tiny seeds. The small unfurlings. The seemingly insignificant places where the earth shifts and the "weeds" grow.

The last image in this set of parables is that of nesting birds finding shade in the branches of the mustard plant. It's a pretty image on its face, but it, too, as it turns out, is a joke: who wants birds taking up residence in their gardens? Birds eat seeds and fruits. They wreak havoc in cornfields. Birds are why farmers put up scarecrows.

But Jesus isn't a scarecrow kind of gardener. Why? Because the kingdom of



God is all about welcoming the unwelcome. Sheltering the unwanted.

Practicing radical inclusion. The garden of God doesn't exist for itself; it exists to offer nourishment to everyone the world deems unworthy. It exists to attract and to house the very people we'd rather shun. Its primary purpose is hospitality, not productivity.

How many times have we shooed the birds away because we're so busy policing our gardens? Whose needs, hungers, and hopes have we ignored because our eyes are locked on the ground of our own efforts, intentions, priorities, and strategic plans?

Here is what the kingdom of God looks like: slow, mysterious growth. Periods of fallowness. Plants we can neither control nor contain. Weeds that run

wild and still nourish. Hungry, raucous birds. Feasts we might mistake for waste. Gardeners who take naps.

All of this is good news, but it isn't always easy news. The truth is, it hurts to surrender my imagination and my workaholicism to God's expansive, life-changing care. It hurts to loosen my grip, to trust and accept mystery, to seek God in the commonplace, and to embrace the unwanted thing as beloved. But whatever our temperaments and our circumstances, the challenge remains to scatter seed and rest in God's grace. To embrace even the weeds, and allow them to become havens of rest. Can we lean into this bizarre and laughable kingdom? Can we let go? Can we trust that the God of the inscrutable seed is also the God of the magnificent harvest? May we learn to do so.

Future Directions for PM and the congregations

Information sharing with congregations about possible 12 month exploration with Northmead and Centenary Uniting Churches to work together

The Combined Congregation Leaders Meeting (CCLM) met on Saturday 5 June at Westmead to consider a proposal that the Parramatta Nepean Presbytery (PNP) had given to the Church Council. (The Church Council, after due consideration, had passed on this proposal to the CCLM for consideration in their 5 June meeting.)

Background: the Church Council had asked the PNP to provide names for future ministry leadership of 1.5FTE. The PNP have committed to providing names for the new ministry team post June 30, 2021, and also provided a proposal that PM consider exploring working collaboratively with Northmead UCA and Centenary, joining in a cluster to create worship, ministry and mission expressions: that is, such as different styles of congregational worship, home groups, bible study groups, mission expressions, such as Bula feeding, all this across 4 main sites. It was proposed by PNP that PM explore this for 12 months.

The CCLM meeting on Saturday 5 June considered this proposal in workshop mode with input from Geoff Stevenson and Paul Linossier. The meeting shared various views and differences, and concluded that there was a willingness to consider this, but only after each of the congregations were informed of this proposal in information sessions to hear their views. And to ensure we kept working on "being one and equal".

Information sessions with congregations are now in progress.

CCLM will receive reports and feedback from these information sessions and report this to the next Church Council meeting.

The PMC will then decide whether it will accept the proposal and then share the decision with the PNP. The CCLM and congregations will continue to be informed.

Vladimir Korotkov

Leigh Congregation

200th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE + LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY!



Our combined 200th anniversary **service and luncheon** will be held at Leigh Memorial **next Sunday 20 June** from 10.00am. Bus transport & lifts will be available for members who would like to attend but are concerned about coming into Parramatta. Please call 9891-2277 and leave a message for Robert/the anniversary task group if this applies to you. The worship portion of our program will include a creative tribute to the Sunday School and guest preacher,

Rev. Simon Hansford, Moderator, NSW/ACT. All welcome!

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON – RSVPs DUE NOW

Please call Tracey on 9891-2277 to rsvp for our Anniversary Luncheon on Sunday, 20 June. A delicious, catered ‘spit roast’ meal at Leigh Memorial on the 20th will include a selection of meats, salads and desserts. Let us know if you have any dietary requirements. The luncheon has no upfront cost, but voluntary contributions will be welcome on the day.

PM YOUTH DELEGATION – “GROWING UP UNITING” CONFERENCE

The UCNHS (Uniting Church National History Society) Conference will be taking place this weekend @ the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta. A group comprising 10 young adults & leaders from the three PM congregations will be attending and liaising with people of all ages from across NSW & Australia. Thanks to Samantha, Ofa and Liz for leading our PM delegation – and to the Mission Council for its generous support regarding the development of our young leaders. *All the best to our young people – we pray that they enjoy the Conference & return inspired!*

THANK YOU - WORKING BEE

A very big “thank you” to the small but hard-working group who attended last Saturday’s ‘Working Bee’ at Leigh Memorial! Your help was greatly valued. After a lot of dusting, vacuuming and sorting, Leigh Memorial had a little extra shine by the following day – Heritage Committee.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION PROPOSAL

Last Sunday, Rev. Geoff Stevenson visited Leigh Memorial & led a congregation discussion after morning tea regarding the proposal for a regional connection between ourselves and the Northmead and Centenary Uniting churches. A year-long period of discernment has been endorsed for this to be considered. For those who couldn’t attend, further opportunities to explore the proposal will be provided. For further information, please see Rev. Vladimir/ congregation leaders.

PASTORAL MESSAGE, inc. ROLL UPDATE

We continue to hold PM staff and Mission/ congregation leaders & the CCLM in our prayers, and send our thoughts to everyone in our congregations who is in need of extra care and support at this time. Please contact Revs. Clive & Vladimir, or the congregation leaders as needed, and let us know if you need a pastoral visit, practical assistance, or wish to be added to the prayer list. For further information about up & coming changes at PM from 1 July, please see the pastoral team/leaders. **NB:** We have recently updated the Leigh Memorial congregation roll. If any of your contact details have changed since 2020, please let Samantha know, or leave a message with Tracey at 9891-2277.

ANNIVERSARY BOOKS FOR SALE – 20 JUNE

Copies of our soon to be released Anniversary book –

'All Loves Excelling – Celebratory Edition' – will be available for sale at the 200th Anniversary Service & Luncheon on 20 June at a cost of **\$20 per copy**. The books contain a history of our first Chapel, a 200 year overview of Sunday School/ Youth programs, current congregation photos and lots of special, heritage photos & features. Enquiries: Liz.



200th ANNIVERSARY HERITAGE SNIPPET: THE BOOTH FAMILY

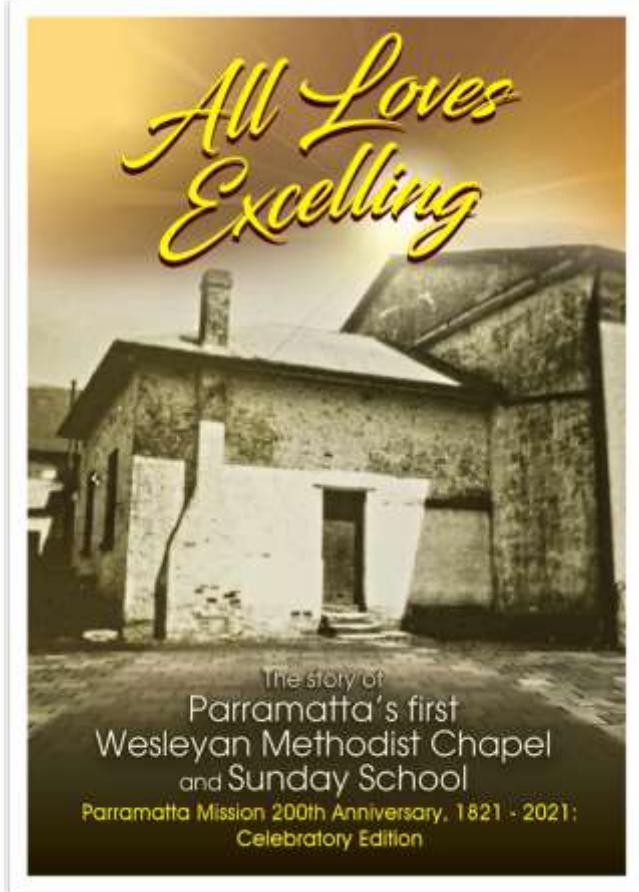
The first infant baptized in Leigh Memorial was a boy – John Wesley Booth – who went on to become a Minister of the Wesleyan Church and lived to be 100. His memorial plaque is in Leigh Memorial, along with his portrait at age 45. His father, John Richard Booth (1833–1900), postponed his son's

baptism so that he could have the honour of being the first baby. John Booth was a Parramatta Council Alderman, Trustee at Leigh, and a guest at both the Laying of Foundation Stones and Opening ceremonies for the new Leigh Memorial Methodist Church in 1884 & 1885. John's brother, Joseph Booth (1821–1888), was the 10th Mayor of Parramatta and a Sunday School Superintendent at Leigh for over 40 years. The Booth family of the late 1800s were fondly remembered for arriving at Leigh Memorial in their horse and buggy and using the stables at the rear of the Church before making a very grand entrance into the service. Another Leigh Memorial Booth – Stephen – served & died in WWI. The Booths are one of many families, including the Hunts, Mantons, O'Reillys & Grays, whose history at Parramatta Mission is multi-generational.

Foster your faith this week

1 Sm 17:(1a, 4-11,19-23), 32-49

Ps 9:9-20, 2 Cor 6:1-13, Mk 4:35-41



**PARRAMATTA MISSION
200th ANNIVERSARY BOOK –
*ALL LOVES EXCELLING***

Available for Sale – Sunday 20 June

\$20 per copy

**** Includes Leigh Memorial, Leigh Fijian & Westmead
anniversary information + latest congregation photos ****

Pre-orders available: phone 9891-2277.

세 번째 성령강림주일 (2nd Pentecost of Sunday) 21년 06월06일 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 12 장 **통 22 장** 다 함께 주를 경배하세

새 415 장 **통 471 장** 십자가 그늘 아래

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **전도서 11:7-12:2**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사
오늘은 나에게 어떤 날인가?

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

새 456 장 **통 509 장** 거친 세상에서 실패 했거든

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 (1편)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
잠언 21:1-14

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
잠언 20:1-22:29

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WESTMEAD
SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 2021 - 9.45AM**

Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

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

Today our Worship Service will be led by Rev. Geoff Stevenson (Presbytery chairperson). Rev. Geoff will take some time during the service to share some thoughts of new directions our congregations may take in the future. As we share morning tea following the service there will be time to ask questions and share ideas. For people who are joining the service on zoom, will you please direct your questions to leaders or ministers after the service. Please join the service if you are able so that you will hear first hand this information, which will be further discussed at the next Parramatta Mission Council meeting.

COVID Safety: Important message

1. Covid safe requirements remain in place. It is not necessary to wear masks at this time. We can sing in church.
2. Please sanitise your hands as you come into the building.
3. Register using the QR code, or ask for help from a leader.
4. Remember social distancing. Leave one empty chair between others, except families.

Thank you for helping to keep us all safe.

Thank you for staying and having your photo taken last week, for inclusion in Liz's book being prepared for the **LEIGH MEMORIAL 200 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**. Thank you to Mario for taking the photo also.

If you have not yet responded to the invitation to attend this Anniversary service on 20th June, 2021 at Leigh Memorial, it is urgent to do so a.s.a.p. There is an offer of bus transport to Leigh Memorial for the service and lunch, from Westmead, for catering and transport organising, it is important to book in.

For those of the Westmead Congregation who will not be attending the celebration of the Parramatta Mission 200th Anniversary at Leigh Church in Parramatta on Sunday, 20 June 2021 in person, we will be able to join the Anniversary Service on Zoom either at Westmead Church or direct from Leigh to your device. (See 'Our News', Service & Zoom Information)

Please keep SUNDAY 25TH JULY, 2021 free, when Westmead Congregation will celebrate 30 years on this site.

CARDS FOR ALL OCCASIONS are available by contacting Lorna: 0408 365 478. These cards have a Christian message.

Your weekly offering can be made electronically:

Account Name: PM DIRECT WESTMEAD BSB 634634

Account Number: 100046885

During the week it was so nice to spend a little time with Rev. Christine Bayliss Kelly. Christine came to take with her the various items which she had used in the many activities of Playgroup etc. They will now have a new home in the Penrith area. It was quite an amazing experience to see how much can pack into a medium small car! So good to catch up with news of Christine's new area of work, and of course we were able to bring her up to date with our congregation news too. The photo was taken after enjoying a delicious lunch in Ceramic. (and we didn't have to do the dishwasher!)



BIBLE STUDY will NOT meet tomorrow, being a public holiday. Next week Bible Study will meet at 2p.m. on zoom. All Welcome.

OPEN DOOR will meet on Wednesday afternoon, 16th June, 2021 at 1 - 3p.m.

TAI CHI on Friday 10 - 11am at Uniting Westmead, Caroline Street.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION on Zoom, led by Pastor Sarah Bishop Tuesdays and Thursdays. Time - 6.25 AM
Contact Sarah for zoom link
Email: sarah@bluetardis.com.au Phone:0412 606 049

Lorna spied these two birds who have taken a liking to the guttering on top of Ceramic building. It brought us to thinking of John from No. 28, who passed away, but John was part of our Time Out Cafe team and loved to sit on the verandah and watch the birds, like these ones, and were quite tame, as they enjoyed the bushes near the verandah.



WESTMEAD LEADERS:

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Lorna Porter - Finance 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

Fijian Congregation

1. **Lotu ena sigatabu oqo 13/06:** Eratou na veiqaravi tiko kina na Matasiga naba 3.
2. **Lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo 20/06 :** Na lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo, eda na lotu cokovata tiko kina kei ratou na valagi, ka na tekivu tiko na lotu ena 10am.
3. **Lesoni ena macawa mai oqo :** 1 Samuela 15:34–16:13, Same 20, 2 Cor 5:6-10 (11-13) 14-17, Marika 4:26-34.
4. Sa vakaraitaki ena bose ni vavakoso na veisureti ni lotu Wesele mai Viti kina UCA e Ositerelia ena noda veitokoni ena masumasu ena siga Tusiti 29th June kei na siga Vukelulu 30th June. Gauna: 9pm.
5. Sa na dau qaravi tiko na vuli meke ni vakavakarau kina soqo ni yabaki 30 ni lotu vakaviti e Parramatta. Eratou na qai dau tukutuku mai na veiqaravi na gauna ena dau caka kina.

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 veivakarau-wai 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 veiqaravi na Bula Feeding.

Wiliwili ni lotu ena sigatabu: 06/06 - 45



- 6 **Bula Feeding :**
Vakavinavinaka taki tiko na veitokoni ni Alan Rigas solicitors ena veivuke ni kakana ena siga Tusiti sa oti (08/06)





8. Vakavinavinakataki na nodatou a gole yani ena veisureti ni soqosoqo lotu vou e St Mary Uniting ena sigatabu sa oti 06 June



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