

OUR NEWS

28th August 2022

Our Vision

A Community Transforming Lives



Our Values

Grace,
Inclusion,
Dignity,
Faith and Hope

Congregational life at Westmead & Parramatta,
Hospitality Services at 175 Hotel and Wesley Apartments
Meals Plus Services providing for those in need across the
Parramatta LGA

Parramatta Mission acknowledges that all of our work takes
place on the land of traditional owners.

We pay respect to the original custodians of the land on
which we gather, and acknowledge their elders past and
present, and their emerging leaders.

WEEKLY REFLECTION



Anxiety hungers for seats of power

Pentecost 12C, 2022, Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Rev Vladimir Korotkov

1. The Gospel writers retell the story of Jesus to encourage readers to examine the way they follow Jesus and to live differently, in different contexts and times, for the ancient church, for the church today. Paul, thirty years earlier named the process “putting on Christ”, dying daily to ourselves and living with Christ to create God’s future.

For Luke and Paul, to follow is to believe. But to believe is to be engaged in an active, reflective practice of discernment and change, constantly learning anew what it means to love God, self, and others co-equally. To create and maintain safe, healthy, collaborative communities of equals, and in love and strength to address disruptions and inappropriate behaviour.

The Uniting Church has called on each of our congregations, its leaders, and adherents to change our cultures and create safe spaces for each of us, and to address issues when they arise.

2. Luke presents our text as today’s invitation to engage in an active, reflective practice of discernment and change.

In our scripture reading, Jesus presents a contradictory view. He challenges the closing of doors on the tide of the poor. In fact, he suggests that this Pharisee in whose house he was banqueting, seriously consider changing his welcome or hospitality policy.

Part of this is to be humble, and not place your self above others. Being above others, in the Greek, implies one is trying to be like God. Being humble, again in the Greek, suggests “coming back to our human reality”, suggest Brian Stoffregen.

Coming back to human reality is about changing the structure of value and importance of people. Jesus teaches them that the well-off host should invite people who are poor, lame, crippled and blind. This is a radical inclusive way of sharing our meals. This is a reversal of fixed personal and social behaviour. And it is about the unconscious need for power, to be with the powerful, to be powerful, and this to quieten our inner anxieties.

In this way, Jesus names the elephant in the room. Jesus was not seeking to ridicule his host, but to empower this host to embrace a more brave, compassionate life.

3. Such new ways of restructuring life require dealing with change, and the resistance, anxieties and fears that arise when individuals and communities are faced with change. The process of change always involves looking awry, observing our personal and community habits and contradictions, based on Jesus' life and teaching. Which means recognising and dealing with complexity.

And this is so difficult, as we are beings of contradiction. As the social psychologists Robert Fahey and Lisa Laskow Lahey write in their book, *Immunity to Change*, individual beliefs and the collective mindsets of our groups create a natural and powerful immunity to change.

Change does not fail to occur because of insincerity. The heart patient is not insincere about his wish to keep living, even as he reaches for another cigarette. Change fails to occur because we mean both things. It fails to occur because we are a living contradiction. ... with one foot on the [accelerator] and one foot on the brake".

We are beings of contradiction: We keep our foot on the brake, we resist something while announcing we want the opposite! Why? Kegan and Lahey suggest it's because we are a mental, emotional, and physical ecology, a complex, intricate survival system, that functions as an immune system to make us who we are, to protect us and to control anxiety and fear. And to keep things going the safe, same way! How do we change then? James Flaherty emphatically says: habits are so deeply set in our muscles, minds, and hearts that "simply telling people how to change rarely works, and why making a resolution ... to change has the same low degree of success."

Accepting and living with complexity is vital for change. Complexity is really about the relationship or gap between the complexity of the world and our own complexity of mind and feelings. The challenge is how to develop an awareness of and a new complexity of mind in the face of the complexity of the world! Kegan and Lahey suggest this is called an adaptive solution! This requires a new means of perceiving and thinking. The challenge is: how to make changes – in yourself and your community/organisation – enabled by developing greater mental complexity.

Conclusion

Change requires ongoing observation of our contradictions, uncovering contradictory values and behaviours underlying our stated values, creating a safe, supportive, and challenging situation with others to gradually let go of old habits. We can change, no matter what age we are, neuroscience has given evidence of the plasticity of the brain and the ability to learn to be different.

But it requires "developing a whole new appreciation of human courage. Courage involves the ability to act and carry on even when we are afraid." (Kegan & Lahey)

The words of Jesus are shared precisely to invite new courage. For us to face the fear and the anxiety of complexity and ongoing change, knowing the goodness of God works with us to dismantle whatever keeps us from the way, the truth and the life of God and the world.

Leigh Memorial Congregation

WORSHIP @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

We look forward to seeing everyone at Leigh this **Sunday, 28 August @ 9.30am** – Onsite + Zoom with **Pastor Fil Kamotu**. The service will be followed by morning tea. All welcome! Thanks Fil!

AUGUST DONATIONS DRIVE: MEALS PLUS

During August, Leigh Memorial is collecting donations for Meals Plus.

These include:

(1) Toiletries: toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, disposable wipes, combs, disposable shavers, small tissue packs, shampoo, sunscreen, deodorant, sanitiser etc;

(2) Non-perishable groceries: Small, ‘self-pull’ tins that don’t require a can opener;

(3) Linen: Clean, new or second-hand sheets, pillows, blankets & towels.

** Please bring all donations to the Coffee Shop after worship on Sundays.

** Message just in from Paul Moussa: “Thanks for everyone’s generous support!”

EARLY SEPTEMBER WORSHIP – with Rev John Barr

Sunday 4 September – Join us 9.30am for Fathers’ Day worship @ Leigh Memorial, inc. special treats for the Dads and Grandads J

Sunday 11 September – 9.30am Worship @ Leigh, followed by morning tea.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Our warm support remains with members in need of healing and strength at this time, and we continue to pray for those who are unwell, having tests, recuperating or grieving. Please let us know if you would like to be added to the congregation’s prayer list, or need additional assistance or support. Special thoughts for Mae, Steve, Nell, Beverly, Neil, Darlene, Lalaja, Jolame & Betty – and warmest greetings to all those who continue to keep in touch with us via the post and/or on Zoom each week.

PCUC ‘VISION’ GET-TOGETHER

The Parramatta City Uniting Church gathering at Centenary UC on 20 August was a great morning (pictured), with plenty of ‘get to know you’ time and opportunities for discussion and information sharing. Many thanks to VSAG (the ‘Vision Strategy Action Group’) for coordinating the event. A combined PCUC service & brunch will take place at Leigh Memorial on Sunday 30th October.



PCUC HERITAGE TOURS THIS SPRING

The following 3 Saturday mornings (17 and 24 September & 8 October) have been set aside for free heritage talks/tours for members of the PCUC congregations & friends. No bookings are required. During each tour, donations to the work of Parramatta Mission will be gratefully accepted & heritage books will be available for sale. All proceeds to the Mission. Further details regarding venues and times will be available soon.

Enquiries: Liz c/o LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com/ 0409 395 916.

PCUC: ‘JAZZ AT HAMMERS’

These relaxed musical/social evenings are held at Northmead Uniting Church (Hammers Road, Northmead) on the 3rd Sunday of each month between 6 – 8pm. They include a variety of lively music, a shared meal and a message. All welcome!

Westmead Congregation

Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

Sunday 28th August 2022 – 9.30am – ON-SITE and ZOOM

Zoom Link: <https://uca-nswact.us/j/93615534553>

Pastor Ofa will lead us in worship today – thank you Pastor Ofa.

Last week Rev. John Barr gave an illuminating sermon on what it means to follow Christ's rules of living in an imperfect world. Thank you, Rev. John.

Vision Day 2 for our PCUC congregations held last Saturday at Centenary Church, was a very interesting day with break out groups discussing what people had on their minds. To those that missed out, we hope you can join in for the next one. Thanks to all who organized and thanks to the lunch caterers for a warm get- together.



We send out our warmest congratulations to Eileen Thomas who is celebrating a wonderful milestone birthday this week with her family.

Many Happy Returns Eileen, and to anyone we have missed out who had a recent birthday!

Thank you to all members for continuing to wear masks for covid and flu protection measures. Please stay home if you are unwell to rest and recover well before attending.

Our online church service zoom link is temporarily out with technical issues, but we'll be back on very soon. Meanwhile you could watch the online Sunday service at

[https://www.facebook.com/northmeadunitingchurch/
videos/1503115063476468](https://www.facebook.com/northmeadunitingchurch/videos/1503115063476468)

Our deepest sympathy to the Hind's family for the passing of Geoff Hinds.

"For many years Geoff and Rosemary Hinds were members of Leigh Memorial and then Westmead congregations.

Geoff passed away on Sunday 13th August 2022.

Rosemary is at present in hospital following a hip operation.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rosemary, and family at this time".

Rest in peace Geoff.

DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Rev Rhonda White's husband, Clarrie White, sadly passed away on Monday, after a lengthy illness with cancer. Please remember Rhonda and her family in your prayers.

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN JOIN

BIBLE STUDY: Monday afternoons, **2pm** - All are welcome.

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

TAI CHI: Friday at Uniting Westmead 10am - 11am \$10

Christian Meditation on Zoom led by Pastor Sarah Bishop - Tuesdays, and Thursdays at **6.20am**. Contact Sarah for Zoom Link.

Email: sarah@bluetardis.com.au Phone: **0412 606 049**

ENQUIRIES:

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Newsletter:	Cheryl Shyam:	0432 436 999

Foster your faith this week

Jer 2:18-91

Ps 81:1, 10-16

Heb 13:1-8, 15-16

Lk 14:1, 7-14

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 28/08:** Na lotu ena macawa oqo ena vunau tiko kina ko Rev John Barr. Tu vakarau ena vunau Viliame Kamotu kei Taito Dovibua. Tu vakarau ena veiliutaki matamasumasu naba 3.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 04/09:** Na lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo eda na lotu cokovata tiko kina na UCA Fijian Sydney e Canterbury. Na qaravi tiko kina na lotu ni veivakatikori ni talatala ni Fiji Parish.
- 3. Vunau Lesi macawa mai oqo i Westmead 28/08:** Ofa Foiakau
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa oqo: 22/08 – 28/08:** Jeremaia 2:4-13 Same 81:1, 10-16 Iperiu 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14.
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo: 29/08 - 04/09:** Jeremaia 18:1-11 Same 139:1-6, 13-18 Filimoni 1-21 Luke 14:25-33
5. Vakavinavinakataki vakalevu na lakolako ni reguregu ni lotu vei vugoi Sala Bosea Rogoimuri ena yakavi ni siga tusiti.

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

Veinanumi ena Masu : Kerei meda veinanumi tikoga ena veimasulaki vei ira na nodatou qase ko Mereoni Kamotu, S Qata, Akisi Dovibua Baranski. Ko ratou na veiliutaki tiko ena nodatou vavakoso vaka viti kei na veivuvale kece sara ena loma ni nodatou vavakoso. Na nodratou veiqravni na Bula Feeding.

Gadrevi na noda veinanumi ena masu vei ira na lewe ni vavakoso era mai sasaga kei na nanumi talega ni nodra vuvale mai Viti.

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

21-35

성령강림 후 12주일 (12th Pentecost Sunday) 2022년 08월28일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)

예배를 위한 목상

예배의 부름 (Calling)

인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 2장

통 6장

찬양 성부 성자 성령

다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

다함께

새 36장

통 36장

주 예수 이름 높이여

새 250장

통 182장

구주의 실자가 보혈로

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)

요한삼서 1:1-12

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사

기원파 축복

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn)

새 429장

통 489장

세상 모든 풍파 너를 혼들어

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

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

폐회찬송(Final Hymn)

새 501장

통 255장

너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도

전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
예전3:1-18

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
데전 1:1-엡1:23

The 55th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations designated 21 September as

International Day of Peace



To celebrate this day, you are cordially invited to join an

Interfaith Prayer Service

On Wednesday 21 September 2022 at 11am
at Knox Cultural Centre, Knox Grammar School,
2 Borambil Street, Wahroonga 2076 (a stone's throw
distance from Warrawee Train Station)

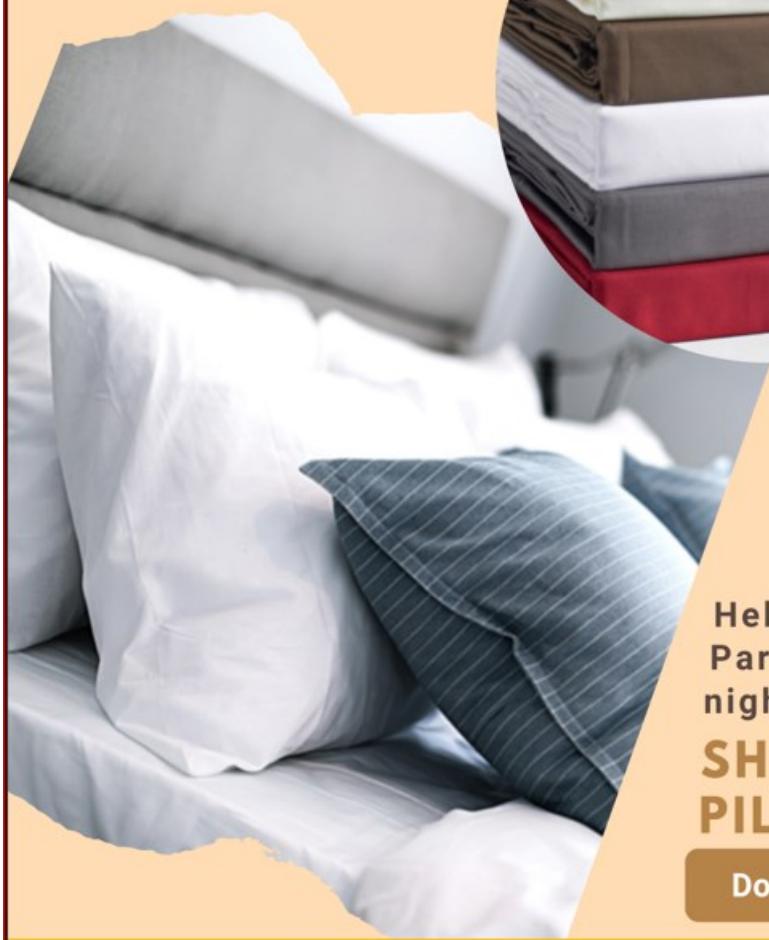
Dr Jan Fizzell, Senior Medical Adviser for NSW Health would give the occasional address.

Religious leaders from Aboriginal, Bahai, Brahmkumaris, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic, Jain, Jewish, Mandaean, Sikh, Sufi and Zoroastrian communities will offer prayers for peace. School children will provide musical performances. There will be opportunity for lighting a candle for Peace during the service. A light lunch would be provided at the end of the service. Please RSVP by 10 September 2022.

For further information contact Rev. Dr. Manas Ghosh
on 0429 892 548 or email: revmanasghosh@gmail.com

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119 Macquarie St, Parramatta NSW 2150

Dear all,

In honour of Rev. Harry Herbert's relentless focus on championing and improving the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians, you're invited to attend the inaugural oration, followed by a panel discussion.

JOIN US FOR
THE INAUGURAL

Rev. Harry Herbert Oration

WEDNESDAY
5TH OCTOBER 2022
6.30-7.30PM



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG
Former Justice of the High Court of Australia

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Stan Grant
Walkley award winning journalist and television presenter.

PANELISTS

The Hon Robert Tickner AO Co-chair EveryAGE Counts
The Hon Dr Kay Patterson AO Age Discrimination Commissioner
Tracey Burton Executive Director Uniting NSW.ACT

WHEN

Wednesday 5 October 2022
6pm for a 6.30pm start

WHERE

St Stephen's Uniting Church
197 Macquarie Street Sydney

RSVP BY 21 SEPT

bit.ly/RevHarryHerbert

Electric Vehicle Information Forum

September 7 | 7pm-8.30pm

Free Online Event

If you've ever considered buying an electric vehicle or are just curious to learn more about them, join us at our **Electric Vehicle Information Forum.**



Cars are responsible for about **half of all transport emissions** in Australia. Could switching to an electric vehicle be the right investment for you and the planet?

Come along to hear from guest speaker Dr Jake Whitehead, Head of Policy at the **Electric Vehicle Council** and get answers about the benefits of EVs, how they work, the factors that influence their uptake and more.

This forum is aimed at any in the wider church community but open to all. Click the link below to register:

[Register on Eventbrite](#)

Jake is Head of Policy at the Electric Vehicle Council of Australia. He was formerly a Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a member of the International Electric Vehicle Policy Council at the University of California, Davis, and also runs his own mobility-as-a-service company in Queensland, ODIN PASS.



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

- For those unwell – Lord we pray for Your Holy Spirit to come and restore to full health those that are in need of healing.
- Lord we pray for those who are unable to attend to their families as they themselves are unwell – we pray for their anxiousness around this to be helped.
- For wars that break down and destroy – Lord we pray for Your peace to prevail. Let conflicts dissipate and mutual agreements for the betterment arise.
- For those in hardship with costs of living both here and overseas – Lord we pray that their burdens may be lightened by Your Holy grace.
- For those wearied by homelessness, lack of food, water, medicines, those recovering from floods – Lord lay Your hands upon these and let their lack of resources be filled.
- For those struggling with unemployment – Lord we pray that You open doors to these as they knock – Let their search be fulfilling and give them the courage to carry on.
- For our government- Lord let peace prevail and time be spent on more useful things that are necessary for education, transport, and medical funding.

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

Prayer Points

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 congregation members, leaders and staff who are unwell, or having tests or procedures, and those experiencing anxiety surrounding work, study, family life or health. We particularly remember our members in need of additional support at this time, including those who are separated from their families or grieving. We also remember those within our congregations who are devoted carers to others in their family or within the community;
- We pray for wisdom and inspiration to infuse all current and forthcoming decision-making processes and actions by our dedicated ministers, leaders, managers and staff – and specifically pray for Paul and the team at Meals Plus, Cameron and his team at Westmead, the Bula Feeding ministry, and the life and witness of our fellow Parramatta Mission & Parramatta City Uniting Church congregations;
- We also pray for greater mutual respect, compassion and care within our local communities, and for the realisation of a community-wide spirit of inclusion and love for all people.

Wider Work

For our Combined Parramatta Mission Team

- May God guide all our staff and volunteers to live out our values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope;
- Rev. Vladimir, Rev. Hyun Goo, Chaplain Sarah, PMC Chairperson, David and Secretary Robert and all those who lead and serve.

Service & Zoom Information

Leigh Memorial Congregation

Time: Sunday 9.30am on site & Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 519 908 9657

Westmead Congregation

Time: Sunday 9.30am on site & Zoom

<https://uca-nswact.us/j/93615534553>

Leigh Fijian Congregation

Time: Sundays 11.15am on site

Pastoral Contacts

Prayer Points may be sent to
wecare@parramattamission.org.au

For a conversation or to contact a Minister, please call
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9891 2277

Leigh Memorial Church
119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150
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Westmead Church
175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead NSW 2145
9891 2277

IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

Please contact our minister Vladimir Korotkov for any pastoral needs.

Rev Vladimir Korotkov (Transition Minister)	0431 759 573
Rev John Barr	0457 879 099
Pastor Fil Kamotu	0404 552 915

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THESE PEOPLE FOR PASTORAL ISSUES

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Pr Sarah Bishop (Children's Hospital)	0429 912 943
Anare Vocea (Fijian Vakatawa)	0432 772 852



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