

OUR NEWS

16th October 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
Pentecost 21C, 2022 • Luke 18:1-8

*The Persistent Widow
and the Heartless Judge:
Yearning for change*

Bill Loader

Luke brings us a parable about not losing heart. The focus in the opening verse is on prayer. The closing verse, 18:8, concludes with a challenge about faith: 'When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?' Given this framework, we might be led to expect that the teaching is a rather general exhortation about prayer and belief that prayer will be answered. On closer inspection, this proves to be slightly off target.

The parable is not unlike that story Jesus told about the rogue in 16:1-8. Here, too, we may be dealing with a story that was going the rounds at the time and which Jesus picked up and used. The woman was likely to be such a nuisance that the judge relented and dealt with her case. Good on her! In 18:6 Jesus turns the attention of the listener to the unjust judge and proceeds in 18:7 to make a statement about God. If this kind of judge was willing to respond to this poor widow, can't you believe that God will respond to us? The point is not that God is also corrupt, but that God is likely to respond. The parable is playfully shocking in the way it is prepared to liken God to the judge. This enhances its effect.

We find a similar kind of argument in Luke 11:11-13, where Jesus argues that if unjust parents are still prepared to give their children bread, surely we can believe that God will be generous about our needs. It is a kind of argument from reasonableness. Surely God is going to be good and generous, if anyone is. If you can believe this story about that judge, then surely you can believe that God will care.

The obverse side seems to have attracted Luke's focus: we need to be like the widow and persist in hope and prayer. Sometimes people emphasise this in a way that makes God just a little too much like the judge: not really caring enough to respond straight away, but needing to be irritated by much human effort in prayer before relenting. Some people do have an 'unjust' image of God, perhaps because they have only ever known those who can help them as at best aloof and superior and at worst mean. We create images every time we speak about approaching God. The style of our approach projects an image of the God whom we approach. And then we inevitably conform ourselves to God's image. This in part explains cold and aloof attitudes in leadership. Greatness, God-likeness, as Jesus reminds us elsewhere in so many ways, is about self giving and responsiveness, about love and care.

Jesus does deal with the obverse side, the widow. He compares her approach with that of 'the elect who cry out day and night'. This is traditional language. It is used of Israel, God's people. The image of God's people crying out in need belongs in the



context of community lament and prayer. It may not be by chance that we find such language in the traditions linked with Daniel and the Son of Man (see 18:8). What is their cry? As in the days when the book of Daniel was written, the time of the Maccabean revolt, so also in the period of Roman oppression, the cry is for liberation. Luke is very aware of this when he pictures the faithful (elect ones) in the opening chapters of his gospel as those who were yearning for the redemption of Israel. It is a political yearning, but much bigger than that. It is the cry for justice, for peace, for the establishment of God's rule in the world. It is the cry: 'Your kingdom come!' It is the yearning encouraged by the promise: 'Blessed are the poor; for theirs in the kingdom of God. Blessed are the hungry for they shall be satisfied.'

So it is missing the mark if we treat the passage as a general teaching about intercessory prayer. It is primarily about the yearning for change. It was very appropriate that the story told of a poor widow. She represents a behaviour, but she also represents the poverty and vulnerability which is the point of the parable's message. The story has been shaped in the cruelty of exploitation and the arbitrary abuse of power. It belongs in the world which Jesus is addressing. Jesus is reading the signs in the wounds of the people. The contours of their devastation shape the structures of his thought, because this is where he belongs and these are the people whose cries he hears.

Take some heart, even from the behaviour of a corrupt judge who has no respect for anyone! This is digging deep, scraping the bottom of the barrel in pastoral care. The alternative for many is despair, if malnutrition has not already dulled the senses to other possibilities. We know such corrupt figures exist. Does God? Does a God exist who cares? The paralysis of hope can occur at many levels. For many it plummeted with the towers of the World Trade Centre. Faith then retreats into survival mode or fences itself within petty concerns, loses its political and social edge in a sweet jellied peace of mind, or surrenders to the demagogues and demigods of hate. People do not need to avoid pain. It is our role to be there with them in it and not to collude with the alternatives. It means being in touch with the struggles, with the poverty, with all that makes people cry out in our world. It also means living with the affirmation of a God who cares, even though, unlike the promise of 18:8, the solution does not come speedily. In that sense we are to be building supportive communities where people can sustain the crying day and night and not lose heart, where we do not tune out, but live in hope and with a sense of trust that does not make us feel we have to carry the whole world on our shoulders. For facing the pain of the world is, indeed, a crushing experience which most of us cannot bear and which, without support and acceptance of our own limitations, we will inevitably either deny or ourselves become part of the hopelessness. Finding a glint of God in the gray of corruption is a way of affirming we do not have to be God; we are not alone; faith and hope are possible.

Foster your faith this week

Jer 31:27-34

Ps 119:97-104

2Tim 3:14 - 4:5

Lk 18:1-8

Leigh Memorial Congregation

WORSHIP @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

We look forward to seeing everyone at Leigh this **Sunday, 16 October @ 9.30am** (Onsite + Zoom) with **Rev Ben Gilmour**. The theme of Ben's reflection will be: 'Prayer, Faithfulness, Justice and Evangelism.' Many thanks again to those on our morning tea roster for always having a nice, hot cup of tea or coffee and some treats available after our services. It's much appreciated.

SPECIAL EVENTS – OCTOBER

** **Sunday 23 October** – 9.30am: Worship @ Leigh + PCUC Vote.

** **Sunday 30 October** – 9.30am: Combined PCUC service & Brunch at Leigh Memorial.

PASTORAL NEWS

Our warmest prayers for Bev, Mae, Darlene & Neil, Jolame and Nell – and everyone in our congregation who needs additional support and uplift at this time. It's great to see Mae and Steve on Zoom each Sunday for worship – no matter where they are in Westmead Hospital! What a great effort – and it's good to know that Mae's treatments are providing encouraging improvements. Please note that contact numbers for the ministry team are included in the newsletter.

CENTENARY COURTYARD – GARDEN PROJECT

"Calling all garden experts!" Jan D is seeking to revitalise the courtyard garden at Centenary and needs help in selecting and planting plants. Please call Jan on mob: 0423 057 616

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

In NSW, Mental Health Month is held each October. The month encourages all of us to think about our mental health and wellbeing and that of our friends, family members and colleagues. It also gives us the opportunity to learn more about the importance of good mental health in our everyday lives and how to use help-seeking behaviours if needed. For a range of mental health tips, and other valuable updates about the life, witness and work of Parramatta Mission, please check the PM facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/parramattamission1/>

BIBLE SOCIETY AUSTRALIA – SUPPORTING UKRAINE

The Bible Society (Australia) is seeking donations towards the distribution of Bibles and other, ongoing Christian support efforts in the Ukrainian war zone. For further information, please go to:

<https://www.biblesociety.org.au/>

HERITAGE WALKING TOUR

On **Saturday 15 October @ 11.00am**, Liz will be providing a free walking tour of the Rev Walter Lawry Memorial Park (Old Wesleyan Burial Ground) in Grose Street, North Parramatta – inc. a casual overview of the individual histories of the PCUC congregations. Please **BYO hat, plus a chair or rug to sit on, and snacks/drinks.** Registrations/bookings are no longer required for this event. In the event of rain, or if in doubt about the weather, please call or text: 0409 395 916 or 0415 803 921.

HERITAGE SNIPPET: REMEMBERING BILLY HART

At Parramatta Park, not far from the Governor's Bath House and the Boer War Memorial, is a monument to William Ewart Hart (Billy) (1885 – 1943), who became Australia's first qualified pilot in 1911. Billy was also a member of our congregation in the early 20th century, a practising dentist, a WWI flying ace and the son of William Hart – a Parramatta Methodist timber merchant and builder whose company was responsible for building the Parramatta Town Hall and Leigh Memorial Church.



Notice of Congregational Meeting Leigh Memorial Congregation

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If you have any queries about the proposed joining together, or the voting process, please do not hesitate to contact David Norris (mob 04020877138 or email: david.norris@parramattamission.org.au) or Fiona Bennetts (mob 0425362181 or email brucebennetts20@gmail.com).

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**PARRAMATTA NEPEAN PRESBYTERY
UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP**



invites you to the next gathering at

GRANTHAM HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

on Saturday 22nd October

from 10am to 1pm

Guest Speaker is Rebecca Andrews
from Pitt Town Uniting Church

'Building Water Wells in West Papua'

Retiring offering to Water Wells
will be collected



ALL FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED

for specific dietary needs contact Barbara Maxwell 9636 2252

Please RSVP before 15th October to either

Gail Kalaitzis: 9670 4602 or

Kevin Harkness: 0408 218 964

Nearest railway station is Seven Hills. Let us know if needing a pick up.

COVID SAFE RULES APPLY. PLEASE REMAIN AT HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL.



GRANTHAM HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

cnr Mackenzie Boulevard
& Nipigon Road SEVEN HILLS

Westmead Congregation

Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

Sunday 16th October 2022 – 9.30am

Pastor Fil will lead us in the Worship Service this morning.

Last Sunday, Anare and his lovely daughter, Mela, joined us at short notice – thank you Anare and for your message on how God provides and how important it is to be grateful. Mela bravely read out for us the acknowledgements to our land custodians – thank you, Mela! We hope to see you again – it was indeed a personal service with hymn choices.

Westmead is keeping Don Haddon, our dear volunteer pianist in our prayers. We also keep in prayers Georgie, Bev Beamen and others in our prayer chain list.

We are two weeks away from the voting date at Westmead on the 23rd October, only members of the church can vote please see Jan or Lorna if you wish to become a member of the church. The proposition to be voted upon is the following:

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Dates

Sun 16th Oct – Jazz on Hammers between 6 and 8 pm. Includes a variety of music, a shared meal and a message.

Sun 16th Oct – Twilight of Jazz on the banks of the Hawkesbury River- 4.00pm - 8.00pm. Tickets \$20 to go towards building clean water wells in West Papua New Guinea. Text Rebecca 0439 309 303.

Sat 22nd Oct – Grantham Heights Uniting Church - 10am - 1pm. Guest speaker Rebecca Andrews (Pitt Town Uniting Church). RSVP before 15th Oct. Flyer in Church foyer and has been emailed out. Retiring offering to go towards water well building in West Papua.

Sun 30th Oct – 9.30am at Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta: Combined PCUC worship service and light lunch. Transport can be arranged – see Lorna

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN JOIN

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

Zoom Link: <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, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at **6.20am**. Contact Sarah for Zoom Link.

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Administration: Lorna Porter

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Prayer Chain Requests: Ruth Geggie

0430 271 205

Technology: Alysa Biju

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Display cabinet looking for a new home

(wheels attached)

Originally from the Coffee Shop at Leigh and used to display greeting cards for purchase for many years at Westmead.

Anyone interested in further use of the cabinet please contact Lorna on: 0408 365 478.



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성령강림 후 19주일 (19th Pentecost Sunday) 2022년 10월16일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 3 장** **통 2 장** 성부 성자와 성령 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 43 장 **통 57 장** 즐겁게 안식할 날

새 250 장 **통 182 장** 구주의 십자가 보혈로

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **이사야 41:14-20**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 신앙의 순례길에서

봉헌 송(Offertery Hymn)
새 430 장 **통 456장** 주와 같이 길 가는 것

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) **새501장** **통 255장** 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
사무엘하 18:19-33

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시
삼하17:15-20:13

Leigh Fijian Congregation

1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 16/10: Na lotu ena sigatabu oqo ena vunau tiko kina nai vakatawa vakacegu Josefa Foiakau kei tuirara Emosi Rogoimuri. Tuvakarau ena vunau chairman Sosiceni Toa kei Epeli Semani. Tu vakarau ena veiliutaki matamasumasu naba 2.

2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 23/10: Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo eda na lotu cokovata tiko kina kei na vavakoso vaka viti e Berala, St Mary kei Campbelltown. Ena vunalagi dokai tiko ena lotu oqo na vunivola levu ni lotu Wesele e Viti kei Rotuma ko Rev Semisi Turagavou. E da na vakasigalevu vata tiko kina ena hall ni valelotu ni suka na lotu.

3. Lesoni ni macawa oqo: 10/10 – 16/10: Jeremaia 31:27-34 Same 119:97-104 2 Timoci 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8

4. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo: 17/10 - 23/10: Joeli 2:23-32 Same 65:2 2 Timoci 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

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 kei na vuvale ra sotava tiko na dredre ko Mereoni Kamotu, S Qata, Akisi Dovibua Baranski, Dia Allison Lotawa Family Satala Family Tuiloma Family. Ko ratou na veiliutaki tiko ena nodatou vavakoso vaka viti kei na veivuvale kece sara ena loma ni nodatou vavakoso. Na nodratou veiqaravi 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.

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MEDIA RELEASE

Church welcomes much-needed \$500m response to Ice Inquiry

In announcing its response to the Ice Inquiry, the NSW Government has ignored key expert evidence about how to end the ice epidemic, unable to get the much-needed reforms through its own cabinet.

Uniting NSW.ACT General Manager Advocacy and External Relations Emma Maiden welcomed the response but emphasised that further action is desperately needed.

"The announcement of \$358million for increased treatment, particularly in rural and regional areas, is a welcome relief," Ms Maiden said.

"This is a key element of the Fair Treatment campaign Uniting leads and we welcome the Government's delayed acceptance of the need for a dramatic increase in treatment funding.

"It is tragic that hundreds of thousands of people have been turned away from health services for alcohol and drug problems since the Ice Inquiry report was handed down. This has been exacerbated by the impacts of the COVID pandemic.

"With the Government's response taking 30 months, it is imperative the Government moves quickly to implement this announcement. Time is of the essence."

Ms Maiden said the NSW Government announcement on increased diversion is also welcomed.

"The Ice Inquiry's recommendations could not have been clearer. The current policing-based approach to drug use is not working. We need diversion, at the very least, to save lives and connect people to treatment when they seek it," Ms Maiden said.

"The announcement on diversion is only in principle, has \$400 fines and only offers two chances to change behaviour. That risks excluding the people with more serious drug dependency and who will benefit most from a non-policing approach to their behaviour."

"A large part of the reason why people with drug dependency don't reach out for help sooner is because of the criminal consequences of drug use. It's also the reason people don't tend to disclose their drug use to family, friends, or health professionals. This is why a better diversion approach is needed."

The Ice Inquiry cost over \$10 million and the final report had over 1300 pages and 109 recommendations. The public told their stories to the Inquiry all over NSW, including in Lismore, Nowra, Dubbo, East Maitland, Broken Hill and Moree.

The police submission to the inquiry supported diversion.

The community similarly supports non-criminal responses to personal drug use. The National Drug Strategy Household Survey shows 78 per cent of Australians support this.

"Close to our heart is that people be treated with dignity and respect, including people who use drugs," the Moderator of the Uniting Church (NSW and ACT), the Rev. Simon Hansford, said.

"Our drug laws are based on stigmatising and outdated ideas, not modern medical facts, and evidence. People who experience drug dependency are shamed and dehumanised when they should be offered life-saving connection.

"We need to have a more honest, open and ongoing conversation about alcohol and other drugs. Our current laws create harm by driving people away from seeking and finding the support they need."

Uniting NSW.ACT is the social justice and welfare arm of the Uniting Church and has spearheaded the Fair Treatment campaign for fairer drug laws and has been arguing for increased treatment services, particularly in rural and regional areas, for over four years.

It's been over 30 months since the Government's own Ice Inquiry handed down its Report. The following recommendations from the Special Inquiry into Ice have been rejected by the NSW Government, with little evidence to back up the decision.

- Decriminalisation
- Allow more medically supervised drug consumption rooms
- Pill testing
- Stopping drug detection dogs at music festivals
- Prison drug health programs and needle exchange

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About Uniting | uniting.org

Uniting is the community service and advocacy arm of the Uniting Church in NSW and the ACT. We provide aged care, early learning, disability, child, youth and family services. We support many people experiencing isolation, poor health and social and economic disadvantage including people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, Aboriginal people and people living in rural and remote areas.



**Please come and join us for
Afternoon Tea**

2.30pm Saturday 5th November
Northmead Uniting Church

**A Gathered Company of Believers -
Celebrating 100 Years
1922-2022**

**“In the sense that a church is not a building, but a gathered
company of believers, the Northmead story really begins in
1922.”** *(50th Anniversary Booklet)*

*Guest Speaker—Dr. Lia de Reland, Historian
Parramatta Mission, Uniting Church in Australia, 2022*

Goodbye Covid

**A time for new beginnings and a time to share conversation
with friends now Covid is behind us.**

**RSVP 30-Oct-2022
Jan Mountfield 9624 5994 or 0417 429 701**

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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

- For those who are ill – Lord we pray for Your Holy Spirit to heal and empower the weak in body and mind.
- For the lonely – Lord allow Your grace and love to sustain and hold these close to You. Be their Shepherd.
- For war torn Ukraine and other countries experiencing the horrors of war – Lord let Your love illuminate and fill the hearts of people on both sides of the conflict that they may instead, call for peace.
- For those who are ravaged by floods, hurricanes and other climatic events – Lord we ask for extreme weather and heavy rains to cease, here and elsewhere in the world.
- We pray for those who are hungry, lack clean water and have no home – Lord let us share our resources that we may be able to multiply them amongst Your people.
- For those who grieve and for those who cannot grieve properly as life is too demanding – Lord may they find peace and be comforted like a child in Your all knowing love.

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.

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).

Prayer Points

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

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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