

# OUR NEWS

23rd 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 20C, 2022 • Luke 18. 9-14

### Bill Loader

The final words in the passage have already appeared in 14:11 in association with the spoof on taking the highest seats at community meals. Luke has obviously seen a similar reversal of norms here and so reused the saying. The parable, itself, has given rise to stereotyping of Pharisees



so that 'pharisaic' has come to mean by definition something very negative: a 'holier than thou' attitude. This is unfortunate and certainly unfair to Pharisees. It may even be more typical of many Christians than it was of the historical Pharisees. It is nevertheless a very eloquent parable which conveys its message powerfully.

It is very hard not to approach the parable with the words: 'Thank God, I am not like this Pharisee!' History has us stand in the wrong place so that the story is subverted. We become 'pharisaic' about the Pharisees or worse, we stand in a tradition which bedevils not just Pharisees but Jews in general, a stance which has had horrific consequences. We need therefore to make a special effort to reposition ourselves if we are to come close to hearing the parable as it might have been intended.

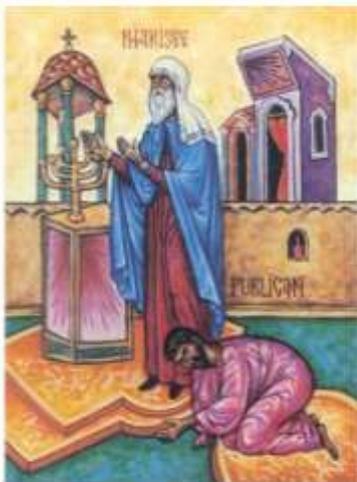
Luke prepares the way. The parable, he reports, was told to those who were very sure of themselves and disparaged others. We describe this commonly as self righteousness. It is interesting that it follows a common tendency to define oneself by defining others.

This is already an unhealthy move. Instead of grappling with our own identity or looking at ourselves we focus on what makes us better than others. Such a stance means that to respect ourselves we need to 'beat' others, run them down. It is a game people play: shoring up group identity by joining in a chorus of condemnation of others: 'aren't they awful!?' It is a kind of fellowship of disparagement which gives those who indulge in it a sense of closeness: standing together against a common enemy. It is common at war time or times of crisis. It is also common in daily life; it is the joy of gossip.

Perhaps the Pharisee is standing on his own; perhaps he is portrayed as speaking with regard to himself. The Greek text is a little ambiguous. Might his opening statement be innocent? This seems unlikely. The parable appears to assume that it is distasteful for anyone to claim to be superior to others. Luke's addition 19:14b assumes this. Hearers would have been likely to find these opening words unacceptable. Can we defend them? What if he really is unlike others? Is he to pretend this is not so - in a kind of mock piety, a dishonesty which plays games?

The story assumes his assessment is wrong. Nothing suggests that the claim that he has not committed the sins he mentions is untrue, nor the claim that he is not like the toll collector, who would have been expected to have ripped people off to his own advantage. Nor are the fast days being disparaged, nor the conscientious tithing which sets aside not only what he produces but also what he buys - in case others have not paid the tithe on it.

The fastidiousness is not condemned in itself, but it is indicative of a religious conscientiousness which can miss the point. It reminds us of the encounter with the rich



ruler later in the chapter (18:18-23). It probably has more in common with that story than with the parable of the Good Samaritan which portrays the loveliness of a priest and Levite (10:25-37). But the theme is generally the same: you can keep the commandments and do many other things and miss the point. The chief problem in our story is with the Pharisee's pride and his disparagement of the toll collector. Here we have piety which despises other human beings. Love of God has become separated from love of neighbour, just as it had in the other stories.

The toll collector takes a stance which contrasts with that of the Pharisee. He keeps his distance. Partly this indicates that he feels he lacks a claim on divine space. Partly it reflects that people would not have wanted him near

anyway. His stance is one of shame. His actions express shame. His words call for mercy, using a word which comes from the language of sacrificial expiation. This is doubtless intended. The effect is to underline Jesus' claim that what the temple system was designed to produce happened for this man; it did not happen for the Pharisee. Jesus is reflecting a common Jewish theme that there is something more important than the rites of sacrifice: the contrite heart. Jesus is not being anti temple, but expressing a sentiment which his hearers would have recognised and affirmed.

Apart from the cultic language in the man's prayer, we also find the word 'justified' and 'just' or 'righteous'. The man had sorted out his relationship with God. He had entered a right relationship with God, because he was prepared to come with no bargaining chips but simply the willingness to receive God's love. The Pharisee was not in such a right relationship, although he was convinced he was.

The story is meant to be subversive. It deals with self righteousness. It goes a little further than that in that it connects such self righteousness with an understanding of religion which serves to reinforce the self assuredness. Religion can be very dangerous. It can produce self delusion. It can lead people to do terrible things; or worse, people can use it to inspire themselves to do terrible things. But the collusion with self delusion comes in many other forms. It is there where Christians are thanking God they are not like 'those Muslims'. It is there where individuals and communities are defining their identity by their enemies and in the process, like the Pharisee, refusing to see their own foibles and failings.

The message of Jesus is quite sharp: bolstering one's sense of identity by disparaging others (even when they are terrible sinners) so easily leads to illusions of grandeur and a failure to see ourselves as we really are. It is a kind of goodies and baddies game. The answer is not to pretend the toll collector has done no wrong, but to accept our common humanity and to know that our real value is in loving and accepting ourselves as God loves us and not upping our value by downing others. The toll collector is also a person of worth. We can forget trying to earn credit points with God and establishing our worth on a relative scale. When we do so we will have so much more time and space and energy for compassion, both receiving and giving it. 'Pharisees' need it - as much as toll collectors.

# Leigh Memorial Congregation

## **WORSHIP @ LEIGH MEMORIAL**

We look forward to seeing everyone at Leigh this **Sunday, 23 October @ 9.30am** (Onsite + Zoom) with **Rev Vladimir Korotkov**.

## **PCUC VOTE THIS SUNDAY**

This **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October**, members are reminded that following our 9.30am service, there will be a Congregation Meeting, inc. the PCUC vote. To participate in the vote, you must be present onsite and identify as a member. Please contact David or Fiona for further information as needed.

## **COMBINED PCUC SERVICE**

On **Sunday 30 October** at 10.00am, we'll be gathering at Leigh Memorial for a Combined PCUC service & Brunch. Leigh Memorial members are invited to help in two ways:

- 1) Join us for a 'working bee' on Saturday 29 October – time to be advised;
- 2) After the service on the 30<sup>th</sup> we'll be looking after beverages and light snacks for everyone, so kitchen helpers will be needed. Leigh Fijian will also be providing a wonderful, hot brunch. All welcome! We hope to see you there.

## **PASTORAL NEWS**

Our warmest prayers remain with Bev, Mae, Darlene & Neil, Jolame, Nell and everyone in our congregation who needs additional support and uplift at this time. We're thinking of you often. Please note that contact numbers for the ministry team are included in the newsletter.

## **FLOOD APPEAL**

Prayers for all those severely impacted by recent flooding and storm damage in Victoria, NSW and elsewhere, including farmers and isolated people and communities, plus churches. A number of organisations are providing support to flood victims, as is the UCA Synod. For further details, please see the website or call 8267-4382. <https://nswact.uca.org.au/giving/moderators-appeal/>

## **SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS**

Warmest congratulations Shaalane on the occasion of your 21<sup>st</sup> birthday! We hope that you had a fun day and that your future is filled with happiness. Also – happy birthday to Kylie, who recently celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup>! Wishing you very happy and contented times ahead. Both Kylie and Shaalane were members of our Leigh Memorial Sunday School in days gone by – and lovely people! Blessings for you both.

## **MINI BORROWING LIBRARY**

Thanks to those who have already borrowed a book from our 'mini borrowing library' in the Leigh Memorial vestibule. There is a good variety to choose from (including local and international biographies, Bible studies, UCA history, Christian theory, current events and fiction) – and it's 'self-serve'. Just choose your book, write your name & the name of your book on the clipboard provided and enjoy. Books should be returned within a month if possible. Happy reading!

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Planning has recently commenced for the Advent-Christmas period. In addition to congregation events, including anticipated services, carols and other special gatherings, Parramatta Mission will be making Christmas as special as possible for those who are in need of practical support and encouragement. Information on how members can help support the Mission's Christmas program will be available soon. Our annual Leigh Memorial 'Giving Tree' (accepting non-perishable food donations for use in Christmas hampers) will commence on 27 November. Enquiries: Liz.

## 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 NEWS

"Many thanks" to everyone who supported the heritage tour at the **Walter Lawry Memorial Park** at North Parramatta last weekend. We had an enthusiastic group of people from the PCUC congregations in attendance and everyone enjoying hearing about the cemetery's interesting role in Parramatta's church and town history. Also last weekend, the wonderful, historic **Castlereagh** church site (est. 1817) held a successful 'Open Day.' Alan has had a longstanding association with Castlereagh, including designing its landmark bell-tower. Next week – a Chinese-speaking group (with interpreter) from **Eastwood Uniting Church** will be visiting Leigh Memorial, and on 5 November, the Northmead congregation will be hosting a **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary afternoon tea**. RSVP details are in the newsletter.

Please note that on the day of the PCUC Combined Service on 30 October, the Heritage Committee will be releasing a **new book, Lawry – Third Edition: Pacific Connections**, which includes an acknowledgement of this year's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lawry's landmark mission to Tonga – and the subsequent commencement of the Mission's broader 'Pacific' links, including via the Leigh Fijian congregation. The books will be on sale for \$20 each during Brunch on the day.

***Foster your faith this week***

*Jl 2:23-32*

*Ps 65*

*2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18*

*Lk 18:9-14*

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**Dated: 13 October 2022**

성령강림 후 20주일 (20th Pentecost Sunday) 2022년 10월23일 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 20 장** **통 41 장** 큰 영광 중에 계신 주

**새 250 장** **통 182 장** 구주의 십자가 보혈로

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **디도서 2:11-15**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 은혜 안에서 열심과 희망

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) **새 310 장** **통 410 장** 아 하나님의 은혜로

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 501 장** **통 255 장** 너 시은아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
사무엘하 22:1-25

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
삼하 21:1-23:39

# Westmead Congregation

## Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

**Sunday 23rd October 2022 – 9.30am**

This morning Pastor Sarah Bishop will be leading our Worship Service. As always Sarah, a very warm welcome.

It was a pleasure to see Pastor Fil last Sunday. Thank you Fil for your message about not losing heart, and praying in a sustained and continued way to light ourselves with hope, whilst we wait for an answer to our prayer.

This Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, each of the congregations will be holding a meeting to vote on the PCUC project. The vote will be a secret ballot and will **only be open to members or members in association who are present and voting in person.**

### **NEXT SUNDAY -**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct – 10.00am at Leigh Memorial Church, Parramatta - Combined PCUC worship service and light lunch. Transport can be arranged – see Lorna. There will be no Sunday Service held at Westmead on this day.**

Don Haddon, our volunteer pianist, returned last Sunday to treat us with 'real music', as others have appreciated and said!.

We hold up those in our Prayer Chain list as well as unknown others who are especially in need of God's help and love at this time.



The next issue of 'With Love to the World', the Bible Study guidebook, is now available. Cost: \$5.00 (see Lorna)

Zoom is not running at Westmead but these links are available:

- \* Geoff Stevenson weekly reflection and notes. If you are not receiving these and would like to receive them they can be forwarded to you - Contact Lorna
- \* Northmead's recorded service available to you from Saturday evenings. Thank you to Peter Fragar and Jan for forwarding this link.
- \* Parramatta Mission - Leigh Memorial Service at 9.30am, on site and Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 519 908 9657

## **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.

Email: [sarah@bluetardis.com.au](mailto:sarah@bluetardis.com.au) PH: 0412 606 049

## **ENQUIRIES:**

Chairperson: Jan Robson 0418 438 901

Administration: Lorna Porter 0408 365 478

Prayer Chain Requests: Ruth Geggie 0430 271 205

Technology: Alysa Biju [westmead@uca.gmail.com](mailto:westmead@uca.gmail.com)

Newsletter: Cheryl Shyam 0432 436 999

## 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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# Leigh Fijian Congregation

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 23/10:** Na lotu ena macawa 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.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 30/10:** Na lotu ena sigatabu mai oqo ena vunau tiko kina ko Akisi Allison kei radini tuirara Soweri Suguta. Tu vakarau ena vunau nai vakatawa Anare Vocea kei Serupepeli Nagatalevu. Tu vakarau ena veiliutaki lay preachers.
- 3. Vunau Lesi (Westmead) 30/10:** Ofa Foiakau
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa oqo: 17/10 - 23/10:** Joeli 2:23-32 Same 65:2 2 Timoci 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14
- 5. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo: 10/10 – 16/10:** Apakuki 1:1-4, 2:1-4 Same 119:137-144 2 Cesalonaika 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10
- 6. Veivakananumi tikoga ga na voting ena sigatabu oqo (23/10) me baleta PCUC.** O ira ga na tiko na lotu ena sigatabu oqo era na vote.

**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 vei qaravi 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.



## About Us :

Live Love Shine Community Services is a registered NDIS provider. We are based in Blacktown and we service all the Western Sydney Area. You are welcome if you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. We welcome LGBTI community. Live Love Shine screen all workers before approval including Police Check, Work with children check, (if relevant) NDIS work screen check, reference checks and qualifications check for delivery of specific services.

## Scop Of Work

- Personal care
- Assist with travel/Transport
- Assist with daily task/ Shared living
- Innovative vommunity Participation
- Development Life Skills
- Household Tasks
- Community Participation
- Group / Centre Activities



We acknowledge that the Darug people were the original custodians of the land on which we meet today. We pay our respects to elders past and present, and acknowledge the Aboriginal people for their custodianship on this land.

In Home Care &  
Support provided by  
Sue a support worker  
& NDIS provider

For bookings:

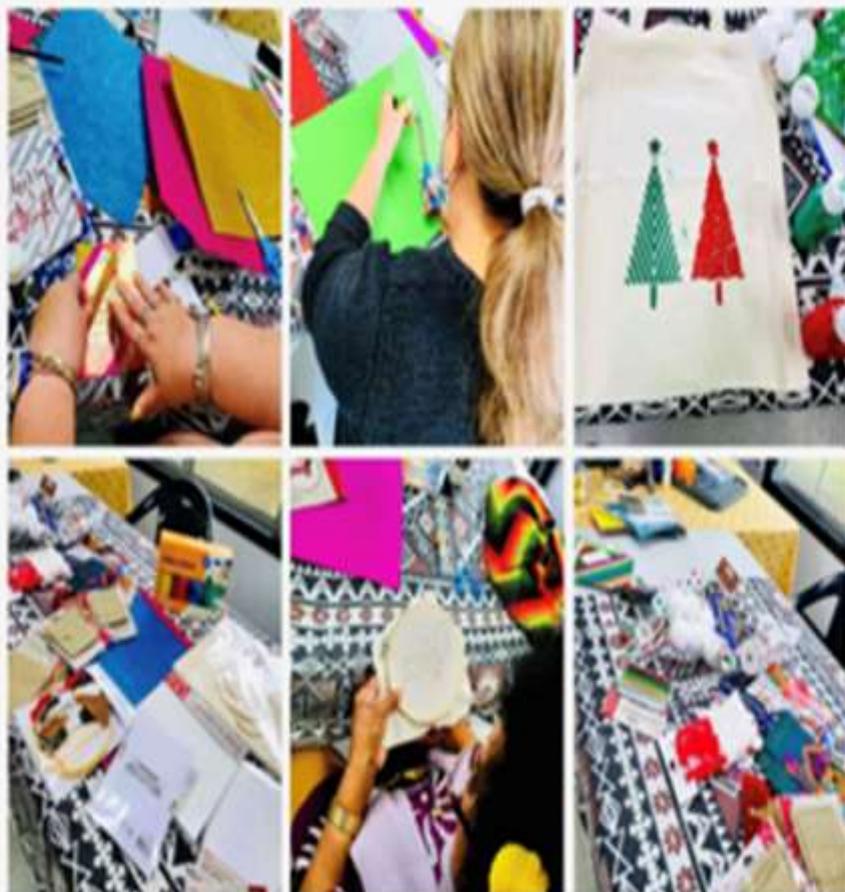
Email:

[info@liveloveshinecs.com.au](mailto:info@liveloveshinecs.com.au)

Mobile: 0411381636



## Christmas Craft



**BULA SISTERHOOD  
SHED**

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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.

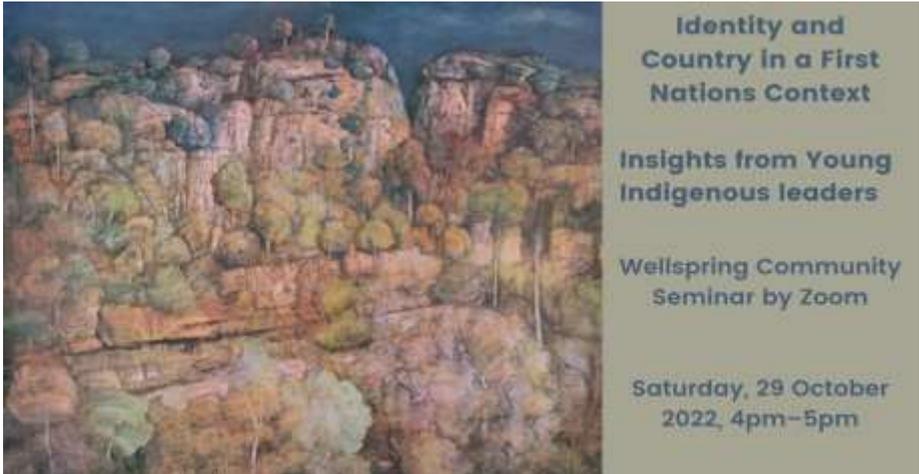
COVID SAFE RULES APPLY. PLEASE REMAIN AT HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL.



**GRANTHAM HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH**

cnr Mackenzie Boulevard

& Nipigon Road SEVEN HILLS



This seminar begins a year of deep listening and heart connection around "Care for Creation" to nurture the communal soul for the Wellspring Community and partners. Register interest at: [Wellspringcommunity2022@gmail.com](mailto:Wellspringcommunity2022@gmail.com) and you will receive the zoom link the day before the seminar. All welcome.No fee.

**Curator:** Brooke Prentis, Wakka Wakka QLD woman, noted Aboriginal Christian speaker and writer, with media roles including hosting ABC Radio National's Soul Search.

**Speakers:** Rhanee Lester, Adnyamathanha woman, SA researcher and practitioner in Indigenous kidney care, children's author, cultural educator, writer, and artist. Member of the Uniting Church National Aboriginal & Islander Congress.

Naomi Wolfe, Trawoolway woman, TAS, lecturer in Indigenous Studies, with special interests in indigenous pedagogies and theology.

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Climate Change and Justice for First Nations people are currently national concerns. Both call for deep listening to wisdom from our First Nations people and other faith traditions to uncover the roots of the alienation they represent.

As part of our contribution to fostering the growth of an Australian Spirituality, The Wellspring Community is hosting a year of dialogue around "Care for Creation" involving First Nations Leaders and Celtic thinkers from Iona Scotland. See further [www.wellspring-community.com](http://www.wellspring-community.com).



## Join us for the Emerging Gen Resourcing day!

Do you engage in ministry with people in the First Third of life? Or do you know someone who does? We know that you work hard to try and support people in the first third of life, so we want to support you!

On Saturday 29 October, Pulse is running our first ever Emerging Gen Resourcing Day. It is open to workers, ministers, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, small group leaders, kids club coordinators, messy church volunteers, and anyone who wants to know more about growing disciples in the first third of life.

This will be an amazing day of friendship fellowship and resourcing. We will share resources we have found and ideas of where we would like to go next. Here's a snapshot of what to expect:

- Our **guest speaker** for the day, Dr Ali Robinson, is coming to challenge our assumptions and explore how we can engage children and young people to explore the biblical text and share their insights to make it a much more enriching experience for everyone.
- We will have a **great panel discussion**, Missional Ministry in a post-COVID world, which will explore how congregations can best support families, youth and young adults as we emerge from the post-COVID haze.

- We will have a **series of electives** so you can learn how a variety of people in ministry in our Synod are experimenting and exploring what it means to be in ministry with Emerging Gens.
- Followed by a **networking session** in the variety of ministry networks – Children and Families, Intergenerational, Youth, Young Adults. If this sounds great to you, come join us!

**When** : Sat 29th October 2022, 9:00am-4:30pm

**Where**: UCA Centre for Ministry – 16 Masons Drive North Parramatta. For those who can't make it in person, you can join us virtually via Zoom.

**Cost**: \$15

**Register**: [Here!](#) (Registrations are essential)

**Learn more**: [Here!](#) Lunch will be provided for those joining in person.

Registrations close Monday 24 October for those attending in person, and Thursday 27 October for those who wish to join virtually.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at:

[contact-pulse@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:contact-pulse@nswact.uca.org.au), and, please share this email with anyone you know who may benefit from attending.

See you there!



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

2.30pm Saturday 5th November  
Northmead Uniting Church

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1922-2022**

**“In the sense that a church is not a building, but a gathered  
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# Prayer Points

## ***The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for Our Community***

- We give thanks that some small gatherings are starting to take place. We give thanks for welcoming cafes and the disciplines we have learnt to help keep us all safe.
- We give thanks for coffee, tea, muffins and spiritually encouraging conversations.

### **PM Westmead**

- We pray for those communities that have been inundated with flood waters – Lord we ask for Your Holy Spirit to revive these people as they clean up their homes, businesses and schools -May they receive strength, hope and help from others. We pray for an easing of rains forecasted.
- For those battling ill health, undergoing surgery, medical treatment or waiting for diagnoses – Lord we ask that You lay Your hands on them to bring love, comfort and peace.
- For those in war torn Ukraine and other countries – Lord bring Your peace on these nations.
- For those who mourn – Lord we pray for Your almighty love to surround them and bring Your peace that passes all understanding. May they be assured of Your kindness.
- For those who are mentally or physically challenged – Lord empower them to bring out the special gifts they have. We give thanks to You for those who care for them – sustain them Lord.
- For the hungry, thirsty and homeless- Lord let awareness of their situation bring about an immediate change to their circumstances. Be their Shepherd.
- For those who are especially facing a difficult time right now – Lord bring Your guidance to them and let them walk forward with You leading. Remove the obstacles that they may be facing.

### **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  
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For a conversation or to contact a Minister, please call  
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*Leigh Memorial Church*  
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*Westmead Church*  
175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead NSW 2145  
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## IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

Please contact our minister Vladimir Korotkov for any pastoral needs.

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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
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