

# OUR NEWS

19th March 2023

## *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.

# **A HEALING COMMUNITY**

## **Northmead-Centenary Uniting Church**

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



**Rev John Barr**

Do you believe everything happens for a reason?

Some 300 years ago Sir Isaac Newton brought our attention to this matter as he watched an apple falling from a tree. This prompted Newton to ask a simple question – why did the apple fall – and more specifically, why did the apple fall down and not sideways or up?

Newton looked for a cause – and the answer? The apple fell down because of gravity. Gravity is the reason why.

Now this “cause” and “effect” thing seems pretty obvious. We know that, for example, if we deny plants light and water – they will die. We know that if lockdowns occur like those during COVID times - people are denied the opportunity to participate in important social events. And today we are acutely aware that if inflation goes up - then interest rates will follow.

But what about the many broader yet most profound experiences of life? Why is it that some of us experience terminal illness? Why is it that we lose loved ones far too soon? Why is it that disability impacts on the lives of so many?

Is there really a reason for all this – and what is it?

In a search for reasons, can we say a person, who dies of cancer, is being punished for doing something wrong? Does a young person, growing up with autism, do so because they have inherited the sins of their forefathers?

Could we ever suggest a person with congenital heart disease is born this way because its somehow character building or that the loss of a child happens in order to create resilience and make us better people?

Is it a matter that persons with various forms of physical disability – paraplegia, quadriplegia, muscular dystrophy, motor neurone disease, cerebral palsy, happens because their purpose is to become objects of our compassion and therefore be destined to be seen as people who are particularly “special” to God?

Friends, these gnawing questions do confront us at some stage in our lives as we ask the question “why” - and as we search for reasons. And the most unhelpful, insensitive and often cruel responses that are so often made here demonstrate the fact that there are really no easy answers.

With these things in mind, you may have heard other comments like these:

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“why” - and as we search for reasons. And the most unhelpful, insensitive and often cruel responses that are so often made here demonstrate the fact that there are really no easy answers.

With these things in mind, you may have heard other comments like these:

“Don’t worry about your pain and suffering now. In heaven you will be made whole.”

Or:

“If you just have enough faith, God will cure you.”

I shudder at these responses. In the light of my own personal experience of life and in the light on many years of pastoral ministry, such responses are not just misguided, they are I believe, troublesome and quite disturbing.

God does work miracles. But we need to approach these life matters openly and carefully. Importantly, we should let go our own agendas. We need to rise above the urge to find easy answers. Here it’s critical that we dismiss the impulse to seek simplistic, superficial and often toxic explanations.

And with this in mind, let’s consider the text for this week from John 9.

Jesus and his disciples encounter a man who is blind from birth and Jesus’ disciples immediately look for an explanation. It’s that question we all ask at some stage in our lives – why do our loved ones suffer? Why are these people disabled? Why has this man been born blind?

Is it because of their own sin, or it is because of the sin of their parents?

In other words, are the infirmities and the disabilities we encounter in life the result of someone doing something wrong? In this story from John’s Gospel, is this man’s inability to see a punishment for offending God in some way?

But Jesus is quick to rebuke such assertions. Here we should carefully note Jesus’ words:

*“Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he has been born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him” (John 9:3).*

Friends, Jesus firmly buries the assertion that suffering, illness and disability result from sin, that these things are effectively a punishment from God. Rather, there is something more profound going on here.

In the Biblical accounts of Jesus healing people there are, in fact, two terms used here – one is “to cure” and the other is “to heal”.

To “cure” is to remove something that is causing or is responsible for an issue. It is to fix things by removing that cause. It is to approach something or someone as a problem to be solved. This, very much, embraces the medical model. We go to the doctor when sick. We do so to get “fixed”, to combat an offending virus, to contain rising blood pressure or curb those cholesterol levels.

Meanwhile, to “heal” embraces a broader, deeper meaning. To “heal” is to restore, to integrate and to make whole. Healing touches the profound, intricate depths of our being. It deals with things, not as a problem to be solved, but as a means to what can be.

Healing doesn’t necessarily provide what we call “solutions”. It doesn’t seek to combat, remove or “fix” things. Rather, healing delves into deeper things of life offering far-reaching, life-sustaining meanings.

I particularly see this in the way Jesus takes dirt from the ground, spits on it and spreads the mud on the man’s eyes.

You may find this a bit a weird. But this strange gesture actually mirrors God’s creative act as recorded in Genesis 2:7. Here in the story of creation, God forms humankind “from the dust of the ground”.

For you see, the healing of this blind man is a creative act. It’s an experience of transformation that involves much more than removing an impediment or fixing one’s eyes.

What happens in this story is more than a simple cure. For this man blind from birth, is, as consequence with an encounter with Jesus, now no longer a person on the sidelines. He is no longer invisible to others. He is now free from a life of begging.

This man, born blind and now healed, is restored to community. He becomes articulate and self-aware. He is noticed, listened to and taken seriously. Moreover, he now lives with an astute awareness of God’s presence in his life.

Friends, this is the true healing touch of Jesus!

Secondly, the text of John’s Gospel takes the focus away from the blind man being a problem to be solved. Instead, it puts the focus clearly on God.

The purpose of this story doesn’t concern magical cures for persons in deep need. Rather, it offers the opportunity for all to witness God as the One who brings about true “wholeness” and “wellbeing” in lives of God’s people.

Friends, suffering, illness and disability cannot be explained in rational, “cause and effect” terms. Moreover, God doesn’t choose to intentionally impose certain things on some people while allowing others to prosper. It’s much more complex than that.

You see, a life in Christ is really all about being made “whole”. It’s a matter of experiencing a true “wholeness”, an authentic peace and a deep assurance of God’s presence in our lives – whoever we are - and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves in.

It's about knowing God is always there for us. That God is never against us. It's about affirming life is not a meaningless, "cause and effect" thing. That life is not a pointless, futile exercise full of black holes in which we are cast into an inevitable spiral of death.

Moreover, being made "whole", is about finding our place in the community around us, despite our circumstances. It's about being accepted, listened to, valued and being able to make a contribution, no matter how limited we believe we may be.

Now, this raises real challenges for us all because the healing touch of Jesus, I believe, causes us to think about a number of things:

- Ultimate "wholeness" is not about who is "abled" and who isn't.
- True "vision" is much more than being cured of blindness or being able to walk.
- Authentic, bona fide community has nothing to do with being "normal".
- A dynamic, healthy church is never uniform, neat and tidy.

And this means we are called to be:

- A church for all people – able or disabled.
- A church where each and every person is to be encouraged to embrace a vision for the future, a vision that is to be recognised, valued and respected by all.
- A church where what is "normal" is surpassed by a commitment to difference. Where needs are not seen as a burden but are understood to be part of life and are taken seriously.
- A church where we live with the messy aspects of life. Where things can become a bit wobbly, uncomfortable and even disruptive at times.

Friends, the text of John's Gospel goes on to highlight the religious leaders of Jesus day. These were well educated, highly esteemed men. They could see. But, when you read the story, they were ultimately blind. They were blind to the deeper, more important things of life. It is as if they were cured but never healed!

Today, the challenge for us is to not seek quick and easy cures – but to embrace what it means to be a people who are not necessarily cured – but are truly healed.

And that means our calling is to be a truly "healing" community.

May this be an important part of our Lenten journey today as we walk the way Jesus.

Amen.



***Foster your faith this week***

1 Sm 16:1-13

Ps 23

Eph 5:8-14

Jn 9:1-41

# EASTER 2023

PARRAMATTA CITY UNITING CHURCH



Thursday 6 April:

*'Tenebrae'*

**Centenary Uniting Church – 7.00pm**

(Combined PCUC service, 46 Sorrell Street, North Parramatta)

Friday 7 April:

*Good Friday*

**Westmead Uniting Church – 9.00am**

(Combined PCUC service, cnr Hawksbury & Queens Roads, Westmead)

Sunday 9 April:

*Easter Sunday*

**Leigh Memorial Uniting Church – 10.00am**

(119 Macquarie Street, Parramatta)

(Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian service)

**Northmead Uniting Church – 9.30am**

(3 – 7 Hammers Road, Northmead)

**Westmead Uniting Church – 9.30am**

(cnr Hawksbury & Queens Roads, Westmead)

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**INSPIRE**  
PARRAMATTA

# Leigh Memorial Congregation

## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

This **Sunday 19 March**, we'll be gathering for worship Onsite + Zoom at Leigh Memorial at 9.30am with the PCUC's new Lead Minister, Rev Geoff Smith. ***A warm welcome to Rev Geoff!***

## KEY EVENTS THIS WEEKEND!

1. A **PCUC 'Vision & Values' gathering** will be held at Centenary UC from 9.00am – 1.00pm this **Saturday 18 March**, inc. morning tea. All welcome. Enquiries: Fiona or David;
2. **Rev Geoff Smith** will be conducting his **first 9.30am service at Leigh Memorial this Sunday 19 March**. Everyone is warmly invited to come and say hello to Geoff – and to join us for a special morning tea after worship. Please bring a plate of food to share;
3. This **Sunday 19 March, 'Jazz on Hammers'** (lively music - shared meal - good company) will be taking place at Northmead Uniting from 6pm. All welcome

## PASTORAL MESSAGE

Our prayers remain with all those in need of additional support at this time, including members who are unwell, grieving or requiring special care. *We are especially mindful of Lalaja's ongoing health challenges and pray for respite and healing.* Contact details for the pastoral team are in the newsletter. (Please note that Rev Vladimir will be on leave between 22 March and 4 May).

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE HELPERS NEEDED



On **Saturday 25 March** (NSW Election Day), the PCUC is holding a fundraising sausage sizzle from 7.30am – 12.00 at Northmead Uniting Church in Hammers Road, Northmead. The Church is a polling site on the day and will have plenty of people traffic, so it's a great opportunity to meet the local community and raise some funds. If you're able to assist for an hour or so at any time during the morning, please see Liz or email Susan:

[susan.stevenson2901@gmail.com](mailto:susan.stevenson2901@gmail.com)

## LENT EVENT 2023

To donate to Uniting World's Lent Event this year, or to learn more about this inspirational program and its goals for supporting & transforming lives in international communities through the provision of training, aid, clean water and other forms of practical and prayerful support, please see the website:

<https://donate.unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event/home>



## PARRAMATTA MISSION FUNDRAISING DINNER

On **Thursday 30 March**, Parramatta Mission will be hosting a 'Rich Person-Poor Person' fundraising dinner and silent auction in the Parramatta Mission Hall, 6.00 – 8.30pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available through 'Humanitix'. Congregation members are welcome to make a group booking or attend individually. Volunteers are also needed on the night to help prepare & serve the meal.

**Enquiries:** [Davyn.debruyn@parramattamission.org.au](mailto:Davyn.debruyn@parramattamission.org.au)

**Tickets:** [https://events.humanitix.com/rich-person-poor-person\\_fundraiser?\\_ga=2.122517963.1716700696.1678010263-271680351.1677633849](https://events.humanitix.com/rich-person-poor-person_fundraiser?_ga=2.122517963.1716700696.1678010263-271680351.1677633849)

## EASTER 2023

**Thursday 6 April** – 7.30pm: Combined PCUC Tenebrae service @ Centenary.

**Friday 7 April** – 9.00am: Combined PCUC Good Friday service @ Westmead.

**Sunday 9 April** – 10.00am: Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian Easter Sunday service @ Leigh Memorial, followed by an Easter morning tea.

## SAVE THE DATE: REV GEOFF SMITH'S INDUCTION

On **Sunday 30 April** from 2.00pm, everyone in the PCUC is encouraged to attend the Induction of the PCUC's Rev Geoff Smith at the Centre for Ministry, Nth. Parramatta, followed by afternoon tea. NB: There will be no morning services at Leigh, Westmead or Northmead on 30 April.

## CHURCH VISITORS – REMEMBERING SAMUEL & CATHERINE LEIGH

During the week, the Heritage Committee hosted a special visit to Leigh Memorial by retired *Aotearoa* New Zealand minister and hymn writer, Rev Norman Brookes and his wife Margaret, and their friends from Beecroft UC. Rev Brookes has a longstanding association with the Methodist Church of NZ, and has been a leader in its recognition of Wesleyan pioneer Rev Samuel Leigh and his significant legacy in both of our countries. During his visit, Rev Brookes was particularly interested to hear about Mrs Catherine Leigh's resting place at St John's Cemetery, Parramatta, and the Mission's dedication of a transcribed plaque at the site in March 2022. Heritage enquiries for both the Mission & the PCUC: [LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com](mailto:LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com)



# Westmead Congregation



## Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

**Sunday 19th March 2023, 9.30am**

Our Worship service today will be led by Pastor Fil – a very warm welcome to you Fil!

Last week Rev. John Barr reflected on the women in the Bible and their interactions with Jesus. In spite of gender inequality seen in Jesus' time as well as being practised now, Jesus sought to uplift women and to right the imbalance. Jesus guides all of us to a fairer and equal way of living through the acceptance, compassion and love He showed for others.

It was a real pleasure for the whole congregation to meet the new Parramatta Mission Uniting Church's (PCUC) Lead Minister, Rev Geoff Smith on-site for worship last Sunday.

Again, thank you Don for your lovely piano backup for our hymns. It is always great to see you.

**WESTMEAD WORSHIP: MARCH – APRIL 2023 All services begin on site at 9.30am.**

19<sup>th</sup> March: Pastor Fil Kamotu

26<sup>th</sup> March: Rev. John Barr

2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday + Holy Communion: Rev. Geoff Smith

9<sup>th</sup> April: Pastor Fil Kamotu (Easter Sunday)

16<sup>th</sup> April: Pastor Fil Kamotu

23<sup>rd</sup> April: Pastor Fil Kamotu

### **EASTER SERVICES:**

**Thursday 6 April** – 7.00pm, Tenebrae Service (Maundy Thursday) at Centenary Church, North Parramatta

**Friday 7 April** – 9.00am Good Friday Combined Service at Westmead

**Sunday 9 April** – Easter Sunday. Usual Westmead time of 9.30am



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – 9am- 1pm PCUC ‘Vision and Values’ Morning at Centenary Church, North Parramatta. Members of all congregations are invited to come along and join in discussions and planning as the PCUC begins the next stage of the journey. Morning tea will be included.

**Saturday 19th March** – Jazz on Hammers @Northmead Church including dinner.

**Thursday 30 March** - Parramatta Mission will be hosting a ‘Rich Person-Poor Person’ fundraising dinner in the Parramatta Mission Hall, 6.00 – 8.30pm. Further information is included in this Newsletter.

**Sunday 16 April** - There will be a Thanksgiving service at Westmead. Lorna has kindly assisted with a suitable list of non-perishable items that you could bring in – these items will be donated to Meals Plus, after the service is over.

**REV. GEOFF SMITH’S INDUCTION:**

**Sunday. 30 April** - Geoff Smith’s induction as the PCUC’s Lead Minister will take place from 2.00pm at the Centre for Ministry, North Parramatta. There will be no worship services held at PCUC churches on that Sunday.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Each Monday, 2.00pm

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

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Liturgy Co-ordinator: Lorna Porter: 0408 365 478

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Technology: Cheryl Shyam: 0432 436 999

Technology: Alysa Biju: E-mail: westmead.uca@gmail.com

# Leigh Fijian Congregation

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 19/03:** Na lotu ena macawa oqo sa nodratou I lesilsei ni PNP. Kedatou na veisau vunau kei Campbelltown. Rau na gole yani ki Campbelltown ko Emosi Rogoimuri kei Josefa Foiakau. Vunau vakarau Viliame Kamotu kei Taito Dovibua. Tu vakarau na veiliutaki matamasumasu naba 2.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 26/03:** Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo na veisau vunau kei Fiji Parish. Rau na gole yani ki Fiji Parish ko Viliame Kamotu kei Taito Dovibua. Vunau vakarau Sosi Toa kei Epeli Semani. Tu vakarau ena veiliutaki matamasumasu naba 3.
- 3. Lesoni ni macawa oqo (Lent 4) 13/03-19/03:** 1 Samuela 16:1-13, Same 23, Efeso 5:8-14 Joni 9:1-41
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo (Lent 5) 20/03-26/03:** Isikeli 37:1-14, Same 130, Roma 8:6-11, Joni 11:1-45
5. Na nodratou rally na marama ni Uniting church ena macawa mai oqo 25/03. Ena mai qaravi tiko e na nodatou valelotu ka na veiqaravi tiko kina o ratou na nodatou marama.
6. Mai qaravi na veisiko vei rua na nodatou lewe ni vavakoso. Rau sa qai mai lotu tiko ena tekivu ni yabaki oqo. A mai qaravi na veisiko vei Akuila Bati ena yakavi ni moniti 13/03. Vakavinavinakataki vakalevu nai yaya ni veisiko. Mai soli tiko vei Sikeli Duwai e dua na waqanivola ena sigatabu. Me veivuke tiko vua vakailavo me vaka ni gole tiko mai vakavuli.

**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. 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. Me nanumi na FNC ni tou na veiwaseitaka na veiqaravi kei na tolu na valelotu. Ena qaravi tiko na FNC ena Okotova ni yabaki mai oqo 2024.

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



**Veisiko vei Akuila Bati ena bogi ni Moniti**

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

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사순절 제4주제 (4th Lent of Sunday) 2023년 03월 19일 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 151 장** **통 138 장** 만왕의 왕 내 주께서

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **마가복은 8: 31-38**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사  
하늘의 길과 땅의 길

봉헌 송(Offeratory Hymn)

**새 91 장** **통 91장** 슬픈 마음 있는 사람

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 502장** **통 259장** 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
마태복음 23:1-12

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시  
마태복음 22:23-24:24





# Put a brake on Poker Machine harm

## A Pre Election Forum

Join us for an online forum to discuss:

- the harms caused by poker machines & hear personal stories
- what policies are needed to reduce the harm
- how the major parties in the NSW stack up in their response to these needed reforms
- what practical things you can do to support reform and reduce the harm

### **Speakers Include:**

Kate Seselja from the Alliance for Gambling Reform  
Rev Stu Cameron from Wesley Mission.

### **Details:**

Monday 20 March

7.00-8.30pm on Zoom

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/unitinggamblingforum>



**Uniting**



JOIN US FOR A

**RICH PERSON**  **POOR PERSON**

FUNDRAISING DINNER



Thursday, 30 March 2023

6.00 PM - 8.30 PM

PARRAMATTA MISSION DINING HALL, 119 MACQUAIRE ST.

Tickets available

on Humanitix

<https://events.humanitix.com/rich-person-poor-person-fundraiser>



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## **Temporary Job Vacancy - Temp counsellor**

### **Northmead Uniting Church**

Northmead Uniting Church has funding under the Targeted Earlier Intervention Program to employ an Adolescent and Family Counsellor to provide Counselling, Parenting Programs and Education and Skills Training to young people, parents, and families where the young person is experiencing mental health issues and/or is at risk of disengagement from school.

Our current Counsellor is planning to take some extended leave in the second half of this year.

We are looking to recruit a replacement Counsellor to fill this role on a part time basis (19 hours/week) for a period of approximately 25 weeks from 3 July 2023 to 22 December 2023.

If you know anyone who might be interested in applying for this position a more detailed advertisement and position description are available from either Jenny at [nuchurch@bigpond.net.au](mailto:nuchurch@bigpond.net.au) or Wendy McGuirk at [wmcguirk@optusnet.com.au](mailto:wmcguirk@optusnet.com.au) or 0402031843.

# 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**

- Those that are unwell in body, mind or spirit. Those that are awaiting medical test results – We pray for peace, health restoration and help with the health team reaching the right diagnosis.
- For Turkey and Syria as they struggle with restoration and recovery in the aftermath of destructive earthquakes. May Your mercy be felt on those who have lost loved ones.
- Peace for Ukraine – For wars that rage in the world, especially Ukraine- May opposing sides in war become unified for the better.
- For the battles of anxiety, depression, unemployment, grief, homelessness, and poverty – in these less-than-ideal situations may Your love seep through and repair lost hope.
- For those countries and regions devastated by hunger and drought – Let there be accessible aid and a change in the severe climatic crises.
- For Your churches, especially our PCUC that it is able to offer peace, understanding of social justice matters, and act in Your will. We ask for guidance.

### **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 members who are unwell, and those experiencing anxiety and grief.
- We prayerfully support those in our local communities who need additional care and support at this time, including people experiencing hunger, homelessness, addiction, family crisis and loneliness, in addition to those who assist them – such as devoted care-givers, nurses, doctors, community support teams and emergency workers;
- We pray for wisdom and inspiration to infuse all current and forthcoming decision-making processes and actions by our dedicated ministry team, leaders, managers and staff – and specifically pray for Paul and the team at Meals Plus, Cameron and the team at Westmead and for the life, witness and outreach work being conducted by our fellow Parramatta Mission & Parramatta City Uniting Church communities;
- We pray for greater mutual respect, compassion and peace throughout the world, and for the realisation of an international spirit of inclusion, acceptance 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 Geoff Smith, 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

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## IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

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## **YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THESE PEOPLE FOR PASTORAL ISSUES**

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