

OUR NEWS

23rd April 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.

On Singing 'Lead, Kindly Light' in the Dug-out on Pope's Hill...

Article by Rev Assoc Prof Clive Pearson
(first printed in the Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee's ANZAC
booklet,
We Will Remember Them, 2021)

It is arguably the case that the Christian faith in the west has never recovered from the First World War ('the great war' that became 'the great massacre'). Both sides prayed to the same God whom they believed was on their side: some ministers of religion seemed to act like recruiting agents for the army and many church leaders initially provided the necessary words which would liken the campaign to a 'baptism of fire' and service to sacrifice and 'no greater love is there than that a man should lay down his life for the sake of others'. Here in Australia some church leaders 'welcomed' the outbreak of the war which they believed would 'purify' and ennoble the nation.

In the course of time it would be the English war poets who would somehow find Christ in "no man's land"; many returned soldiers saw such sights and survived so much trauma themselves that it became difficult to believe in 'the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man'. How could one speak of a God of love in such a time and place like those found on the Western Front and at Gallipoli. The English chaplain and poet, 'Woodbine Willie' (Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy), let go of a God of power and might for one who suffers. Soon enough the language of Armageddon and the apocalyptic would surface.

Into this grim, larger story, lies the work of the military chaplains. The Australian Army Chaplains department had been set up in December 1913. During the war there would be 414 chaplains who would serve: the majority were Protestant (and yes, there was some denominational competition about the allocation of numbers of chaplains). They were usually in their 30s or 40s, and thus, younger than ministers who remained in their congregations but older than the men whose personal and spiritual needs they now sought to serve. There was initially no formal training or induction. They were left to devise their own ministries in the contexts in which they found themselves.

The Gallipoli campaign – our baptism of fire – was preceded by the several weeks at sea on the troop ships and then several months in Egypt. For some (not used to swearing and drunkenness) life on board was a culture clash. The chaplains took services, arranged for sing songs, Bible classes, hospital visitation, personal interviews, writing and censoring letters, and organising sports (e.g. boxing bouts), games and other pastimes like photography. The voyage allowed the chaplains to get to know the men and become more used to army culture. Once in Egypt the chaplains often defended the moral reputation of the men. There had been seemingly no forethought given to what the troops might do in their leisure time and the ‘peep shows’ and other ‘attractions’ of Cairo were close by.

On the first day of the Gallipoli campaign only one chaplain landed on the beaches. The Catholic padre, John Fahey, disobeyed orders to do so. He scarcely survived the landing with a bullet going through his sleeve ‘and catching the lad behind me’. The landing craft were reserved for combatants. The other chaplains were at first confined to the troop ships where they acted out the role of medical orderlies. Within a few days a number of chaplains were ashore: some were killed while acting as stretcher-bearers. One of the most pressing tasks was to conduct funeral services which kept them ‘very busy’ and were done at night. The setting was sombre. The chaplains spent their time recording the details of death, the burial place and the recovery of personal effects. They shared with the men the poor diet, the extremes of heat and cold – and dysentery. They established a more intimate relationship with the troops at Gallipoli than was later possible in northern France because of the more confined nature of the battle site.

The chaplains helped establish a semblance of routine. Each Sunday a short service of worship would be held a little after 4pm when the Turks would take a short break for one of the two main meals of the day. There were regular prayer meetings in the dug-outs. Prior to a fresh engagement one padre would gather together those nearby and have them recite with him the words of Psalm 23. One of the chaplains at Gallipoli was Colonel-Chaplain, Ernest Northcote

Merrington (whose hymn ‘God of eternity, Lord of the ages’, composed in 1912, was the first and for a very long time the only Australian hymn to gain international recognition). His diary, held at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, records a short service taken in a dug-out on Pope’s Hill: he refers to the singing of ‘Nearer, my God, to thee’ and ‘Lead, kindly light’ while “bullets were flying over the burial-ground like bees at swarming time.” Merrington noted that “I am sure we shall never hear them in time without thinking of these scenes.” One other chaplain recorded how he scattered many silver wattle seeds over the land before him.

(For much of this information I am indebted to Michael Gladwin, *Captains of the Soul: A History of Australian Army Chaplains*, (Newport: Big Sky Publishing, 2013); pp. 31-49. Also, Alan Wilkinson, *The Church of England and The First World War*, (London: SPCK, 1978); Philip Jenkins, *The Great and Holy War: How World War I Changed Religion For Ever*, (New York: Lion Hudson, 2014); Frank Furedi, *First World War: Still No End in Sight*, (London: Continuum, 2014).

Foster your faith this week

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Pt 1:17-23

Lk 24:13-35



The Leigh Memorial Fallen: World War I (from L-R)
Clive Wooster, 21 years (Trooper, Light Horse, Palestine 1917)
Stephen Booth, 24 years (Sergeant, Fleur, France 1916)
James Tamsett, 24 years (Private, Gallipoli 1915)
J. Morris Hunt, 24 years (Private, the Somme, France 1918)

Leigh Memorial Congregation

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

This **Sunday 23 April**, we'll be gathering for worship Onsite + Zoom at Leigh Memorial at **9.30am** with **Rev Geoff Smith**.

ANZAC DAY: *Lest We Forget*

Our service on 23 April will include an **ANZAC acknowledgement and prayer for peace** provided by the Heritage Committee. Leigh Memorial Church contains two heritage war memorials: a **World War I memorial** consisting of three stained-glass windows and a wooden honour roll (installed and dedicated in 1923), and a **World War II memorial** (installed and dedicated in 1947 and for some years including a war memorial 'chapel' in the corner of the church where the band equipment is now stored). The WWII memorial was donated by the O'Reilly family in memory of congregation member and Sunday School teacher Brian T. O'Reilly. This year also marks 100 years since the dedication of our WWI windows and honour roll – via a 1923 ceremony that included prominent military figures of the day, inc. Major-General Sir Charles 'Rosie' Rosenthal and another commander: 'Fighting Charlie' Charles Cox. Four men of the Leigh Memorial congregation (pictured on the following page) died in the conflict, including one at Gallipoli and another at the Somme. A revised edition of our 2019 *Luminous* book (including the church's WWI windows) will be released shortly.



PASTORAL MESSAGE

Our thoughts and prayers remain with those in our worship community who are unwell at the present time or facing other challenges. Contact details for the ministry team (Rev Geoff Smith, Rev John, Pastor Fil & Pastor Sarah) are in the newsletter. Rev Vladimir is still on leave. For assistance from the leaders' team, please contact LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com.

MEALS PLUS FUNERAL

On 21 April at 11.30am, a funeral will be held at Leigh Memorial for long term Meals Plus attendee, Mandy. Please hold Mandy's mates, loved ones and the Meals Plus team in prayer at this sad time.

WORSHIP: APRIL-EARLY MAY

Sunday 30 April – Worship @ 2.00pm, Centre for Ministry (Combined PCUC service)

Sunday 7 May – Worship @ 9.30am – with Rev Geoff Smith, inc. Communion.

Sunday 14 May – Worship @ 9.30am – inc. Mothers' Day morning tea

INVITATION TO REV GEOFF'S INDUCTION

Next Sunday 30 April there will be NO services held at Leigh Memorial. Instead, from 2.00pm, an **Induction service** for the PCUC's new Lead Minister, **Rev Geoff Smith** will be taking place at the Centre for Ministry (Masons Drive, North Parramatta). It will be a combined PCUC service – followed by afternoon tea. Please speak with the leaders' team if you would like to attend but aren't sure of transport, or need any further information or assistance. NB: The site is fully accessible and includes onsite and street parking. All Welcome!

LOST PROPERTY

Members are reminded to check that they have their bags, glasses, Bibles, umbrellas, hats and other personal items with them when they depart the church. All lost property enquiries can be directed to the stewards. Thank you.

Westmead Congregation



Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

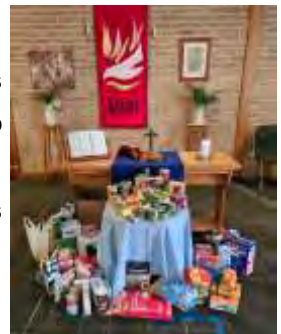
Sunday 23rd April 2023, 9.30am

Our Worship Service today will be led by Pastor Fil Kamotu. A warm welcome again, Fil and we look forward to hearing from you.

Last Sunday Pastor Fil reflected on Jesus' death and resurrection as "not accidental events". There is a message of salvation there, that we too can overcome the greatest challenges in life. "We must share this story of Christ's resurrection with boldness and courage, not as a burden or a duty but with joy. Joy is the simplest form of gratitude. We are given courage to love others as God loves us and to show mercy." Thank you Fil, for your message.

A time for Thanksgiving was included in the service as part of Westmead congregation's gifting of items to Meals Plus.

A thank you to Pastor Fil and Lorna for organizing this service for us.



PASTORAL MESSAGE

Westmead is deeply saddened by the passing of Greg Hallinan, a dear member of the congregation – our prayers and thoughts are with his wife, Robyn Hallinan.

Our prayers, thoughts and love also remain with Carolyn and David as Carolyn recovers from a nasty viral infection.

WESTMEAD WORSHIP LEADERS: APRIL / May 2023.

23rd April: Pastor Fil Kamotu

7th May : Pastor Sarah Bishop

Diary dates

REV. GEOFF SMITH'S INDUCTION

Sunday, 30 April

THERE WILL BE NO 9.30am SUNDAY SERVICE HELD AT WESTMEAD CHURCH INSTEAD

Rev. Geoff Smiths Induction Service will be taking place from 2.00pm at the centre of Ministry, Masons Drive, North Parramatta.

You are invited to share the combined PCUC service, followed by afternoon tea, as we welcome and acknowledge Rev. Geoff's commencement as PCUC's new Lead Minister.

If you need transport to attend the service please contact Lorna on 0408 365 478.

Saturday, 20th May 2023

On 22 October 2022 a number of PCUC people attended a very informative Grantham Heights gathering where Guest Speaker, Rebecca Andrews, spoke about the work of building freshwater wells in West Papua.

This work is ongoing and a Market Day will be held at Pitt Town Uniting Church on 20th May 2023 to raise further funds for this ministry. (for further information- see flyer)

BIBLE STUDY: Each Monday, 2.00pm

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

PITT TOWN'S



MASSIVE

MARKET DAY & GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY MAY 20

At the Uniting Church, Bathurst St.

9AM-2PM

**BOOKS,
PLANTS
& CAKES**

FREE STALLS

Book a spot & sell your garage items, books, clothes, old wares etc.

"Your stall, your money"
Take home what profit you make!

**LIVE MUSIC
& SINGING**

**FEATURING
THE FANTASTIC
KT DANCERS**

**TEA &
COFFEE**

**HUGE
FRUIT
& VEG
STALL**

**PLUS
LOTS
MORE**



OUR MISSION IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CLEAN WATER WELLS IN WEST PAPUA!

All enquiries call 0439 309 303 or for stall bookings call Christine 0422 930 028

MORNING MEDITATION

with Campfire in the Heart

Winter Time change!
3 April 2023 - 29 Sept 2023



Meditation:

NSW: 7:45-8:20am

QLD: 7:45-8:20am

TAS: 7:45-8:20am

NT/SA: 7:15-7:50am

Each weekday morning.

Campfire in the Heart zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7794705793?
pwd=RmJKNm5lcVdXekVXRm5XdjBhcXA3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7794705793?pwd=RmJKNm5lcVdXekVXRm5XdjBhcXA3Zz09)

Meeting ID: 779 470 5793

Passcode: welcome

Any questions: Sarah Bishop

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you are also welcome to join:

Campfire in the Heart

Morning Prayers

Morning Prayer:

NSW - 7:00-7:30am

QLD - 7:00-7:30am

TAS - 7:00-7:30am

NT/SA - 6:30-7:00am

We follow the lectionary ([https://universalis.com/1000/
mass.htm](https://universalis.com/1000/mass.htm)) and also the Rule of St Benedict on Fridays.

The basic format is: Thanksgiving, Reading and sharing around the scriptures of the day, prayers for the world.

You can participate either by sharing or listening or both.

Leigh Fijian Congregation

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 23/04:** Na lotu ena macawa oqo e dodonu me qaravi na veisau vunau kei na Tabacakacaka ko Fiji Parish. Sa daro eratou na qarava tiko kina na vakananumi ni yabaki 30 na lotu ena loma ni Tabacakacaka. Rau na nodatou I lesilesi kina Fiji Parish ko Isikeli Duwai kei Senitiki Qata rau sa na vunau ga ena nodatou valelotu. Vunau vakarau nai vakatawa Anare Vocea kei Serupepeli Nagatalevu. Tu vakarau na veiliutaki wasewase naba 2.
- 2. Lotu ni macawa mai oqo 30/04:** Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo na lotu cokovata ni PCUC/PNP combine services.
- 3. Lesoni ni macawa oqo 17/04 – 23/04:** Cakacaka 2:14, 36-41 Same 116:1-4 1 Pita 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo 24/04 – 30/04:** Cakacaka 2:42-47 Same 23 1 Pita 2:19-25 Joni 10:1-10
- Gadrevi tikoga na veimasulaki vei na vuvale nei tuirara ena o loaloa ni rarawa e solega tiko na vuvale.
- Na veisureti ena lotu ni vakananumi ni yabaki 30 ni lotu ena Tabacakacaka ko Fiji Parish ena sigatabu oqo 23/04. Koya via lako sobu ena lotu bibi oqo, na lotu ena tekivu ena 10:30am.
- Na bose ni vavakoso ni nodatou valelotu ena qaravi tiko ena siga vakarauwai ni macawa mai oqo (29/04). E na qaravi tiko ga ena Coffee shop ni valelotu ena 4 na Kaloko ni yakavi.

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 vei qaravi na Bula Feeding. Me nanumi na FNC ni tou na veiwaseitaka na vei qaravi 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.

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church		23-16
부활후 두 번째 주일 (2nd Easter of Sunday) 2023년 04월 23일 오후 1시30분		
개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn)	왕이신 나의 하나님 예배를 위한 묵상	
예배의 부름 (Calling)	인도자	
송영 (Gloria)	새 1장 통 1장	만복의 근원 하나님 — 다함께
사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)	다함께	
찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)	다함께	
	새 293장 통 415 장	주없이 살 수 없네
기도 (Prayer)	주기도문송 새 635장	하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께
성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)	로마서 12:9-13	
말씀 (Preaching) - 김 엘리야 목사	믿음과 제3의 시간관	
봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)	새 305장 통 405 장	나 같은 죄인 살리신
나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)	<p>1. 2주간 동안 예배인도와 말씀을 전해주시는 김 엘리야 목사님께 감사드립니다.</p> <p>2. 매일성경과 공동체성경읽기를 통한 말씀 묵상(QT)을 하고 격려했으므로 주님과 동행하는 삶 살아가시길 바랍니다</p> <p>3. 어려움을 겪는 이웃들을 위해 함께 중보기도 합니다.</p> <p>4. 하나님의 기쁨인 권도사명에 동참하시길 부탁드립니다.</p>	
폐회찬송 (Final Hymn)	새 502장 통 259 장	너 시은아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)
축도	김 엘리야 목사	
QT나눔 & 성경공부 오후 4:00	수요기도회: 오후 7시 민수기 15:22-41	새벽기도회: 오전 6시 민수기 14:26-16:50

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 grieving the loss of loved ones both within our church congregation and outside - May You provide comfort and strength and hope and give courage to face each new day.
- We give thanks for Father Bob McGuire's life, for the work he did for the poor, underprivileged and homeless. We pray that in little ways, we may be inspired in our journey by people like these.
- For those who are ill in hospital or at home – we pray for Your healing hand on them that the medical team may arrive at the right treatment and help them.
- For wars such as in Ukraine – we pray for negotiation for peace. We pray for those lost on either side as they fight and the families they leave behind. We pray for a pathway to allow those relying on resources from Ukraine to be able to access them, affordably.
- For those that are facing loneliness, mental health challenges, financial difficulty, pressures at work and/or at home, or life questions– We pray for Your peace and for kindness, love and understanding of others, around them.

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

Prayer Points may be sent to
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For a conversation or to contact a Minister, please call
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9891 2277

Leigh Memorial Church
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9891 2277

Westmead Church
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9891 2277

IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

Please contact our Lead Minister Geoff Smith for any pastoral needs.

Rev Geoff Smith (Lead Minister)	0407 416 377
Rev Vladimir Korotkov (Transition Minister)	0431 759 573
Rev John Barr	0400 694 540
Pastor Fil Kamotu	0404 552 915

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT THESE PEOPLE FOR PASTORAL ISSUES

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