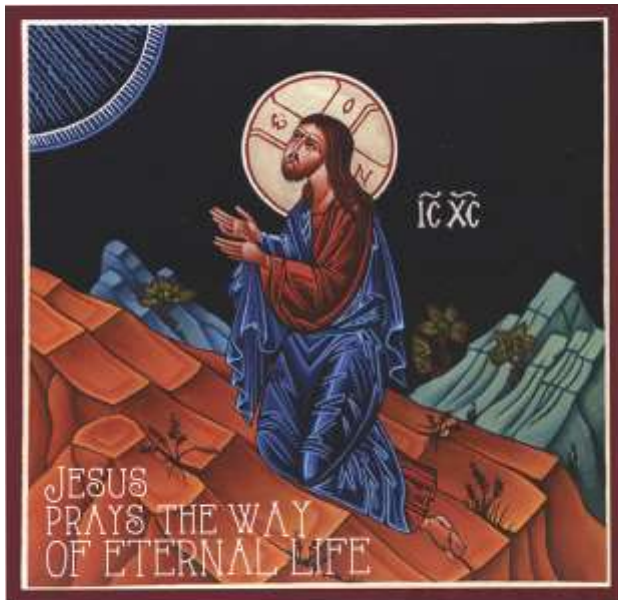


OUR NEWS

21st May 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

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Easter7A 2023
John 17: 1-11

Jesus prays the way of eternal life
Vladimir Korotkov

1. Introduction

In this passage John leads us into Maundy Thursday, when Jesus and the disciples are gathered in the Upper Room. Jesus informs them of his pending fate, his certain death. The weight of sadness, grief and disbelief would permeate the room with heaviness.

I have been in situations of pending death. Standing to the side, while a family gathers in the bedroom, or the hospice room, to allow their loved one to speak their last words. You sense the desire to hold back time. We stand back in awe and respect, not wanting to let them go, yet knowing we are powerless. Inevitably, the last breath is gasped. We are silent. And prayer full. We are not alone!

In this time of crisis Jesus is in the midst of his community, in this humble context, not of temple or palace. Here, Jesus creates an alternative space, and counter-reality to those condemning him, High Priest, Jewish King and Roman Pilate. And Jesus prays.

This prayer has elements of the prayer Jesus taught in the Gospels. But, as the New Testament scholar Bill Loader writes,

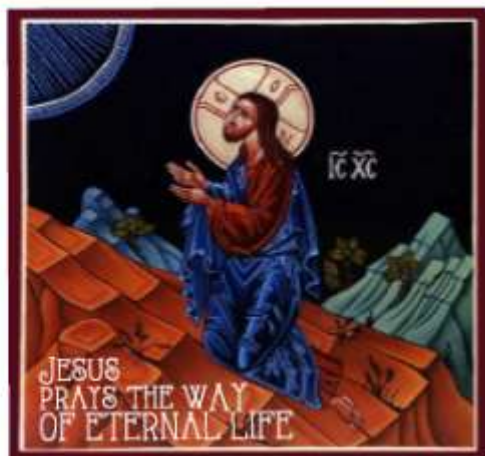
It is not that there was such a prayer which Jesus spoke in this distinctively Johannine way of which the rest of the tradition, reflected in the other gospels, had no knowledge. Rather in John's story of Jesus' life and importance he has creatively imagined what Jesus might have said and what would have been the issues for him in this final prayer.

And, still stuck in the language of Christendom and its structures, some describe this as a High Priestly prayer. I would use different discourse. Here, Jesus remains removed from a sanctuary of religiosity. Within the echo of that grimy world of dirty politics in the Temple and Palace nearby, Jesus prays. Amongst his grieving community, whose feet he has just washed and with whom he shares the intimacy of a meal and intimate friendship, he prays!

2. Vulnerability: hoping in doubt, trusting in danger

And Debbie Thomas shapes words that movingly convey the spirit of this context and prayer:

Jesus spends his final hours on earth in humble, vulnerable supplication to God. He ends his ministry by asking into uncertainty. Hoping into doubt. Trusting into danger. Asking is the last act of love he pours out to the disciples gathered around his table. It is the last tender memory he gives them. The last gesture of hope he extends. Contrary to what we might expect (or prefer), he doesn't awe his followers with a grand finale of miracles, or humble them with a show of divine authority and power. He looks up to heaven with a trembling heart, and surrenders his cherished friends to God.



3. The new realm of eternal life

Yet, within this genuine prayer we find images that suggest Jesus is presenting a new world order. We find an alternative understanding and practice of divine authority and power. And I suggest that this reshapes our values, and restructures human power and authority and our structures. Not reforms but transvalues and transforms; reborn!

The first indicator of this new world order is glimpsed in Jesus' use of the term "eternal life" *zoe aionios*, which he uses twice in his prayer. Brian McLaren, in *The Secret Message of Jesus*, informs us that the term "eternal life" is the term John uses for "the kingdom of God", or realm of God, which was central to the message of Jesus in the other Gospels. McLaren writes that "later in John's Gospel, Jesus reduces the phrase simply to "life," or "life to the full." McLaren then concludes that this means having an interactive relationship with God and with Jesus Christ, which he says is what a kingdom is, a realm where people have an interactive relationship with the king and the other subjects.

But for me, while this is insightful, this term "interactive relationship" is too vague and loose and can allow hierarchical structures and its unequal values and subject positions. It needs to be expanded to include transformed values and structures, totally unlike those with kings and kingdoms.

And John's Jesus constantly addressed this in teaching and practice. Such as his encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, where many conventional values and structures are turned upside down. Such as his teaching, "you are my friends, no longer do I call you slaves" (John 15:12ff), which means new identities and freedoms, and new subject positions in social and cultural contexts that have transformed horizontal structures.

Kelly Oliver writes in *The colonisation of psychic space: a psychoanalytic social theory of oppression* that

Our sense of self is profoundly affected by our social position. This shapes and forms us. Subjects are formed within particular kinds of social contexts.

And subjects can be deformed by the social positions created for them.

4. Transvalued and redefined Glory

The second indicator of this new world order in the prayer of Jesus is glimpsed in his use of the term "glory". This is an important term and theme in ancient and even modern Mediterranean societies. According to NT scholars Malina and Rohrbaugh, *Social-Science Commentary on the Gospel of John*, the term "glory" is part of the honour/shame society of that time.

Simply stated, honor is public reputation. It is symbolized in good name or eminent family of origin. It is one's status or standing in the village together with the public recognition of it. Public recognition is all-important... Thus, when Jesus says in 5:41 (also 12:43) that he does not accept glory from human beings, he is rejecting a core value of Mediterranean societies. When he claims in 5:44 that one should seek only the honor that comes from God, he is saying that only God has the wisdom to legitimate an honor gain. This, of course, makes perfect sense for members of John's anti-society ...

So, what is implied here is that a system of honour is created in a culture, a village, a city, a community. And mostly it is created by those in power, who own economic resources and wield political power. Jesus' life, teaching and practice reveal that he is not interested in such glory and honour. And what is powerful is that Jesus asks God to glorify him precisely when the world will shame and humiliate him, because he is anti-society! Glory is transvalued and redefined.

Conclusion

This is a radical and powerful prayer, which has many radical implications. The desire and work of the divine life, the life that is eternal, this life is abundant, overflowing, and this life seeks to overflow into our inner lives, into the way we live together, into our values and structures.

This prayer concludes with a powerful and impossible yearning, but one we are to keep seeking to express:

"they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Parent God, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one."

Foster your faith this week

Acts 1:6-14

Ps 68:1-10, 32-35

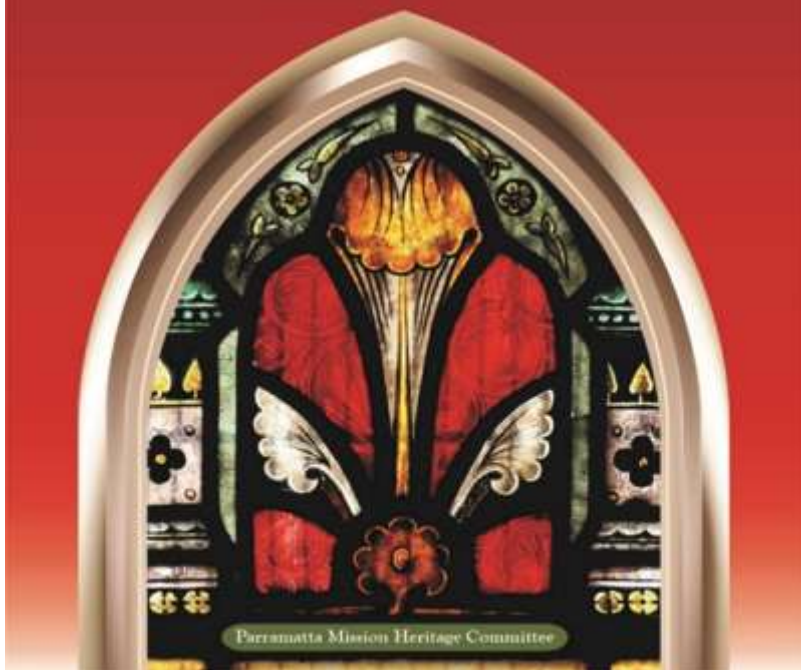
1 Pt 4:12-14,

5:6-11 Jn 17:1-11

LUMINOUS

The stained glass history of
Leigh Memorial Church
Parramatta

Revised Edition



NEW BOOK! – LUMINOUS

Our PM & PCUC Heritage Committee is about to release a new book: ***Luminous*** (*Revised Edition*). The book details the history of Leigh Memorial's stained glass windows and includes new information and photos, plus the stories behind feature windows at the Westmead, Northmead and Centenary Uniting Church sites. The wonderful cover design is by Ken Morgan. Please see Liz if you would like a copy, or place an order via: LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com

Leigh Memorial Congregation

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

This **Sunday, 21 May, Rev Geoff Smith** will be with us at Leigh Memorial, with the service starting at our usual time of 9.30am. All are welcome to join us for morning tea after worship.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Our prayers remain with those in our worship community who are unwell or facing other challenges. It was lovely to see Lalaja at the Induction service a few weeks ago and George at our service last Sunday. Please note that Nell is currently in hospital but gradually improving. Warmest thoughts for all and we hope to see you again soon. Prayers also for Mae, as she continues with some rehab and other procedures – and always with a smile. Contact details for the ministry team (Rev Geoff, Rev Vladimir, Rev John, Pastor Fil & Pastor Sarah) are in the newsletter. Welcome back to Vladimir after his time overseas! For assistance from the leaders' team or further information, please contact:

LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com

PARRAMATTA MISSION – ABC: 'Q & A'

On Monday night, a team from PM, inc. Rev Geoff, Mark, Davyn, Paul, Jenny & Sue attended an ABC filming of Q & A's episode on the rental/mortgage crisis – along with guest panellist, Australian Treasurer Jim Chalmers. Both Davyn and Paul asked questions – Davyn at 1 minute in and Paul at 36 mins. To see the episode, go to ABC iView or check the link below. Thanks to the PM team and others on the night for highlighting the significant pressures on vulnerable individuals and families in relation to housing and the general cost of living at the present time. <https://www.abc.net.au/qanda/ep16-15052023/102302066>

PCUC – WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICE

Each week, a PCUC online service is available for those who can't attend church in person or who wish to watch an additional service in their own time. To access the online service (usually available by 8pm each Saturday), visit the Northmead Uniting Church website and click on the "Worship" tab at the top of the screen, or find the service by googling the Northmead Uniting Church Facebook page. The NUC website is as follows and includes Northmead's weekly news and groups information:

<https://northmead.uca.org.au/>

REMINDER: PITT TOWN UNITING FUNDRAISER

This Saturday, **20 May**, from 9.00am – 2.00pm, Pitt Town Uniting (Bathurst St; Pitt Town – only a 40 min drive from Parramatta), will be holding a market day/ garage sale to help raise funds for freshwater wells in West Papua. Enquiries: 0439 309 303.

JAZZ ON HAMMERS – THIS SUNDAY

Don't forget that this Sunday night, **21 May**, from 6.00pm, is the next 'Jazz on Hammers' night at Northmead Uniting Church!! The evening will again include delicious food, live music and good company. Parking is available onsite or very nearby. All welcome.

SILENT MOVIE AT EPPING UNITING CHURCH

On **Saturday 27 May** at 2.00pm, Epping Uniting Church (cnr. Oxford and Chester Streets, Epping) will be hosting a film event as part of the OZ Silent Film Festival, 2023. The film being shown is 'The General' which first aired in 1926 (starring Buster Keaton – 80 minutes, accompanied by live organ and piano). Tickets are \$25 pp (or \$20 concession) and are available at the following link – or at the door.

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?embed&eid=1005153>

NEW PCUC GROUP: CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

A six week introductory course in Christian Meditation will be commencing soon. No prior knowledge or experience with meditation is required.

Where? Centenary Uniting Church, 46 Sorrell Street, North Parramatta

When? Tuesday evenings, **May 30 – July 4**

Time? 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Enquiries: Jon O'Brien: 0411 332 825 or jonmarkobrien@gmail.com

PARKING RESTRICTIONS – LIGHT RAIL TRACKS, MACQUARIE STREET

The Great River City Light Rail has recently contacted us - in addition to the broader community - regarding unauthorized parking observed on the Macquarie Street tracks on weekends. **This is NOT permitted.**

Members accessing Leigh Memorial/ Parramatta Mission need to use the car parking spaces beside the church only – and if space runs out, we need to use nearby streets or parking stations. Many thanks for everyone's cooperation.

Westmead Congregation

Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

Sunday 21st May 2023, 9.30am

Our Sunday Worship today will be led by Rev. Vladimir.

Westmead warmly welcomes your return Rev. Vladimir, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Last Sunday Rev. Geoff reflected on the presence of God. We are never alone – we don't even have to use any sort of imagery to know and feel God. He is always with each one of us and is unchanging in His love for each one, even if things change. Thank you for your message, Rev. Geoff.

Thank you also to Rev. John Barr for preparing our slide show – we hope you recover well and are back soon.

Following that service, we enjoyed a Mother's Day thank you and celebration with a Devonshire morning tea and special treats provided by Keramic Café.

Our bus trip on the 17th has been postponed but we hope to have further information on a date and destination soon. Thank you, Fil and Lorna, for your help in this.

Westmead Congregation supports the following ministries –

- Meals Plus
- Wesley Apartment Welcome Packs
- Least Coin
- Used stamps

Donations to any of these ministries are thankfully received.

WESTMEAD WORSHIP LEADERS: May 2023.

21st May : Rev. Vladimir

28th May: Pastor Sarah Bishop

The prayer chain group continues to uphold those in need of healing and support. Please contact Jan if you have a special prayer request.

BIBLE STUDY: Each Monday, 2.00pm

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

Morning Meditation: Pastor Sarah Bishop.

Contact 0412 606 049 sarah@bluetardis.com.au

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7794705793?pwd=RmJKNm5lcVdXekVXRm5XdlBhcXA3Zz09)

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Meeting ID: 779 470 5793

Passcode: welcome

Any questions: Sarah Bishop

sarah@bluetardis.com.au

0412 606049

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>) 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.

Saturday, 20th May 2023, 9.00am – 2.00pm
Market Day at Pitt Town Uniting Church,
Bathurst Street, Pitt Town

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!

FEATURING THE FANTASTIC KT DANCERS

TEA & COFFEE

HUGE FRUIT & VEG STALL

PLUS LOTS MORE

LIVE MUSIC & SINGING

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

부활후 일곱 번째 주일 (7th Easter of Sunday) 2023년 05월21일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 왕이신 나의 하나님 다함께

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 20장 통 41장 큰 영광 중에 계신 주

기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송 635 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 이사야 11:1-9

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 신앙의 꿈

봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 488장 통 539장 이 몸의 소망 무엔가

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 시드니 조은교회에 오신 여러분을 주님의 이름으로 환영합니다.
3. '매일성경' 독상과 '공동체성경읽기' 통독으로 말씀을 적용하며 매일 주님과 동행하는 삶 살아가시길 바랍니다
4. 어려움을 겪는 이웃들을 위해 함께 중보기도 해주시길 바랍니다.
5. 하나님의 기쁨인 전도사명에 동참하시길 부탁드립니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) 새501장 통 255장 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전 현구 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회: 오후 7시
민수기 36:1-21

새벽기도회: 오전 6시
민수기 33:1-롬1:17

Leigh Fijian Congregation

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 21/05:** Na lotu ena macawa oqo na lotu cokovata ni Parramatta Nepean Presbytery (PNP). Ena qaravi tiko ena yakavi ni sigatabu oqo e valenilotu e St Marys ena 3pm.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo (Sigatabu ni Penitiko) 28/05:** Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo na veisau vunau kei Fiji Parish. Vunau lesi kina Fiji Parish Senitiki Qata kei Sikeli Duwai. Vunau vakarau nai vakatawa Anare Vocea kei Serupepeli Nagatalevu. Tu vakarau ena veiliutaki kei na tali matasiga naba 2.
- 3. Lesoni ni macawa oqo 15/05 – 21/05:** Cakacaka 1:6-14 Same 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Pita 4:12-14, 5:6-11 Joni 17:1-11
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo (macawa ni Sovaraki ni Yalotabu – Penitiko) 21/05 – 28/05:** Cakacaka 2:1-21 Tiko Voli Mai Na Lekutu 11:24-30 Same 104:24-34, 35 1 Korinica 12:3-13 Joni 20:19-23, 7:37-39
5. Vakavinavinaka ena kena mai qaravi rawa na sigatabu ni tina. Vinaka vakalevu vei kemudou na youth kei na turaga ena vakasigalevu totoka dou vakarautaka.

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.

Mother's Day 14 May 2023



Adi Akisi Allison's Family gift to Parramata Leigh Fijian Women.





Castlereagh

CONFERENCE CENTRE



HIGH TEA

*held at
Castlereagh*

by executive chef Phil Scott from Mulgoa Valley Receptions

\$60 PER PERSON

Sunday 9 July 2023: 12pm - 3pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



Castlereagh
CONFERENCE CENTRE



0433 927 557



297-305 Old Castlereagh Rd

To all ministry agents and congregation and presbytery office bearers:

Dear Friends

The Uniting Climate Action Network is gathering to plan next steps, and you're invited!

The Uniting Climate Action Network (UCAN) was established in 2021. It's a way of connecting people in the Uniting Church and wider community who believe care for the earth and all its life matters. For many in the church this care is an important dimension of their faith, discipleship, and mission. For others, it's a core personal conviction and value. For all, it's a motivation to act – on climate change, protecting forests, reducing waste and pollution, for the health of our rivers, and many other concerns.

UCAN's vision is to foster, support and grow this type of action. Of course, we encourage members to join in advocacy on climate change as part of the Synod Climate Action Strategy (this Strategy was established by a resolution at the 2019 Synod meeting). But we also aim to support the different issues and grassroots initiatives that our members and congregations are engaged in.

To focus our efforts, UCAN is having an [online next steps gathering on the evening of Monday May 22, from 7.00pm-8.30pm](#).

You and all interested people are invited to be part of it.

Why now?

It is nearly one year since the Federal election. There have been some positive developments in climate policy and practical action since then. But the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reminds us [we need to ramp up the scale and urgency of action if we are to secure a safe climate future for all](#).

At the UCAN gathering we will:

- Reflect on what has happened in climate since the election and where we are at now
- Remind ourselves of how climate action fits with the faith and values of the Uniting Church and our own values
- Identify the key actions needed to reduce emissions nationally and what part we can play in those, as well as other concerns of members

Hear what resources and training we offer to support network members in both broader climate action and other grassroots environmental issues

You don't have to be an existing UCAN member to join in the forum. All those with an interest in environmental care and action on climate change are welcome.

You can [register for the UCAN next steps gathering here](#).

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Jon O'Brien in the Uniting Advocacy team, on 0477 725 528 or at joobrien@uniting.org

Jon O'Brien

Social Justice Advocate

UNITING

Parramatta City Uniting Church:

Introduction to Christian Meditation - a six-week course

"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

A six-week introductory course on Christian Meditation
is being offered at Centenary Uniting Church.

Where: Centenary Uniting Church,
46 Sorrell Street, North Parramatta

When: Tuesday evenings, May 30 – July 4

Time: 7.00pm to 8.00pm



Meditation is an ancient form of silent prayer, sometimes called contemplation or the prayer of the heart. Its roots lie in the teaching of Jesus and the practice of the Desert Fathers in the 4th century. Its aim is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness and simply be in the presence of God. Even in our busy lives, this is possible. A Christian meditation group has met for several years at Northmead Uniting. With the commencement of Parramatta City Uniting Church, it seems timely to offer a new group. Why not come along and try this simple and peaceful form of prayer? The introductory course provides an opportunity to experience Christian meditation in a small group. We will learn about its origins and its relevance as a form of prayer that is so needed in today's world. Most importantly we will learn by doing, with a time of meditation each week. Those who wish to can continue as a meditation group after the six weeks.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Jon O'Brien: 0411 332 825 or jonmarkobrien@gmail.com You will also find a wealth of information and resources at the website of the **World Community for Christian Meditation: <https://wccm.org/>**

SYNOD 2023 TRANSFORMING SPIRIT



Uniting Church
UNITED CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

15-17 SEPTEMBER

KATOOMBA CHRISTIAN CONVENTION CENTRE

Come and
hear about the
transformational
work and mission
of the people of God
already on the way.

Keynote Speakers:



Mark McCrindle



Rachel Perkins

Let's discover
together about
progressing and
resourcing our
commitments
through **Future
Directions:**

- **Reimagining ministry** in and with rural and regional areas,
- **Reaching and empowering** people in the first third of their lives,
- **Walking Together** with First Peoples
- **Acting and advocating** for climate justice; and
- **Working with Presbyteries** across the Synod to stimulate growth in and through our congregations.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOMINATIONS
19 May 2023

**PROPOSALS FOR
DISCERNMENT**
19 May 2023

**SUGGESTIONS
FOR AGENDA**
19 May 2023

**PRESBYTERY
REPORTS**
July 2023



Talk to your Minister or Church leader about
how you can be involved in the Synod
Meeting 2023 today!

Find out more about Synod 2023 here:

www.nswact.uca.org.au or Email synodmeeting@nswact.uca.org.au

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, those that are burdened by thoughts of loved ones ill that are separated by distance – May You grant comfort and healing to them.
- For those who are experiencing challenges either physical or mental – We pray that You pour Your Holy Spirit upon them and help them to rise.
- For wars that devastate and tear down people's lives, for the chaos that happens with supply chains of food and essentials as a result – we pray for peace and respect for human life.
- For those that struggle with homelessness, addictions and poverty – Lord create effective pathways that will change their circumstances. Place Your hand and strengthen those that address their difficulties and help them.
- For Your churches all over the world that they may inspire those who come in – we pray for guidance in ministry and in Your works that is undertaken.
- For those struggling with grief and life situations that are becoming difficult – we pray for Your intervention. May You give the strength and courage to walk on and may You provide friendship and love to surround and motivate 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

PCUC online service information

<https://northmead.uca.org.au/>

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

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9891 2277

Leigh Memorial Church
119 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2150
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Westmead Church
175 Hawkesbury Road Westmead NSW 2145
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IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

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

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Rev Vladimir Korotkov (Supply Minister)	0431 759 573
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