

OUR NEWS

28th 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
Pentecost A, 2023
Reconciliation Sunday
2023

*VOICE, TREATY AND TRUTH –
RESPONDING TO ULURU*
Rev Dr Chris Budden

I think that alongside a whole lot of issues and challenges facing this country – climate change, inflation, housing costs, and health and aged care, for example - one of the most significant is whether we will support the suggestion for a First Peoples Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution.



Maybe some of you are a little uncomfortable about such a topic in a sermon. That is understandable given the way the church has separated religion from politics and made faith about spiritual things.

While I think that we should be very careful as church to not support one political party or other, the idea that faith has nothing to do with politics is unhelpful. Politics has to do with the way we order our common life, and who has a voice in that. That is exactly what we as Christians are on about – how to organize life so that everyone is cared for, and some are not ignored or abused.

When Isaiah said in our reading for today that proper fasting and humbling ourselves before God is to free the oppressed, remove the burdens from lives, feed the hungry, house the homeless, clothe the naked, and care for family, was this not deeply political? When Jesus challenged authority, included people who were excluded, healed those who had been harmed by foreign occupation, and built healthy communities, surely there were political consequences. How can we love our neighbours and not touch the ordinary moments of people's lives?

So, I am inviting you to sit with me and think about the Voice and ask what it means for you as a follower of Jesus.

We need to remember the context for this conversation. First Peoples lived complex and rich lives in this land for maybe 60,000 years, sustained by land, law, culture, and relationships.

Then in 1770 a nation across the other side of the planet said they now ruled this place. And contrary to their own laws, said they could take the land without treaty or purchase. Just take it.

The reason for this taking of land was that Joseph Banks, who sailed with Cook, told the British government that there were only a few people, and they would go away. The land was empty and unoccupied.

So, when the First Fleet arrived in 1788, they assumed an empty land, with no need for Treaty or purchase of land. That there were people here was an embarrassment. The existence of the people meant that the taking of land was illegal even by the laws of

Europe. There was no proper settlement; no right working out of the relationship of First Peoples and settlers.

For over 200 years, there have been attempts to end the embarrassment and illegality, and the way to do that was to make the people go away. There are lots of ways to do that: murder, assimilation, stolen children, or hiding people in prison. Do what Pauline Hanson does and say that people are not real Aboriginal people.

As churches we contributed by claiming that the people had no knowledge of God, thus undermining the foundation of their life. We said only Jesus mattered and land did not matter to God. Ours was a narrative of religious assimilation and loss of cultural identity. In this context, where people have very little power, the best form of opposition is persistence and survival. The very "being here" of First Peoples is an assertion of sovereignty and rights to land.

The Uluru Statement is a statement of survival, and a demand that people are recognized as still being here. It arose from the work done in numerous consultations and education sessions across the country. Out of those consultations 250 people gathered over three days in May 2017 at Uluru. After their work they issued the Uluru Statement which was directed to the Australian peoples. Not to politicians but to us, the people.

It asked for three things. First, it asked that there be a body recognised in the Constitution that could offer advice to Federal Parliament about matters related to First Peoples. Not a separate house in the parliament, but an advisory voice. It would not run programs or distribute money but offer advice.

Why in the Constitution? Because history has shown that all the past, major advisory bodies were dismantled at the whim of the government of the day. Recognising the Voice in the Constitution would guarantee its existence.

The second thing that was asked for was a Makarrata Commission. "Makarrata" is a term from Arnhem Land, and it is about the way peace is made after a time of conflict. The Commission would do two things.

The first task was to establish a process of truth-telling. The issue of truth-telling is important to ordinary people and their communities. They want a chance to tell their story of the last 234 years. And they want the wider community to have the courage to listen to that story, and to make that story the foundation for change.

The second thing the Makarrata Commission would do is establish the process to enable treaty making. While not perfect, treaties recognise the existence of communities, and provide a framework for their relationship.

Some politicians oppose Treaties on the basis that a government does not make a treaty with its own people. The experience of other countries like New Zealand, Canada and the USA suggests that this is not necessarily true.

New Zealand, for example, has the Treaty of Waitangi. That treaty recognises that, as individuals, Maori are citizens of the nation with all the rights and responsibilities that all citizens have. But they also have communal rights, particularly in regard to land and support for language and culture and traditional ways of life.

The relationship between First and Second Peoples is unfinished business in Australia, and Treaty will help sort that out.

As you will have seen in the news, there have been objections to the Voice from within the Indigenous community. Such debate and disagreement is to be expected. Like all communities, people have different views. Our task is to listen to the conversation and make up our mind.

The issues being raised by First Peoples are these. First, they say there is a danger that recognition in the Constitution will negate their claim to be a sovereign people. Legal experts say this is not so.

Second, they are worried that this is just another attempt to draw people into the system, so they effectively disappear. This is always a danger and needs to be heard.

Third, they argue that the first step should be treaty and then voice. There are good arguments on either side. However, given that the Uluru group has asked for voice first, and believes such a voice would help treaty, there doesn't seem to be a good reason to oppose Voice and disrupt the process.

Fourth, they say this will not help solve issues like Alice Springs. But having a voice ensures that First Peoples find solutions, rather than have other people impose solutions on them. And that real causes are identified, rather than made up by the media or politicians seeking publicity. For people on the ground Voice is crucial to control of their life.

Some people are raising the concern that there is not enough information. The response that there is a big report does not help. People need information. The issue is whether they want information to encourage a conversation or to make mischief. Referendums rarely provide every bit of detail. The people agree to the principle – a Voice established in the constitution – and we trust the parliament to debate and decide on the details.

Some media outlets want to make the issue about race – giving one race more rights than others. So, let's be clear. This is not about race. This is about the recognition that First Peoples, as a political and social community that has existed for 60,000 years, deserve proper recognition of their prior existence in this land, and a voice about their future. Raising the issue of race is cowardly and divisive.

And another thing we must recognise about the issue of race is that there is a claim being made that one race is being advantaged. My response is that First Peoples are not a race. Race is a colonial construct that does not exist. They are an ancient political community that still exists and wants to negotiate with wider polity.

I think, and this is my view, that to love my neighbour as I love myself, means support for the Voice. My simple challenge to you is to seek the information you need to make your choice. And to do so as a people who model their choices on the life of Jesus.

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Rev Dr Chris Budden has worked for the *National Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress* for the last 6 years.

He was the convenor of the committee that drafted the *Preamble* to the UCA Constitution. He has written "Following Jesus in Invaded Space: Doing Theology on Aboriginal Lead" and "Why Indigenous sovereignty should matter to Christians".

He has been a minister of the UCA since 1977.

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/>**

Leigh Memorial Congregation

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

This Sunday, 28 May, Rev Vladimir will be with us at Leigh Memorial @ 9.30am. All are welcome to join us for a good chat and a nice hot cup of tea or coffee after the service.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Our prayers remain with those in our worship community who are unwell or facing other challenges at the present time. Those dear to us and who remain in our prayers include Nell, Lalaja, Philip, Mae, George, Betty and Jolame. Thoughts also for those who are currently battling seasonal colds, flu or covid. Contact details for the ministry team (Rev Geoff, Rev Vladimir, Rev John, Pastor Fil & Pastor Sarah) are in the newsletter. For assistance from the leaders' team or further information about any of our programs or activities, please contact: LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com

NATIONWIDE UNITING CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN, 2023



This year, each of our PCUC worship communities will be praying for two or more other Uniting Churches in Australia as part of the UCA Assembly's 'Act 2' project. Our two churches are: **Leichhardt Uniting Church (NSW)** and **Leighmoor Uniting Church (VIC)**. Between 28 May and 22 June, we'll be remembering these churches in our Prayers of the People in worship, plus during other individual and group prayer times. We will be contacting Leichhardt and Leighmoor soon to ascertain their specific prayer points, however for this week, please pray for these churches and their interactions and support for their vibrant local communities – Leichhardt, 5 kms from the Sydney CBD and the Leighmoor Parish in Morrabbin – 15 kms from the Melbourne CBD.

CANNED FOOD & WINTER WOOLLIES DRIVE!

To support Parramatta Mission's Winter Appeal this year, Leigh Memorial will be collecting "ring-pull" canned items including spaghetti, baked beans and soup each Sunday morning during June. Winter woollies such as beanies, gloves, scarves, rugs and blankets are also very welcome. All donated items will go to Meals Plus. To make a financial contribution to the Winter Appeal, please go to:

<https://www.parramattamission.org.au/product/winter-appeal-donation/>

REMINDER: 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), please visit the Northmead UC 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.

NEW BOOK: LUMINOUS

Our new Heritage Committee book details the history of Leigh Memorial's stained glass windows and includes fresh 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. The books will be officially launched next Sunday. Orders are available via: LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com

LOST PROPERTY IN THE CHURCH

Members are reminded to check that they have all their personal items with them when they leave the church. Please ask the stewards to check our lost property cupboard if you're missing anything.

PHOTOS: MACQUARIE STREET – 1922 and 2022...

Last Sunday at Leigh, we viewed Tom Morgan's wonderful restoration effort with an old photo of Leigh Memorial and Macquarie Street, taken in 1922. Thanks Tom! The photo was located by Liz in a 1922 Parramatta 'Shopping Week' supplement. The large building beside the church is the Parsonage, known as 'Leigh House'. The other structure is 'Macquarie Hall' (the second church that opened on the site in 1839). Both the parsonage and the hall were demolished in the 1950s. The second photo (supplied by Rev Clive Person) is from 2022. It shows the view 100 years on...wow!!



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

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Time? 7.00pm to 8.00pm

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OUR COMMUNITY: THE PARRAMATTA TAPESTRY

Just behind Leigh Memorial Church and the Phive building on Parramatta Square, you'll find Australia's second largest tapestry. It's in a public access area in the P6 (Walker Corporation) building, along with some other large scale artworks. The tapestry is based on a design by Chris Kenyon and was woven by the Australian Tapestry Workshop using pure Australian wool. It depicts the original landscape of Parramatta known to traditional custodians, the Burramattagal people.



RECONCILIATION WEEK: *BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS*

For further information about Reconciliation Week 2023, please see the following video and join in our prayers for greater understanding, peace, fairness, equity and respect between our Australian communities:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-2PerYfxoE>

Foster your faith this week

Acts 2:1-21

Ps 104:24– 34, 35b

1 Cor 12:3b-13

Jn 20:19-23

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church		23-20
성령강림 주일 (Pentecost of Sunday)	2023년 06월28일	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 36 장 통 36 장	주 예수 이름 높이어
기도 (Prayer)	주기도문송 635	하늘에 계신 우리 아버지 다함께
성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)	누가복음 4:16-21	
말씀(Preaching)-	전현구 목사	성령 충만한 사람
봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)	새 191 장 427 장	내가 매일 기쁘게
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 해주시기 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 로마서 3:1-20	새벽기도회: 오전 6시 로마서 2:1-4:25

Westmead Congregation

Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

Sunday 28th May 2023, 9.30am

We warmly welcome Pastor Sarah Bishop who will be leading us in worship on this Pentecost Sunday and Reconciliation Week Sunday.

Thank you Pastor Sarah and we look forward to hearing from you.

Last Sunday it was a pleasure to hear from Reverend Vladimir who is safely back with us from his trip overseas. Vladimir reflected on the significance of what Jesus went about doing in His moment of crisis just before the last supper. Even as He was being plotted against, Jesus stayed despite the danger and did not abandon His disciples. He stayed together with His disciples and 'formed a new society' with this group of people with new values, new structures, and a new way. Jesus seeks that we live together as one – that we be equal. Thank you, Vladimir.

NATIONAL UNITING IN PRAYER

28 May – 22 June, 2023



'The National Prayer Chain is one of the most important parts of Uniting in Prayer, connecting every part of the Uniting Church – local communities, agencies, schools, and councils – to each other in prayer. Through the 26 days, your home community or part of the church is being invited to pray for two other Uniting Church communities and there will be communities holding yours in prayer. We hope the prayer chain will be a powerful expression of our national Church: as we live out our mission and ministry in unique ways, we are held by a common tradition and part of one family of Christ.'

Rev. Sharon Hollis

Each of our worship communities have registered to pray for two other Uniting Churches in Australia as part of the UCA Assembly's 'Act 2' project.

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The Westmead church community Prayer Chain continues to uphold those who need healing and support both within and outside of the congregation.

A special get better soon message for Don Haddon, our volunteer pianist – Don, your real live music gives an uplift to our hymns – we hope to see you soon.

BIBLE STUDY: Each Monday, 2.00pm

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

WESTMEAD WORSHIP LEADERS: May - June 2023

28th May: Pastor Sarah Bishop

4th June: Pastor Sarah Bishop

11th June: Pastor Fil Kamotu

18th June: Pastor Fil Kamotu

25th June: Rev. John Barr

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

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.

Leigh Fijian Congregation

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo (Sigatabu ni Penitiko) 28/05:** Na lotu ena macawa 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.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 04/06:** Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo na lotu ni vulavou na veiqaravi tiko kina ko talatala Samu Sadrata kei Pastor Filikesa Kamotu. Vunau vakarau Pastor Ofa Foiakau kei Pastor Filikesa Kamotu. Veiliutaki na soqosoqo ni tabagone.
- 3. Lesoni ni macawa 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
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo 29/05 – 04/06:** Vakatekivu 1:1 -2:4 Same 8 2 Korinica 13:11-13 Maciu 28:16-20

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.

**Parramatta Nepean Presbytery Fijian Congregations Combine Service at
St Mary Uniting Church on 21 May 2023.**



Talatala Geoff with the Bula Feeding team on Tuesday night.





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



**Galston Uniting Church
is celebrating
the 30th Anniversary
of our 1887
Forster & Andrews
pipe organ**

**Galston Uniting Church
11 School Road - Galston**

Sunday 11th June at 2pm

Organist Thomas Wilson

"Born in Hamilton New Zealand, organist Thomas Wilson studied organ at the Royal Academy of Music in London and has held many significant posts in the UK, Australia and New Zealand.

These include organist & assistant director to the choirs of Ealing Abbey and Westminster Cathedral, London.

From 2010 to 2023 Thomas was Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. He has performed solo organ recitals in

St Mary's Cathedral (Sydney), St Peter's Cathedral (Adelaide) and St George's Cathedral (Perth) to much acclaim.

His performances have been described as "displaying considerable musicianship and technical prowess"

(ABC Limelight Magazine).



Following by afternoon tea

Tickets \$20.00 at the door (cash only)



Restoring Historic Aircraft

Free talk at our next meeting

Saturday 10 June 2pm

Since 1979 a volunteer group of aviation professionals and enthusiasts has maintained the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) museum at Albion Park near Wollongong

Here they restore historic aircraft - many fly again - and invite visitors to see the results of their hard work and dedication.



Our speaker **Doug Philpott** has been a member of HARS since 2010. He is a senior tour guide, chair of the Marketing and Media Committee, and is responsible for maintaining the content of the HARS website.



Doug's talk will provide an overview of the museum and the aircraft within it. The vision of the museum is: "To recover and, where possible restore to flying condition, aircraft of significance to Australia's civil and military aviation history." He will focus on the restoration of the Connie (Lockheed Super Constellation) and the Southern Cross Replica, and finish with a peek at the future.

**To be held at : Galston Uniting Church, School Road
Galston. 2pm 10 June**

Free entry, afternoon tea gold coin donation.



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 ask for Your Holy Spirit to fall on those that battle ill health, and upon those that are awaiting tests and diagnoses – may suffering be eased and health restored - may you comfort loved ones who watch and wait.
- For this week that is known as “Reconciliation Week” – may the path of unity and equality be established with love and understanding. May You reside in the hearts and minds of those who are hurt and all that try to make amends.
- For those who feel the wind and cold as they sleep rough – We ask that You may provide resources of food, shelter, warmth, and services of support.
- For wars in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Central Africa, Myanmar, Mexico and other parts of the world – we pray for peace to arrive, for compassion and dignity of human life to matter.
- For those who struggle with loneliness, mental health challenges and conditions not outwardly seen – we ask now that You be their companion and loving Father, inspiring them in their journey.
- For those who are finding it hard to get employed/ those that have lost jobs – Lord, send Your guidance to them that they may be successful in their search and that they may find hope and meaning.

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

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

Westmead Congregation

Time: Sunday 9.30am on site

Leigh Fijian Congregation

Time: Sundays 11.15am on site

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