

OUR NEWS

4th June 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
Trinity Sunday, 2023
Proverbs 8: 1-4,22-33
John 16: 12-15

Rev Vladimir Korotkov

Beyond all the telling of it!

"The Word is everything to the child, both father and mother, teacher and nurse.... The nutriment is the milk of the Father, and the Word alone supplies us children with the milk of love, and only those who suck at this breast are truly happy. For this reason, seeking is called sucking; to those infants who seek the Word, the Father's loving breasts supply milk."

Clement of Alexandria, ca. 180 A.D.



This statement, ... written by a revered early church theologian, presents us with an androgynous image [partly male and partly female] in appearance] of a loving God who is both Father and Mother. Paradoxes leap from these statements, shatter our mental categories, and startle us out of old patterns. We are reminded that God surpasses all human constructs of gender and cannot be neatly contained in any verbal or pictorial packages. Paradoxes, especially those concerning gender, hint to us that God is (as Alan Paton said of his homeland) wonderful "beyond all the telling of it."

1. Along with the Hebrew Scriptures and other religions, we agree that God is incomparable, a profound mystery who seeks to relate to human beings in each time and place! Out of this inexplicable relationship we seek to learn how to speak about God in human language.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus Christ has reshaped human knowledge about this God. The early church in ancient times began to grapple with the shape of monotheism (mono, "one" God), given their encounter with the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

There were many hints of a trinitarian understanding of this one God. But there is no fully developed doctrine of the Trinity in the New Testament. Only 200 years later Tertullian applied the Greek word "Trinity" to God. At the Council of Nicaea in 325 it was more fully formulated. Yet, there were also many other ways that Christians expressed their experience with God. There were many bitter disputes about correct expressions and language.

2. Like our sisters and brothers throughout the ages we are invited to reflect theologically, creatively and relevantly about God for our time and place. Carl Gregg reminds us of the joke by feminist theologian, Sandra Schneider, that "God is not two men and a bird." Exclusive masculine language is not only limiting for our time, but is irresponsible given its disempowering effects and the stumbling block it creates for all genders that are spiritual seekers of the divine. To demand

inflexible formulae for God or the trinity in exclusively male terms, as some male theologians and churches do, perpetuates its assumptions of monarchical and hierarchical power; and it can encourage misogyny.

The language and metaphors to speak of our experience of God are rich and endless! And this has to be relevant to gender experience.



Image, God must be complex beyond three.

In the 4th century, Augustine cites twenty different creative formulations for the Trinity. In his best-known example, he speaks of God as "Lover, Beloved, Love!" In another formulation, "Mother, Child, Womb."

3. Jurgen Moltmann is the Reformed theologian who has contributed to a contemporary, creative and relevant trinitarian theology. In the mystery of God, he writes, there is a wondrous community. God is no single Lord in heaven, a cold, removed power of providence. He adds, "the triune God is a social God, rich in internal and external relationships."

Barbara Brown Zikmund develops this way of reflecting:

To believe in a triune God is to suggest that there is an inner relational energy within Godself which spills over into the Christian life. John of Damascus, an eighth-century theologian, describes this way of understanding God by proposing that there is an exchange of energy between the persons of the Trinity by virtue of their eternal love. The unity of the Trinity is not static substance, or even familial relationship; it exists as open and loving community. John of Damascus uses the Greek word "perichoresis" to describe what is going on within Godself. "Perichoresis" comes from the same root as the word "choreography".

But a truly social doctrine of the Trinity contains the vision of a community of women and men in church and society without privilege or subjection to each other-or to God. Trinitarian theology asserts that relationship is fundamental to God and that community is the foundation of God's interaction with the world. Instead of an unmoved mover, God as community calls us to a shared responsibility for relationality.

4. In my interpretation, the Trinity is a model and spirituality for radical community and belonging in contemporary society. The liberation theologian Leonardo Boff observed that contemporary society yearns for belonging and a greater democracy in which there develops a more participatory and family-spirited society. He observes that such yearning is addressed with a theology of the Trinity: the three divine persons in communion is a transcendent model of the

In his article, "Three is not enough: Jewish reflections on Trinitarian thinking", David Blumenthal, Professor of Judaic Studies at Emory University, suggestively asks:

Jewish rationalist hesitations notwithstanding, the question remains: If God's being is plural, why only Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Why not Ineffability [inexpressible], Knowability, Intuition, Grace, Judgment, Compassion, Eternity, Awe, Fecundity [greatly productive], and Providence -- all of which are equally integral to the divine whole? If we, who are complex beyond three, are created in God's

human striving for a society that encourages participation and welcomes diversity.

This divine community, in Boff's interpretation, taken from Jesus' teaching in John's Gospel, is a mystery of inclusion, with the divine Three "opening the divine community to the outside and inviting human beings to share in their community and life."

When Jesus in John 17: 22-23, "inserted the Trinitarian community into human history, he calls his followers to eliminate the barriers of distinction and to create a community of equals."

Conclusion: some insightful comments

Bruce Epperly writes of Proverbs 8:

... speaks of Sophia, Divine Wisdom, as God's creative companion. God is not just male or female. Divine creativity embraces the whole of creaturely experience. Perhaps the predecessor of the Prologue of John's Gospel – and its vision of God's Creative Word/Logos – Proverbs 8 affirms the feminine creativity of God. From the heart of divinity, she creates alongside the Parent/Creator, bringing order to the universe and delight to the creator. She is almost like a child, creating refrigerator art and spinning tales for the Godhead, and perhaps the world in its complexity can be seen as divine offspring, participating in the Divine DNA, revealing divine wisdom at every juncture.

Epperly continues to interpret John's Gospel in John 16: 12-15:

Jesus' message continued through the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus, reflecting [Jesus'] message and values. The Holy Spirit's gifts are not found primarily in speaking in tongues and Pentecostal drama but in living in the way of Jesus, welcoming, embracing, healing, and nurturing. Spirit-centered living is, first of all, ethical and unifying. Living Jesus' Spirit joins us with all creation, building bridges with diversity, inspiring us to creativity, and mediating divine healing.

This is the deep meaning of The Trinity, to use the words of Rowan Williams:

"God desires us, as if we were God, as if we were that unconditional response to God's giving that God's self makes in the life of the Trinity." Consider this claim in light of Jesus' command to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:28-34 and parallels). Just as "God loves us as God loves God," each of us is called to love our neighbor as if our neighbor were our self.

And to give the final word to Debie Thomas:

We'll see that God is diverse. If God exists in three persons, then each person has his (or her) own way of embodying and expressing goodness, beauty, love, and righteousness. As Rohr puts it, the Trinity affirms that there is an intrinsic plurality to goodness. "Goodness isn't sameness," he writes in *The Divine Dance*. "Goodness, to be goodness, needs contrast and tension, not perfect uniformity." If God can incarnate goodness through contrast and tension, then it's worth asking why we can't. Or won't. Why do we fear difference so much when difference lies at the very heart of God's nature?

Parramatta City Uniting Church:

Introduction to Christian Meditation - six-week course
"Be still and know that I am God" Psalm 46:10

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 WINTER WORSHIP!



Join us this Sunday at Leigh Memorial @ 9.30am with **Rev Geoff and Pastor Fil** (inc. Communion), and please stay afterwards for a good chat and one of our lovely hot cups of tea or coffee. *"Many thanks" to our ongoing roster of generous morning tea providers and helpers!*

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, and for Meals Plus attendees who are feeling the cold – especially those who are homeless or living in inadequately heated accommodation. 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

WEEK 2: 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 national '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 during

worship. Here is a little more about **Leichhardt UC**: The congregation uses the following motto: "Keeping Faith, Doing Justice, Building Community" – and has a Christian student accommodation facility ('Epworth House') just next door. Its current ministers are Rev Radhika and Rev Adrian Sukumar-White. Prayer Point: ****This week, we are praying for Leichhardt's ministry with young adults, including students. ****

NEW PCUC GROUP: CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

A six week introductory course in Christian Meditation has commenced and will be running until July. Enquiries: Jon O'Brien: 0411 332 825 or

jonmarkobrien@gmail.com

LAST CHANCE!!! ... LOST PROPERTY

Current lost property items at Leigh Memorial will be on display in the church vestibule this weekend and next. Anything unclaimed after two weeks will be donated to our community programs. Please check the collection to see if anything is yours & ask others to check as well.

PARRAMATTA MISSION WINTER APPEAL:

JOIN OUR LEIGH MEMORIAL 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 before & after the 9.30am service **each Sunday morning during June**. Winter woollies such as beanies, gloves, scarves, rugs and blankets will also be collected (new or good quality second-hand items will be accepted). All donated goods will go to Meals Plus. To make a financial contribution to the Winter Appeal, please check the link:

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



CHURCH LIBRARY UPDATE (LEIGH MEMORIAL)

The 'mini-borrowing library' in the Leigh Memorial vestibule has now ended after an eight-month trial. From this Sunday, a small selection of books will remain available in case anyone wishes to read one at church or take a book home for a week or two – and all books in the permanent collection will be available for reading or borrowing on any Sunday morning "by request." (Just ask one of the stewards or a congregation leader for assistance). NB: Due to safety issues, children are not permitted to access the Library (eastern stairwell) in the church, or the western stairwell or gallery level without adult supervision. This is because shelving and stored items in these spaces are not secure and the stairs represent a potential trip/fall hazard. The stairwells should remain locked when not in use.

SYDNEY PRAYER BREAKFAST 2023

A group representing Parramatta Mission and the congregation attended this year's 'Sydney Prayer Breakfast' – which was held on Thursday 1 June at the ICC in Darling Harbour. The large scale ecumenical event was organised by the 'City Bible Forum,' with those present having the opportunity to liaise with other Christians, pray collectively for the City of Sydney and commit to the work and witness of God in all our Australian cities now and into the future.

SYNOD 2023: TRANSFORMING SPIRIT

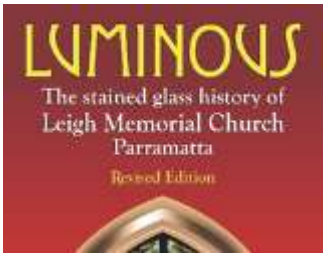
Please continue to pray for the planning of NSW/ACT Synod 2023, which will be held in Katoomba (15 – 17 September):

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/events/synod-meeting-2023/>

‘HYMNFEST’ – AUBURN UNITING CHURCH

This Sunday 4 June at 2.00pm, Auburn Uniting Church (80 Oxley Road) will be hosting a ‘Hymn Fest’ of much-loved hymns. The hymns will be introduced by Rev Dr Darcy Wood and the event will include a choir. For those who can’t attend in person, it is also available on Zoom. For further information, contact the Auburn parish: <https://auburn.uca.org.au/contact-us/>

NEW BOOK: LUMINOUS – REVISED EDITION



Our new Heritage Committee book details the history of Leigh Memorial’s stained glass windows and includes fresh information, heart-warming anecdotes and lots of photos, plus the stories behind feature windows at the Westmead, Northmead and Centenary Uniting Church sites. The wonderful cover design is by Ken Morgan – thanks Ken! – and big thanks also to Mario for his eye-catching photography. The book is officially being launched this Sunday. Orders are available from Liz:

LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com

Foster your faith this week

Gn 1:1 – 2:4a Ps 8

2 Cor 13:11-13 Mt 28:16-20



to join an Australian **Learning Community**

Journeying through the
Climate Pastoral Care Course

between

**World Environment Day and the Season of Creation
(June - September)**

Wednesday nights (8pm AEST) on Zoom
with Jessica Morthorpe, course co-author

RSVP to climatepastoralcare@gmail.com

Westmead Congregation

Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

Sunday 4th June 2023, 9.30am

Our worship today will include Holy Communion – Pastor Sarah Bishop will lead us in this. A warm welcome to you Sarah for your second session with us.

Last Sunday, Pastor Sarah reflected on Pentecost. There was beautiful imagery provided by Sarah with campfire sticks – everyone joined in to break a stick and place it in a pile resembling a “campfire”. The names of the two Uniting Churches that Westmead is praying for was placed on either side by Sarah.

“The Holy Spirit was given in unity – it was given to all believers and people spoke in different languages”. “A fire needs fuel. All need to contribute to a campfire – God is alight in our hearts and as we unite in prayer we generate heat, light and warmth”. Thank you, Sarah, for your encouraging reflection.

Last Sunday was also Reconciliation Week. We pray for equality, understanding and for God’s guidance in our everyday lives for all people.

WESTMEAD WORSHIP

4th June: Pastor Sarah Bishop

11th June: Pastor Fil

18th June: Pastor Fil

25th June: Reverend John Barr

BIBLE STUDY: Each Monday, 2.00pm

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



DATES:

3rd June Saturday: 10.00am. CCLM meeting at Centenary Church, North Parramatta.



NATIONAL UNITING IN PRAYER - 28 May – 22 June, 2023

Westmead congregation continues to include Western Link (SA) and Weston Creek (ACT) Uniting Church Communities in all our prayers.

Jan has been emailing prepared Act2 prayers each day which we can include in our individual prayers. If you would like further information please contact Jan (0418 438 901).



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

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](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 04/06:** Na lotu ena macawa 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.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 11/06:** Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo rau na veiqaravi tiko ko Di Akisi Allison kei Suguta Rogoimuri. Vunau vakarau Viliame Kamotu kei Taito Dovibua. Tu vakarau ena veiliutaki kei na tali matasiga naba 3.
- 3. Lesoni ni macawa oqo 29/05 – 04/06:** Vakatekivu 1:1 -2:4 Same 8
2 Korinica 13:11-13 Maciu 28:16-20
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo 05/06 – 11/06:** Vakatekivu 12:1 - 9 Same 33:1 -
12 Roma 4:13 - 25 Maciu 9:9 – 13, 18 – 26
- 5.** Na koniferedi ena ni FNC sa qaravi I Stanwell Tops ena vula July 2023.
- 6.** Masu sema ena siga vukelulu (7/6) - matai ni siga vukelulu ena vei vula.
- 7.** Ke o via veivuke ena kakana kei na volunteers kina Bula Feeding- ni qai veitaratara vei Radini Tuirara.
- 8.** Nanumi tiko o Tamai Paula(Jolame) Nona waraka tiko na macala ni Nona pepa ni curu vanua.
- 9.** Nanumi tiko o Wati kei Jolame (Kadavu) qaravi tiko vaka vuniwai e valenibula.

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.



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**BULA FEEDING
WINTER APPEAL
WE NEED DONATIONS
WARM Jackets, hoodies
socks and scarfs
Beannies
Knitted rugs
BLANKETS
SLEEPING BAGS**

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church		23-21
2 성령강림 주일 (2nd Pentecost of Sunday) 2023년 6월 04일 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 20 장 통 41 장	큰 영광 중에 계신 주	
기도 (Prayer) 주기도문송 635	하늘에 계신 우리 아버지	다함께
성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading)	요한복음 8:31-38	
말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사	진리가 너희를 자유케 하리라	
봉헌 송(Offertory Hymn) 새 413 장 470 장	내 평생에 가는 길	
나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices) 1. 시드니 조은교회에 오신 여러분을 주님의 이름으로 환영합니다. 3. '매일성경' 묵상과 '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	
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PREACHFEST 2023

EARLY BIRD TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

1-3 November 2023 | Sydney | Melbourne | Online

PreachFest 2023 promises to be a thought-provoking and inspiring event, bringing together a lineup of exceptional guest speakers we're excited to share with you, including keynote speakers, Stan Grant and Amy-Jill Levine.

PreachFest brings together preachers from all backgrounds and cultures who share a passion for proclaiming an inspirational and transformational message of Scripture. It is a space designed for you to connect, learn and be inspired by other ministers, pastors, as well as teachers of bible, theology and preaching.

PreachFest 2023 will take place from 1-3 November at St Stephen's Uniting Church, Sydney, Wesley Church, Melbourne and online. Tickets are now available to purchase with special early bird prices available for in-person tickets until 31 July!

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STAN GRANT - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Stan Grant is a Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi man. A journalist since 1987, he has worked for the ABC, SBS, the Seven Network, CNN and Sky News Australia. In 2015, he published his bestselling book [Talking to My Country](#), which won the Walkley Book Award, and he also won a Walkley Award for his coverage of Indigenous affairs. In 2016 he was appointed to the Referendum Council on indigenous recognition. Stan is now Professor of Global Affairs at Griffith University.



AMY-JILL LEVINE - KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Amy Jill Levine ("AJ") is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita, at Vanderbilt.



SALLY DOUGLAS

Sally Douglas is a biblical scholar, theologian, author, and Uniting Church Minister whose work disrupts neat categories. She is an honorary research associate within the University of Divinity. Through attending to biblical and early church texts, Sally continues to investigate the question 'so what might this mean for us?'



CHARISSA SULI

Rev. Charissa Suli is one of the National Consultants in the Assembly Resourcing Unit and President-Elect. Charissa brings experience in mentoring youth and young adults and is committed to investing in their personal growth by creating space for them to lead in the Uniting Church.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PREACHFEST!

PreachFest 2023 is organised by the Uniting Church Synod of NSW & ACT in partnership with the Synod of VicTas.



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**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)



**UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA
DURAL PARISH**

This organ is dedicated to the
Glory of God on this day 6th June
1993 in thankful recognition of the
faithful commitment of many people.



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.



Replica of the Southern Cross

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 who are unwell in hospital or at home, those awaiting diagnosis and those battling chronic illnesses – May Your love heal where healing is needed and comfort arrive for loved ones.
- For those who live in war – zones – We pray for peace and for pockets of stability that can be felt by those experiencing trauma and grief. May supplies of food and other commodities not be stopped but reach those who need them most.
- For those suffering homelessness, poverty, hunger, for countries and regions experiencing famine and drought – We pray for Your intervention that resources may be shared, and that aid may be mobilised.
- Climate change – that we may in our own way be inspired to save our environment by daily actions. May You guide us in using resources wisely here and abroad.
- For teachers - as they work to pass on valuable skills to minds that learn – may You be with them and grant them patience and strength of mind.
- For those who are grieving a loss of a loved one– We pray for Your kindness, love and peace that passes all understanding, to be with them – may they be inspired by others around them, not to give up.

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

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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