

Parramatta Community Uniting Church

Newsletter

Sunday 14 January 2024



PCUC Combined Service @ Westmead, inc. farewell to Pastor Fil & Rev John
New Year's Eve, 2023



Moses, Paul & Callum – Parramatta Mission Community Christmas Lunch
Friday 22 December, 2023



Parramatta Community Uniting Church (PCUC) acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we gather – the Burramattagal clan of the Darug people - and pays respect to elders past and present, and emerging leaders.

PCUC Program...
Week commencing Sunday 14 January

Saturday 13 th	9.00am	‘Walking Church’ in Parramatta Park
Sunday 14 th	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am Online	Worship Service – Northmead Worship Service – Westmead Worship Service – Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian, Parramatta (Onsite + Zoom) Meeting ID: 519 908 9657 PCUC weekly online service: https://northmead.uca.org.au/
Wednesday 17 th	1.00 – 2.00pm	Open Church @ Leigh Memorial, Parramatta
Sunday 21 st	9.30am 9.30am 10.00am Online	Worship Service – Northmead Worship Service – Westmead Worship Service – Combined Leigh Memorial & Leigh Fijian, Parramatta (Onsite + Zoom) Meeting ID: 519 908 9657 PCUC weekly online service: https://northmead.uca.org.au/

Prayer Points

(Kindly supplied by the Westmead worship community)

We pray for those who are trying to cope with a recent medical diagnosis, for those that are unwell and their families – and for the grieving among us. Lord we ask that Your mighty power may intervene where doctors cannot and provide healing and health. For wars that rage and the countless destroyed in the name of revenge – we ask Your Holy Spirit to bring peace and neighbourly love between the warring parties. Lord – also a special prayer of help for those in crisis mode, who need food, water and shelter. Amen.

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PCUC Notices...

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR – UCA President, Rev Sharon Hollis

<https://uniting.church/new-year-prayer-2023/>

GROUP & ACTIVITY ARRANGEMENTS

Ladies Dinner @ NBC Sports Club – Resumed 10 January

Friendship Centre, Northmead – Resumed 11 January

Walking Church – Resumes 13 January & continues 2nd & 4th Saturdays

Open Church @ Leigh Memorial – Resumes 17 January

Meditation Group, Centenary – Resumes 23 January

Centenary – English conversation classes resume 1 February & **Playgroups** resume 2 February

Bible Study, Westmead – Resumes 5 February

HOT AIR BALLOONS – AUSTRALIA DAY

If any congregation members would like to volunteer for Parramatta Mission’s early morning tethered hot air balloons fundraiser on Australia Day at Parramatta Park this year, please email Chao. Further details will be provided:

Chao.Zhou@parramattamission.org.au

WORKING BEE

The next Garden Working Bee at Centenary Church will be **Sat. 27 January at 7.00am**. If you are able to bring a shovel or a spade as well as the usual garden tools that would be helpful. Brunch is included. All welcome.

ASSEMBLY 2024 NOMINATIONS

Should anyone be interested in attending Assembly this year (11 – 16 July in Sydney), please complete the form distributed with this newsletter. Nominations will close at the end of January and should be emailed to secretary@pnpuca.org.au The election will take place at February's Presbytery meeting (ie. each Presbytery elects one lay & one ordained rep).

'CULTURE OF SAFETY AWARENESS' WORKSHOP

This event will take place on **Sat. 10 Feb. 2024 (9.00am – 1.30pm at Centenary UC)**. **All PCUC leaders & staff are requested to attend**. Please register online by 30 January using the following [link](#) & also let Lorna know via 0408365478 or royp@iprimus.com.au.
<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/support-services/safe-church-unit/>

CONDOLENCES

Over the past few weeks, the following current or past members of our PCUC worship communities have sadly passed away: Ken Alderson (Northmead), Carol Scanlan (Westmead), Susan Jackson (daughter of Rev Alan Jackson and the late Mrs Laurette Jackson) – and Joy Stuart Udy (daughter of the late Rev Dr Gloster Udy and Mrs Joy Udy). Our prayers remain with the loved ones of these special people and with all those experiencing grief. Funeral details may be obtained from the relevant worship community leaders.

CAROL – A WESTMEAD TRIBUTE



Dear Carol Scanlan left this world on 31 December 2023. We are all saddened by her loss, but Carol is now in God's care and in a place where she can be free from pain and disabilities. May she rest in peace. Carol was a member of Parramatta Community Uniting Church, attending Westmead Church for approximately 10 years. She was such a blessing, and what a privilege it has been to have amongst us such a much loved member of all our Westmead church family. We have all witnessed her 'blooming' within our community, from a withdrawn 'bud' to a flower that bloomed – God gave us a beautiful blessing. Carol had wonderful parents, carers,

housemates Edwina, Colin and Jeff, and many caring people around her who will greatly miss her, but she leaves all of us with so many lovely memories ... thank you so much Carol. NB: A memorial service for Carol will be held at Westmead Uniting Church on Monday 15 January, 2024, commencing at 11am.

NETBALL CLUB UPDATE

Northmead Uniting's Netball Club registrations are now open! All are welcome to join our community minded club. All games and training are held at Gooden Reserve Netball Courts in Baulkham Hills. Games are played Saturday afternoons from April until August. Our competition is completely ungraded and players can play with their friends. To register or find more information head to our website: <https://northmead-netball-club.square.site>

Register early to avoid disappointment. Registrations close February 10.

Enquiries: Bec Gray northmeadnetballclub@gmail.com

NB: Some upcoming dates for the Club:

Feb 2 – Uniform "Try On" Day in The Cottage, Northmead

Feb 25 - Season Kick Starter Event (PCUC to cook the BBQ)

Apr 6 - First Game Day

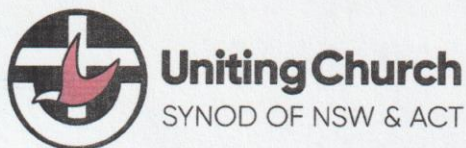
Leigh Fijian News

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 14/01:** Na lotu ena sigatabu oqo eda na lotu cokovata tiko kina kei na vavakoso vakavavalagi.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 21/01:** Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo na vunau tiko kina nai vakatawa Anare Vocea kei Serupepeli Nagatalevu. Vunau vakarau chairman Sosiceni Toa kei Epeli Semani.
- 3. Lesoni ni macawa oqo 08/01 – 14/01:** 1 Samuela 3:1-10, 11-20 Same 139:1-6,13-18 1 Korinica 6:12-20 Joni 1:43-51
- 4. Lesoni ni mawaca mai oqo 15/01 – 21/01:** Joni 3:1-5, 10 Same 62:5-12 1 Korinica 7:29-31 Marika 1:14-20
- 5. 27 Jan na Congregational Planning Day,**noda ma I veitalanoa/veiwasei/soli vakasama ena vei sala rawa ni da veivakabulabulataki ena qaravi lotu ni 2024. Sa da kerei me da na vakagalalataka tiko na tikini siga ya,ka na qai vakadeitaki malua na gauna me tekivu kina.
Tiko na vakanananu me eatou mai qarava noda sota o ratou mai na UME Uniting Mission and Education.
Sunday School, youths,Young Adults, youngcouples kei na matua,sa kerei meda na masulaka tiko me rawa ni yaga na noda na mai sota.

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 Cambelltown, St Mary kei Berala. Ena qaravi tiko na FNC ena vula ko Okotova ni yabaki mai oqo 2024 e Katoomba Conference Centre.

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



Culture of Safety Awareness Work-Shops



Sat 10th Feb 2024



**Centenary Uniting
Church**

46 Sorrell Street

North Parramatta NSW 2151



Arrive from 9.00 am for
9.30am start



Workshop

9.30 am—1:30pm

Registration is required

Please Register at:

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/shared-services/safe-church-unit/safe-church-training>



An initiative of the National Council of Churches in Australia
www.safechurches.org.au

Who needs to attend?

Church Council and Elders, Pastoral leaders, Ministers, Ministry program leaders and helpers, including with children/youth and SRE/Scripture in schools,

Workshop Topics:

Safe Church Foundations, Duty of Care, Child Protection, Protecting Vulnerable People, Understanding and Responding to Abuse, Safe Leadership, Recruitment & Supervision, Safety in Programs and Environments, Uniting Church Policy and Procedures.

Please arrange/bring your own lunch and pen

No payment on the day: individual Congregations or Presbytery will be invoiced for participants

Max 50 REGISTRATIONS

Close date: 30/01/2024



Equipping our church communities to be
**safer places through growing awareness and
understanding of safety and protection**

This Safe Church Awareness Workshop run by the Uniting Church is
endorsed by the National Council of Churches, Australia Safe Church Program.

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