

**Parramatta Community Uniting Church
Newsletter – March 31st 2024**

EASTER...NEW LIFE



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

PCUC Program...
Week commencing Sunday 31 March

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 31st</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 10.00am</p> <p>2.00pm</p> <p>Online</p>	<p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>Worship Service - Northmead Worship Service - Westmead Combined Worship Service Leigh Fijian & Leigh Memorial Parramatta (Onsite + Zoom) Meeting ID: 519 908 9657</p> <p>Korean Faith Community - Parramatta</p> <p>PCUC weekly online service: https://northmead.uca.org.au/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 2nd</p>	<p>7.00pm</p>	<p>Christian Meditation Group - Centenary</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 7th</p>	<p>9.30am 9.30am 9.30am</p> <p>11.15am</p> <p>2.00pm</p> <p>2.00pm</p> <p>Online</p>	<p>Worship Service - Northmead Worship Service - Westmead Worship Service - Leigh Memorial- Parramatta (Onsite + Zoom) Meeting ID: 519 908 9657</p> <p>Worship Service - Leigh Fijian - Parramatta</p> <p>Rev Helen & Rev Tui induction & Sunny's commissioning - Centre for Ministry, Nth Parramatta</p> <p>Korean Faith Community - Parramatta</p> <p>PCUC weekly online service: https://northmead.uca.org.au/</p>

EASTER MESSAGE: UCA President, Rev Sharon Hollis
*Dwelling in the heart of love that is God, may we live as
Easter people who are being made whole because God
raised Jesus from the dead...*

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As communities of faith open the Gospel of Mark this holy season, President Rev Sharon reflects on how the briefest gospel does not shy away from the harder edges of the Easter story or the failings of the people around Jesus. It's short on details and ends abruptly, with fear and terror. Yet it hands us a message of God's limitless grace and a story that continues with us ...

Rev Sharon: “The (Easter) story is drenched with grief, death and betrayal. It does not turn away from the trauma of Jesus’ death. It immerses us in the sorrow, despair and speechlessness of the women. In their heartache, they respond in fear and terror. Nor does Mark avoid the failings of those around Jesus as he dies...This story is for all of us, the broken, the grieving, the boastful, the enactors of violence and the victims of violence. For the broken humanity in each of us, the good news of resurrection life is proclaimed...



God raises Jesus from the dead with the hope of new life, a gift of grace, love and mercy for each of us... This holiest of church seasons, may you know the hope of new life and God’s resurrection grace ‘that cannot be defeated’ and which is offered to each of us over and over again....”

Full transcript:

<https://uniting.church/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Easter-Message-2024-Transcript.pdf>

Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/920778971?share=copy>

PCUC Notices...

ALL WELCOME: *TENEBRAE* @ CENTENARY

On **Thursday 28 March at 7.00pm**, we'll be gathering at PCUC - Centenary, (Sorrell Street, Nth Parramatta) for a shared meal and Tenebrae observance. This is a combined PCUC event. Parking is available onsite and nearby, and no rsvps are required. Helpers will be needed, so if you're available, please contact Rev Geoff Smith.

LENT & EASTER @ PCUC

Tenebrae (Combined) – Thursday 28 March
Centenary, 7.00pm – inc. a shared meal. *All welcome.*

Good Friday – Friday 29 March

Leigh Fijian & Leigh Memorial Parramatta service: Combined, 10.00am
Northmead-Centenary and Westmead services: 9.00am

Easter Sunday – Sunday 31 March

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Northmead-Centenary and Westmead services: 9.30am

REPAIRS & PAINTING AT LEIGH MEMORIAL

Scaffolding will be set up inside Leigh Memorial just after Easter, ready for some important repair work and painting. The scaffolding will be in place for approx one month and will NOT impact regular church services or Open Church. NB: Some scaffolding will prevent access from the door at the rear of the church onto the courtyard for the duration of the work.

GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE

The Sydney Ceasefire Pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 6th April 2024 at 9am. Meet at St Leonard's station** and walk to Milsons Point then Circular Quay and conclude at St Mary's Cathedral. To register, please use the link:

<https://palestinianchristians.org.au/sydney-pilgrimage/>

THANK YOU & FAREWELL REV VLADIMIR

Parramatta Mission & PCUC, Sept. 2020 – March 2024



Prayer for Vladimir



Dear God, Creator and Sustainer of all that IS, we raise our hearts in gratitude to you for the faithful service of our brother and friend Reverend Vladimir, here at PCUC over the past few years. We thank You for the presence of Christ which he has brought into our lives in a time of great change. We ask your blessings upon him, and his family, as he leaves us and takes on a new role at Epping Uniting. Amen.



Invitation to
THE INDUCTION SERVICE FOR



*Rev Dr Helen
Richmond
and
Rev Tuima
Waganibaravi*



AS MINISTERS WITH PARRAMATTA
COMMUNITY UNITING CHURCH (PCUC)

and
COMMISSIONING OF
Sunhee Song
AS PCUC FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY WORKER



2:00 pm
SUNDAY
7th
APRIL

CENTRE FOR MINISTRY
16 MASONS DRIVE,
NORTH PARRAMATTA

FOLLOWED BY A LIGHT AFTERNOON TEA

KEY DATES, NEXT 2 WEEKS:

- 1) **Induction** of Rev Dr Helen and Rev Tui & Commissioning of Sunny: **2pm, 7 April**, Centre for Ministry, Masons Drive, Nth. Parramatta;
- 2) **Speaker:** Mercy Aitkin – ‘Yet in the Dark Streets Shining’ – Banksia Hall, 2 Lane St; Wentworthville, **5pm, 7 April**;
- 3) **PCUC Worship Team** meeting, **9 – 9.45am, 13 April @ Centenary**;
- 4) **PCUC Congregation Leadership Team (CLT)** meeting, **10 – Midday, 13 April @ Centenary**.

HAMBLEDON COTTAGE – 200 YEARS!

(Invitation from the Parramatta & District Historical Society)

Hambledon Cottage (Hassall St; Parramatta) will be celebrating its Bicentenary via various events this April. As a start, this significant heritage site (once owned by pioneers John and Elizabeth Macarthur), will be holding a ‘**Community Day**’ **from 10am on Saturday 13 April**, inc. family activities, traditional craft displays, stalls, entertainment, and a free house tour & exhibit.

www.hambledoncottageuseum.org.au/events

KIDS CAMP OUT 2024

Wedderburn – 12 – 14 April

All the best to the Leigh Fijian community’s children, young adults, leaders and families who will be attending KCO this year. Have fun! Enquiries:

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/calendar/kids-camp-out-2024/>

ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

The PCUC Heritage Committee will be conducting a short ANZAC commemoration, inc. wreath-laying and & prayers for peace, at Leigh Memorial during Open Church at **1pm on Wednesday 24 April**. *All welcome*.

NEXT PCUC GARDEN WORKING BEE

The next Garden Working Bee at Centenary Church will be held on **Saturday 27 April from 7.00am**. We are making great progress and have started to do some planting. Brunch will be provided. *All welcome*. Enquiries: Susan.

EASTER PRAYER POINTS

(Supplied by the Westmead community)



Lord, as we gather in prayer this Easter, we remind ourselves of the daily blessings you bestow on us although calamity and devastation exists in so much of our World.

We pray for those in the congregation who are unwell, or undergoing medical treatment. We acknowledge and pray that by the power of Your Holy Spirit, healing and restoration of health may occur. Give strength and your peace that passes all understanding, to their families during this trying time. From no. 28 – we uphold in prayer carer George's wife and house supervisor Mere's granddaughter, Lela.

We pray for peace with justice in the many situations of conflict around the world - particularly between Israel/Palestine and Russia/Ukraine. We remember the parents of the kidnapped children in Nigeria and the families of those lost in the recent terror attack in a theatre in Russia. For Sudan and other parts of the world in the grip of famine – we ask Your divine help in bringing aid and peace to these regions. We pray for the situations of injustice within our own country, particularly our First Nations Peoples.

For the many that are suffering with the cost of living, for those that have abandoned education, health support and have left homes they can no longer afford - Lord we ask Your hand to be on these and for our leaders to be guided in decision making. We bring to You the homeless and the destitute; those that have no steady jobs, those that are marginalised, those that suffer loneliness, homelessness, those that grieve, suffer anxiety or conditions hidden to our human eye - we ask that Your healing hand, love, and guidance, be upon these.

We pray for the Parramatta Community Uniting Church, that we be led by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, we ask these prayers in Jesus's Holy name. *Amen.*

WESTMEAD BUS TRIP Thursday 21 March



Last week, the Westmead worship community went on an exciting adventure – a ‘Mystery Bus Trip’ with Rev Geoff Smith at the helm and a special itinerary! Everyone had a great time and the journey ended up taking the group to a Bakehouse in Wahroonga for morning tea, the Sphinx Memorial to fallen soldiers in the Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park – and then on to beautiful Bobbin Head in Turrumurra and the Bobbin Inn Café for lunch.

EREMOS – April Workshops.....

Introducing the Intensive Journal® workshop Online (Sunday 14 April, 2 – 5pm, AEST) + Life Context (Part 1) Intensive Journal® workshop (Led by Kate Scholl & offered by Eremos and St Andrew's Uniting Church, Glenbrook, Fri & Sat 19 – 20 April). To register and obtain more details, go to: eremos.org.au / events

Leigh Fijian News

Lotu ena macawa oqo:

- a) **Lotulevu 28 ni Maji**- Ena qaravi tiko na lotu ni "**Tenebrae**" e Centenary, ena 7:00pm eda sa sureti taucoko tiko kina na lewe ni vavakoso ena PCUC meda tiko kina.

b) **Vakaraubuka 29 ni Maji na lotu ni siga ni mate** - Eda na lotu cokovata kei ratou na vavakoso vakavavalagi Leigh memorial. Ena tekivu na lotu ena 10:00am

c) **Sigatabu 31 ni Maji sigatabu ni tu cake tale**- Eda na lotu cokovata tale kei ratou na vavakoso vakavavalagi Leigh memorial. Ena tekivu na lotu ena 10:00am
- Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 07 ni Epereli:** Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo na lotu vulavou. Ena veiqaravi tiko kina na pastoral team kei na soqosoqo ni tabagone.

Lesoni ni macawa oqo:

- a) **Vakaraubuka 29 ni Maji ni siga ni mate**- Aisea 52:13, 53:12 Same:22 Iperiu: 4:14-16, 5:7-9, 10:16-25 Joni:18:1-19

b) **Sigatabu 31 ni Maji sigatabu ni tucake tale** - Cakacaka 10:34-43 Same 118:1-2,14-24 1 Korinica 15:1-11 Joni 20:1-18

Aisea 25:6-9 Cakacaka 10:34-43 Marika 16:1

Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo 01 ni Epereli– 07 ni Epereli: Cakacaka 4:32-35 Same 133 1 Joni 1:1–2:2 Joni 20:19-31

Na bose ni vavakoso e dodonu e qaravi ena macawa mai oqo 06 ni Epereli sa toso kina macawa ka tarava nai 13 ni Epereli. Ena qaravi tiko ga ena coffee shop ni valelotu ena 4pm.

Ulutaga ni veinanumi ena Masu:

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 ko rawa ni qarava.

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.

Bula Feeding : Me nanumi tiko na nodratou veiqaravi na Bula Feeding.

FNC 2024: 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 oqo 2024 e Katoomba Conference Centre.

Leigh Fijian 2024 Palm Sunday



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