

Parramatta Community Uniting Church

Newsletter: *Sunday 7th April, 2024*



*Leigh Fijian Youth & Friends with Rev Tui – Easter Camp 2024
(PCUC Parramatta site).*



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 7th April

Saturday 6	9.00am	‘Walking Church’ in Parramatta Park
Sunday 7	9.30am	Worship Service – Northmead
	9.30am	Worship Service – Westmead
	9.30am	Worship Service – Leigh Memorial, Parramatta (Onsite + Zoom) Meeting ID: 519 908 9657
	11.15am	Worship Service - Leigh Fijian, Parramatta
	2.00pm	Induction service: Centre for Ministry
	Online	PCUC weekly online service: https://northmead.uca.org.au/
Tuesday 9	7.30pm	Meditation Group @ Centenary
Wednesday 10	1.00 – 2.00pm	Open Church @ Leigh Memorial
Saturday 13	9.00am	PCUC Worship Team meeting @ Centenary
	10.00am	PCUC Congregation Leaders Meeting @ Centenary
Sunday 14	9.30am	Worship Service – Northmead
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** Please note: our larger monthly calendar & newsletter will resume in May.

PCUC NOTICES....

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GAZA CEASEFIRE PILGRIMAGE * Note changed meeting point

The Sydney Ceasefire Pilgrimage will take place this **Saturday 6th April 2024**.
Meet at Crows Nest Uniting Church (122 Shirley Rd; Wollstonecraft) at 8.30am if you would like a t-shirt and 9.00 for prayers before departing.

Details about the walking route etc are available at the website:

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

Important message from Rev Helen:

“We will be walking around 10 km on Saturday morning. Please be aware of track work delays if coming by train. A big thank you to Owen (Northmead community/ Men’s Shed), for making the crosses for us to carry, and to the young people of Leigh Fijian for painting them. Feel free to call me if you need more information about anything to do with this event: 0439 257 575.”



Painted Crosses (decorated by the Leigh Fijian Youth) – will be carried at the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage Walk this Saturday.



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

MERCY AIKEN – BOOK TOUR

Please see [flyer below](#) – This contains further information about Mercy's impending Australian book tour, with talks due to take place in Sydney, Canberra, Adelaide & Melbourne between 7 and 21 April. Mercy's Sydney visit includes a gathering in Wentworthville this Sunday, 7 April, from 5.00pm. Members and friends are warmly encouraged to attend this special community event. Enquiries: Rev Helen.



With co-author Mercy Aiken

PALESTINE ISRAEL
ECUMENICAL NETWORK

**PIEN 2024
Speaker Tour**

Possibility of book purchase & signing at events.

Public Events

Sydney
Sun 7 April
@10.30am Church service
Auburn Salvation Army
166-170 South Parade, Auburn
(10am morning tea)
@5-6.30pm Church gathering
Banksia Hall, 2 Lane St,
Wentworthville
Register - <https://bitly.ws/3eWHR>
Mon 8 April @ 7-8.30pm
Leichhardt Uniting Church,
3 Wetherill St, Leichhardt

Canberra
Thur 11 April @ 6-7pm
ACCC, Chambers Pavilion
15 Blackall St Barton
Register - contact@pien.au
Fri 12 April @ 7-8.15pm
St Simon's Anglican Church
Georgina Cres, Kaleen

Adelaide
Sun 14 April @ 9.10pm
1079 Life FM, 107.9
Live on-air interview
(opportunity to ask questions)
Mon 15 April @ 7.30-9pm
Burnside City Uniting Church
384 Portrush Rd, Tusmore

Melbourne
Thur 18 April @ 6.30 - 7.45pm
Whitley College Public Lecture
Collins St Baptist Church,
174 Collins St, Melbourne

Sun 21 April
@10am Church service -
Bayside Church,
Q & A - Rev Tim Costello & Mercy
99-101 Argus St, Cheltenham
@5pm Church service -
NewHope Baptist
3 Springfield Rd, Blackburn Nth

Sponsored by the National Council of Churches in Australia, Glenburnie Program

KEY DATES, NEXT 2 WEEKS.....

- (1) **Induction** of Rev Dr Helen and Rev Tui & Commissioning of Sunhee: **2.00pm, Sunday 7 April**, Centre for Ministry, Masons Drive, Nth. Parramatta. **** Please bring a plate to share for Afternoon Tea ****



- (2) **Speaker:** Mercy Aitkin – ‘Yet in the Dark Streets Shining’ – Banksia Hall, 2 Lane St; Wentworthville, **5.00pm, Sunday 7 April**. See additional speaking dates listed in this week’s newsletter;
- (3) **PCUC Worship Team** meeting, **9 – 9.45am, Saturday 13 April @ Centenary**;
- (4) **PCUC Congregation Leadership Team (CLT)** meeting, **10 – Midday, Saturday 13 April @ Centenary**.

KIDS CAMP OUT 2024: Wedderburn – 12 – 14 April

All the best to the Leigh Fijian community’s children, young adults, leaders and families – and all those throughout the Presbytery – who will be attending KCO at Wedderburn this year. Have fun! Enquiries & registrations:

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

ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE & PRAYERS FOR PEACE

The PCUC Heritage Committee will be conducting a short ANZAC observance, inc. wreath-laying and & prayers for peace just prior to the next Open Church Communion Service at Leigh Memorial at **1.00pm on Wednesday 24 April**.

NEXT GARDEN WORKING BEE

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

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PRAYER POINTS

(adapted from a prayer by Chris Walker)

Caring God, we pray for those who are unwell, injured, financially challenged or living in a troubled relationship. Be with those who are impacted and may they know your guidance, comfort and abiding strength.

Be with our PCUC Ministers: Geoff, Helen and Tui, and our PCUC Community & Families Worker, Sunhee. Assist each in offering meaningful leadership at this time of change – and be with all the lay leaders and people of the various worshipping communities and those sustaining the various activities associated with our sites. We also thank you for Vladimir’s ministry with us, and ask that he may be strengthened by our friendship as leaves us to take on new challenges.

We pray for our world at this time, and especially for the dire situation in Gaza. May a ceasefire come, humanitarian aid flow, and the war come to an end. We also pray for the people of Ukraine as the war with Russia drags on with even greater suffering and loss of life. We further pray for those impacted by natural disasters, including the recent Taiwan earthquake.

Lord, we also pray for people who are suffering in different ways in our own country due to mental health issues, disadvantage and poverty. May our political and community leaders do more to provide services, and to bring about a fairer and more compassionate society.

These prayers we bring in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REV VLADIMIR'S FAREWELL LUNCH & COMMUNION SERVICE

Hosted by Open Church on behalf of PCUC, 27 March

** NB: There will be a further acknowledgement of Vladimir at the Induction
& Commissioning service at the CFM on Sunday 7 April **



PCUC – EASTER 2024



'Tenebrae' with Rev Geoff – Maundy Thursday @ Centenary.



Large, draped cross installed above the Leigh Memorial high pulpit by Leigh Fijian for this year's Easter services.

LEIGH FIJIAN NEWS

- 1) **Lotu ena macawa oqo 07 ni Epereli** : Na lotu ena macawa oqo na lotu vulavou. Ena vei qaravi tiko kina na pastoral team kei na soqosoqo ni tabagone.
- 2) **Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 14 ni Epereli**: Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo na vunau tiko kina ko Emosi Rogoimuri kei Sireli Tuiloma. Ena vei qaravi tiko kina na pastoral team kei na soqosoqo ni tabagone.
- 3) **Lesoni ni macawa oqo Epereli 01 - 07**: Cakacaka 4:32-35
Same 133 1 Joni 1:1–2:2 Joni 20:19-31
- 4) **Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo Epereli 08 – 14**: Cakacaka 3:12-19
Same 4 1 Joni 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
- 5) Na bose ni vavakoso ena qaravi tiko ena macawa mai oqo nai ka 13 ni Epereli. Ena qaravi tiko ga ena coffee shop ni valelotu ena 4pm.
- 6) Na vakavinavinaka levu ni lotu ki vei keda na lewe ni vavakoso ena noda vei qaravi vei ira na luveda ena nodra keba ni siganimata.
- 7) Na lotu cokovata ni PNP ena qaravi tiko mai na valenilotu mai St Mary ena macawa mai oqo ena 14 ni Epereli ena 3:30pm.
- 8) Sa gadrevi tiko na noda veitauriligataka vata na kena dau samaki vinaka ka da maroroya me savasava vinaka tu na hall, na coffee shop kei na car park ni valelotu ena veigauna ni da dau vakayagataka.

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 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 vei qaravi na Bula Feeding.

FNC 2024: Me nanumi na FNC ni tou na veiwaseitaka na vei qaravi 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 YOUTH EASTER CAMP, 2024

Report by Tupou Kamotu:

Easter camp was a good experience for me. I've learned so many things from each guest speaker and felt grateful to have each and every one of them take their time out of their day to come in. Our Easter camp was not only learning about the meaning of Easter but also learning the way we should treat our body as God's temple, having the opportunity to learn about the history of our church and having a *talanoa* as a 2nd Gen. Each guest speaker made the session fun by rewarding us for the correct answers, also playing trivia and giving us the opportunity to write and say our opinion freely without judgement. This was an enjoyable experience not only for the older youths but most importantly for our younger ones. It was also a good way for us to bond and grow closer together and also have a closer relationship with God.

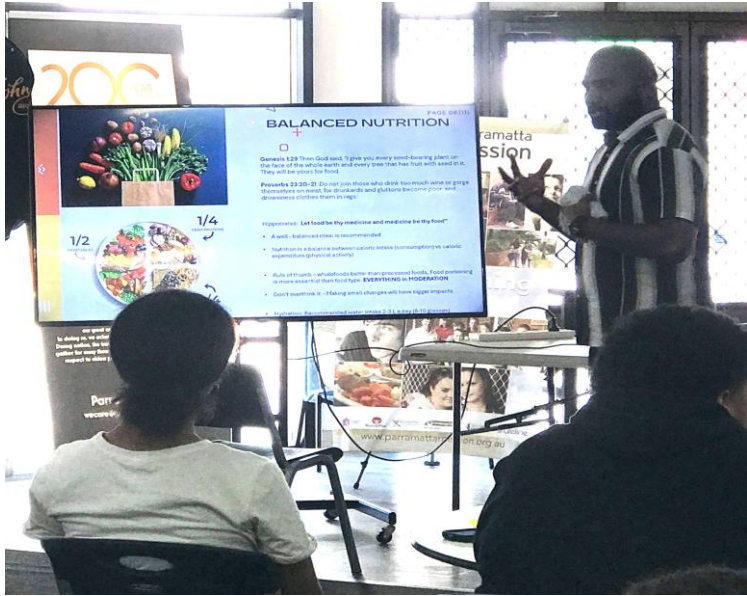




This photo of the group (above) shows when we did the 'Amazing Race' on Saturday and one of the tasks was to take a picture with something - or to do something - that represents First People. We did what we learnt from the recent 'Koori Walk' (ie. trying whistling grass that is used by indigenous kids when they are lost in the bush and need their parents to find them).



Painting crosses for the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage



Health & Nutrition session with Dr Emosi Koroï.



Church heritage session with Dr Liz @ Leigh Memorial.

A reminder of items that can be donated to the Mission



HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THOSE IN NEED



WITH PARRAMATTA MISSION

Our Goal is to supply care packs to individuals and families in need

You can help by making donations of the following:

FOOD ITEMS

- Baked beans
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tuna
- Instant noodles
- Energy bars
- Small tins of coffee
- Sugar
- Fruit cups / Tinned fruits
- Cereal
- Biscuits
- Pasta
- Pasta souce
- Rice
- Long life milk

TOILETRY ITEMS

Soap, Tissues (travel pack size), Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Small Shampoo, Small Conditioner, Body wash and Deodorants.

SOCKS AND JOCKS

New socks and underwear - All sizes and ages

www.parramattamission.org.au

We invite you to join us for a special event



RICH PERSON POOR PERSON

FUNDRAISING DINNER

FRIDAY
10TH MAY 2024
5.30PM – 9PM

119 MACQUARIE STREET
PARRAMATTA



This event is an opportunity for us all to put ourselves in the shoes of those experiencing homelessness and disadvantaged and to better understand the challenges they face.



TICKETS ARE LIMITED – PURCHASE YOURS NOW
WWW.PARRAMATTAMMISSION.ORG.AU/RPPP24



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