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5th June 2016

Parramatta Mission

*Congregational life @
Westmead & Parramatta*

&
*Hospitality, Community
and Mental Health
Services across Greater
Sydney and beyond*

*Our Vision
A Community
Transforming Lives*

*Our Values
Grace, Inclusion, Dignity,
Faith and Hope*

IT'S 'SUSTAINABLE SUNDAY' @ LEIGH!

Today, our 9.30am service will have an 'eco-theology' theme acknowledging **World Environment Day** - plus a **guest preacher: Rev. Richard Macguire**. Thanks to Richard and congregation members who are wearing green & have brought some plants, flowers & other home-grown items to decorate the church - plus our Sunday School children for their inspiring 'eco' art! **Let's all reduce, re-cycle & re-use!**



UNITING CHURCH STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The UCA's commitment to environmental issues arises from the Christian belief that God, as Creator of the universe, calls us into a special relationship with the creation - a relationship of mutuality and interdependence. We believe that God's will for the earth is renewal and reconciliation, not destruction by human beings. The UCA regards climate change as a serious threat to the future and integrity of life on earth and is particularly concerned with the fate of some of our most vulnerable Pacific neighbours, including Fiji and Tuvolu. Our partner churches in the Pacific have called on us and churches throughout the world to act in solidarity to reduce the causes of climate change by ratifying the Kyoto Protocol, reducing energy use and developing clean, renewable energy sources.

Source: <http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/environment/about>

COMMISSIONING: LEADERS' TEAM 2016

During the 9.30am service today, our Leigh Memorial Leaders' team will be commissioned. The team consists of **Bruce Bennetts** (Chairperson), **Samantha Vulawalu** (Correspondence Secretary), **Liz de Reland** (Minute Secretary), **Norma Weaver**, **Malcolm Dunbar**, **Fiona Bennetts**, **Moses Vedamuthu** & **Robyn Dunbar** plus LM Minister, Rev. Manas. Among other responsibilities, the Leaders' team are here to support and represent the LM congregation, forward ideas and projects for the benefit of the congregation, the Mission and our local community, and to support Parramatta Mission's strategic objectives. Thanks for everyone's support. Please note: As per the Presbytery notice in the 22/5/16 newsletter, William Mateo has completed a period of discernment and is now candidating as a Deacon in the UCA with Leigh Memorial as his supporting congregation.

TODAY - SAFE CHURCH REFRESHER WORKSHOP

In our Coffee Shop from 1.00 - 4.00pm today, there will be a 'Refresher' workshop for PM congregation members and others. Thank you to those who have registered for this important update of our 'Safe Church' qualifications and to everyone who has assisted in the organization of this afternoon's program/ afternoon tea, including Emma and Rohan from Uniting Mission & Education.

LEIGH CONGREGATION

What a wonderful lunch we had following the service last week. The service was a real celebration of some of the cultures we have within the congregation and William was so excited. It was truly remarkable to have people from Tonga, Fiji, Malaysia, England and Australia bringing us a Fijian dance. Rev Christine did say it was a bit tricky to do wearing a Sari and a Sulu for the dance! (Photos page 8)

And the food was truly wonderful. So many thanks go to the people who brought the food, and the team of people in the kitchen, heating food and washing up and offering the hospitality we seek to give to all whom we meet.

We have a short bus trip planned for Fellowship meeting on Tuesday 7th June. We will leave the church at 1.30pm and be back for afternoon tea around 3.00pm. We are sure this will be an enjoyable outing for the members of the fellowship as we get to see some more of the activities of Parramatta Mission. The Case Worker at Hope Hostel and Belinda at Wesley Apartments are looking forward to showing us around.

We encourage all who come to worship with us, whether you are part of another community or are new to the area to sign the welcome book which is on the table in the foyer area. This book enables Rev Christine and the elders to provide some follow-up support and connection with you so contact details can be very helpful.

We would also like to stop and say a special thankyou to the Carers who come each week bringing the different members of the congregation to worship. We really appreciate your willingness to come and be with us- and we trust that you know we are glad you are with us as well.

During the last couple of weeks rev Christine has been journeying with a family from Wesley Apartments. Like all people they have received a welcome pack. They have been given bread and a pumpkin and we hope to provide all of the families with a meal soon. Brad and Jade would like us to continue to pray for them and their daughters Poppy and Coco. Coco will be in the Children's hospital for a number of months and in the first week of her life she has already had 3 operations. Their story is not unusual but it is wonderful to be able to support them and they wanted to pass on their thanks to us all.

DEEPENING FAITH:

Bible study Mondays at 2.00pm

LIVING OUT OUR FAITH:

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.00-1.30pm.

Open Door- Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am cost \$10 each week.

네 번째 성령강림 주일 4th Pentecost of Sunday 주일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5장 통 3장 이 천지간 만물들아

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed)다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns)

새19장 통44장 찬송하는 소리 있어
새 268장 통 193장 예수 십자가에 흘린 피로

기도 (Prayer) 다함께
주기도문송 새 635장 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 누가복음 7:11-17

말씀 (Preaching)- 전현구담임목사 울지마라!

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)
새543장 통342장 어려운 일 당할 때

나눔과 알립 (Announcement & Notices)

- 할렐루야 오늘 함께 예배드린 여러분에게 주님이 주시는 평안이 충만하시길 축복합니다
• 성령충만함으로 주께서 주신 사명 잘 감당하는 건강한 교회로 세워지길 기도합니다
• 한 영혼을 구원하는 전도에 자원하는 마음으로 열심히 동참합니다.
• 매일 성경으로 묵상하는 QT를 하고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
• 성령 강림주일 네번째 주일입니다. 결실의 가을에 주님의 풍성한 은혜가 넘치시길

폐회 찬송 (Final Hymn) 새502장 통 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서(1)

축도 (Benediction) 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후4:00

수요기도회 :오후 7시
사무엘상 23:1-14

새벽기도회 : 오전6시
사무엘상 21:1-25:17

Fijian Congregation

YURORA
 NCYC 2017 UNITING CULTURE
 8-12 JANUARY 2017

12/6 - Multicultural Worship: we'll be joined by NCYC Yurora Team. Hear what Yurora is all about... What plans have been put together thus far... and the opportunity to ask questions to the Yurora team.

Congregation website is in construction. Watch this space for more information.

Where's Wendy...

Next two Sunday's Wendy Morris will not be with us as she's presenting at St Marys and St Claire Uniting. Her Commissioning Service will be on **July 24th**.

Vei ka e so...

- Friday 10/6 - Leaders Meeting
- **Heritage Sunday 19/6, 10am** - Eda na Lotu cokovata kei ira na vavalagi ka na cereki na vatu ni vakananumi nei Rev. Gloster Udy

	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau
12-Jun	Bradon French		S. Toa	Youth	
19-Jun	Heritage Sunday, 10am (Lotu Cokovata)				
26-Jun	Fiji Parish	A. Vocea	N. Balavu	M.3	M.3

Psalm 146

1 Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

3 Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

4 When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

5 Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

9 The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

(NRSV Translation)

Reflection

On Wednesday 13 year 8 students and their teacher from The Australian International Academy – Strathfield Campus, visited PM. They had taken up a collection and were delivering it to assist people through Meals Plus, Hope Hostel, Kelly's, TBC, Wesley Apartments, Youth services and Community Housing. The group came into the church and heard about the people who come to pray. Some are Hindu, or Jew, or Christian, others of no particular faith seeking somewhere to meditate. They heard about our annual interfaith peace service, as well as interfaith work with Muslims. Later they toured Meals Plus and visited the dining room where we hosted a group of Muslims for prayer, until they gained a mosque in Parramatta. The girls presented their gifts, and I asked them about the verses in the Koran that inspire them. They spoke of the verses that encourage Muslims to do good deeds for others.

The Meals Plus lunch the same day was sponsored by the Catholic Order of Sisters of Mercy, who have been in Parramatta since 1836. They also presented a cheque for \$10,000 for the work of Meals Plus, and spoke of their delight in working with Parramatta Mission of the Uniting Church, and the important role the UCA has in bringing people together. With everything prepared, the sisters served the meal in the hall. Two Muslim sisters who regularly volunteer in Meals Plus also assisted. The sight of the Sisters of Mercy, with a Muslim woman at either end of the table in the PM UCA Fellowship Hall serving meals to people who would otherwise go without seemed right.

I visited headspace at Penrith this week and heard about our work with young people aged 12-25. I heard about an innovative animal program for young people experiencing a range of life stressors including homelessness, trauma, anxiety, depression and psychosis. The manager, Daniel wrote:

In partnership with TAFE WSI and the RSPCA, we have taught young people about animal behaviour and how to support animals with mental illness and as a consequence they have learned more about their own experiences. Young People have learned that parrots in captivity can self-harm when distressed, that dogs and cats and horses can experience anxiety and depression and that many animals have difficult life histories.

In the past few weeks, young people have read aloud to anxious dogs, they have built enrichment devices for self-harming parrots and most recently developed trust with horses. It was inspiring to see a number of participants develop trust in themselves and in the horses to perform a range of gymnastics on the back of a moving horse. To see them standing upright with an expression of pride and accomplishment in themselves and respect for their animal was breathtaking. The relationships that these young people have built with the animals and with each other have led to a growth in confidence for many in the group.

There is research evidence that human interaction with animals, the presence of animals and/or pet ownership can have a positive impact on physical health, such as lowering the heart rate and blood pressure or buffering against minor ailments (such as headaches). There is also evidence that human interaction with animals can have a positive impact on mental health, with research demonstrating the anxiety-reducing effects of animal petting, as well as the presence of dogs in alleviating distress in children. Such evidence underlies the utilisation of animals in a therapeutic setting.

The pilot program is facilitated by Daniel, Charlotte and Patrick at headspace Penrith and will end on the 22nd June with young people being taught animal massage and how to train dogs to enter water environments.

The Psalmist believed that when we do these sorts of works we are doing the works of God working through people.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



WESTMEAD
CONGREGATION
INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY



CASTLEREAGH CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTRE
CASTLEREAGH UNITING CHURCH
297-305 Old Castlereagh Road Castlereagh



You are cordially invited to join us for our
SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP



On

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2016 @2.30PM

Following the service a brief Testimonial Service for the late Enid Kerr will be held at
the Columbarium

This will be followed by a Fellowship Afternoon tea
in the Dining Hall

Please RSVP by 17th June 2016 to assist with catering
Phone 47 290012 or **Email: academyaccom@bigpond.com**



COUPLES & FRIENDS NEWS



Our next meeting will be on Monday 6th June, 7.30pm in the Fellowship Centre. We will be having a "Mystery Night with Don Haddon". All are welcome to join us in a night of mystery, fun and fellowship followed by a delicious supper.

Last Friday, 11 members had an enjoyable day travelling the light rail to Dulwich Hill then on the return journey to Central alighted at the Fish Markets for a tasty meal of freshly cooked fish and chips. Again, a delightful day of fellowship was shared by all who were able to come.



SPOW

Sunday 5th June

Merrylands Bowling Club

Come along to share a meal and friendship after church

All Welcome



Thank you
Sisters of
Mercy
Parramatta
for your very
generous
pledge of
\$30,000.00
over three
years.

The healing order of JACOB'S WELL (Aust) presents

Christ the Healer

A DIFFERENT WAY TO PRAY

EVENT LEADERS - JACOB'S WELL (UK)



DR. GERALDINE ELLIOT-SMITH

Wells Elder, Retired GP, Trustee and leader of 'In His Footsteps' courses and mentors future Elders.



REV. PAM GORDON

Ordained Anglican Minister, Sub-Prior of The Order of Jacob's Well and Elder responsible for running prayer communities.

WHERE: St Stephen's Uniting Church, 197 Macquarie Street Sydney

WHEN: FRIDAY 1 JULY - 7.30-9.30pm: Christ the Healer in the Cross and The Kingdom

SATURDAY 2 JULY - 9am-5pm: Teaching the Cross and Kingdom Walking Pts 1&2

SUNDAY 3 JULY - 7pm: Christ the Healer, Service of Worship (FREE)

(\$20 for Friday Night, \$30 for Saturday, \$40 for both)

HOW TO PAY: Direct payment to The of Jacob's Well (Aust.) BSB: 105010 ACC: 120325440, please provide name, state and contact details via email to general@au-jacobswell.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER GO TO 'THE EVENTS' PAGE AT WWW.AU-JACOBSWELL.ORG

Parramatta Mission projects supported in the Uniting Church

Please pray for:

Living as a multicultural church.

Ministry with people in prison.

Ministry with hospital patients living with a mental illness.

Hospital chaplaincy with patients, staff & families.

Pastoral message for this week....

God is the thread that stitches life together.

A meeting of the three PM congregations will be held on Sunday 26 May, 2-4:30 pm at Wesley Lodge Westmead. The purpose is to review the Strategic Directions of Parramatta Mission, and decide on a number of proposals regarding the Westmead Mission Worker role, University Chaplaincy in Parramatta and Westmead, reactivation of the Leigh Coffee Shop, and how these decisions might affect ministry at both centres.

Prayer Points

Our Congregations are committed to praying for our Congregations, Staff and the People we walk with in their journey of recovery:

- ♥ *Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland*
- ♥ For the worship, witness and service of: North Rocks Community UC
Give thanks for North Rocks' significant youth ministry and their future mission plans in their region. Pray for the upcoming Life and Witness, and Extension Consultations in the Congregation and with Phil Swain.
- ♥ Mt Hope Uniting Church Orchard Hills
- ♥ UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.
- ♥ PM Leigh Fijian: : "For the families and friends affected by Cyclone Winston, "Wendy Morris as she prepares for volunteer placement in Suva with the Methodist Church in Fiji and UnitingWorld's Pacific Region office. Kula Diqoliwasa, Niko Balavu. For the congregation, continuing the process of calling a new minister."
- ♥ PM Leigh Memorial: Ken Tanswell in Norwest Hospital and Nell, Willamena, Manas & Nita, Col Gray.
- ♥ PM Westmead: Robyne, Deidre and husband, Robyn and Greg, Jean, Rajes (Sandra), Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, , Mrs R, Olivia, Ruth, baby James and family, Michelle and family, Don, Caroline A, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Spencer and family, Scott and family and Paul and Eileen, Mr and Mrs B and family, E and his family, Sheila W, Jane and Brad and baby Coco, D and his family.
- ♥ PM UnitingHospitality; UnitingHope; UnitingRecovery; For all who walk with people on difficult journeys of life. For hope, patience and enduring compassion.
- ♥ Prayers of encouragement for people around the world working for peace and reconciliation.
- ♥ Prayers for staff preparing the budget.

Foster your faith this week as you read:

Acts 2:1-21

Ps 104:24-34,35b

Rom 8:14-17

Jn 14:8-17

Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri	9.00am - 2.00pm	Open Church @ Leigh Memorial
Tuesday	1.10pm	Holy Communion @ Leigh
Sunday	9.30am	Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh
	9.45am	Westmead Congregation @ Westmead
	11.15am	Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh
	1.30pm	Korean Faith Community @ Leigh
	7.00pm	Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh

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