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*OUR NEWS for 25th June 2017*

# UNITY IN



# DIVERSITY

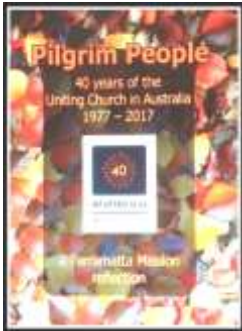
*Congregational life @  
Westmead & Parramatta,  
Hospitality, Community and  
Mental Health Services across  
Greater Sydney and beyond*

*Our Vision*

*A Community Transforming Lives  
Our Values, Grace, Inclusion, Dignity,  
Faith and Hope*

**THANK YOU - UCA 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - Many thanks to everyone who contributed in ways big and small to making last Sunday's celebration so special. The Luncheon included over 100 attendees from all of the PM congregations & the Cumberland Zone - plus lovely food and interesting speakers. Many thanks to Donna Kelly for her co-ordination of the Luncheon and to the impromptu team of congregation helpers who pitched in to lend a hand with set-up, service and clean-up. Your efforts were truly generous & valued by all.

**PILGRIM PEOPLE - our PM book, *Pilgrim People: 40 years of the Uniting Church in Australia, 1977-2017 - A Parramatta Mission Reflection***, had a bumper start - selling nearly 100 copies on its first day of release! Thanks everyone! The book will be available for sale again today for \$10 per copy.



Pilgrim People book



Combined Leigh Fijian & Leigh Memorial kids' anniversary artworks

**WOMEN'S 'INSPIRE' AFTERNOON - 40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT:** Yesterday was our dedicated event for the women of PM, held at Leigh Memorial. Guest presenter was Carolyn Craig-Emilsen. Her topic: "Caring for our Spiritual Self" proved very meaningful on an afternoon which also included time to just relax and chat. Many thanks to Carolyn, our co-ordinators Liz and Samantha, Robyn who led a symbolic creative activity, Rev. Christine who provided a meditation, and the hard working Key family/ extra kitchen helpers - and all those who kindly contributed to our afternoon tea. Those attending also jointly created an inspiring women's artwork which is now on display in Leigh Memorial, and will soon travel to Westmead.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH REMINDER:** After today, our kids & teachers will be on a break for 3 Sundays during the school holiday period. Classes will resume on Sunday 23 July. Blessings to all.

LEIGH



Pilgrim people celebrating 40th anniversary of UCA

## NAI TABE ESO

- Totoka na vakawilika nai vola ni yabaki 40 ni Lotu. Taura e dua na nomu i lavelave \$10 e dua
- Vakavinavinaka levu ni sa rawa vinaka na matai ni BBQ. Vinaka vakalevu na na cau vakailavo, kakana kei na veivuke kece. Rawa e **\$1,388.92**.
- **Vuli Sere. Kerei me nanumi me da totolo mai ena 10.30am ena mataka ni Siga Tabu**, me mai vakabobotaki na sere. Me nanumi tiko na lawa ni carpark i tai, ke vakayagataki ni oti na 12 na kaloko.
- **Veisiko.** Vakauqeti me da kalawa ka veisiko vakamatamasumasu. Vinaka vakalevu na veisiko sa vakayacori tiko

## FIJIAN

DATE	VUNAU	VUNAU LESI	VUNAU VAKARAU	TU-VAKARAU VEILI-UTAKI	TALI VUNAU	COMMUNION STEWARDS
2 Jul	Rev. Keith Hamilton Vulavou/Vakayakavi ni Turaga		S.Toa	M2		Akisi Allison Vili Kamotu
9 Jul	I. Foiakau		A.Allison	Youth		
16 Jul	Rooty Hill	S.Toa	J.Foiakau	M3	M1	
23 Jul	J.Foiakau		S.Qata	M1		
30 Jul	Fiji Parish	S.Qata	A.Voceca	M2	M2	

**THANKYOU** - a special thank you to Akosita who is preaching today. Akosita comes from the Auburn Parish and is completing her training as a Lay preacher in the Uniting Church. We are glad to have you here and thank you for what you bring to us.

Thank you to Lena, our student minister, who will lead the service next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This is not only helpful for Lena but Rev Christine will have the weekend off so she can spend a weekend with Scott at Muswellbrook. We look forward to hearing more from Lena.

Thankyou also to the members of Carlingford Uniting who presented some beautiful quilts they had made for the Wesley Apartments. Belinda, Rev Christine and Nicole were able to speak and tell a little of the work being done in the apartments and the support from the Westmead Congregation and the wider work of Parramatta Mission.

### **DONATIONS FOR MEALS PLUS**

During June we will be collecting food for Meals Plus. Canned food, rice, potatoes, pumpkin and packet food are all welcome. If you are unable to make a food donation and wish to give a money contribution then please see Rev Christine. Today is the final day for collection. These gifts of food and money are appreciated greatly.

### **40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF UNITING CHURCH**

What a wonderful day with worship and then the luncheon at the centre for Ministry. We were pleased to have a good number go from Westmead and to have nice food, good conversation and to hear a small talk from Fil Kamotu and Rev Danielle Hemsworth-Smith.

### **CARPET BOWLS AT OPEN DOOR**

We had so much fun at carpet bowls with a special thanks to Sue and Ian. It is good to have people from the different places come and join us for the bowls.

### **FELLOWSHIP**

Pastor Trish Rooney will be coming to the fellowship meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> June. All are welcome to attend the meeting to hear something of Trish's role as Chaplain at Westmead.

### **PRAYER**

Westmead has a Prayer Chain with people who have a commitment to pray. If you would like a prayer request then please fill the slip in and place it in the box on the foyer table or hand it to one of the elders.

### **UPDATE RE BUILDING AND ROADWORKS**

Thank you for your patience as different sections are blocked off for painting and other changes. The car parking will continue be disrupted until all of the work has been finished. The play ground is coming along and will soon have fences and soft fall in place.

WESTMEAD

**DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship**

**Sundays 9.45am**

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July Trish Rooney speaking about being a chaplain at Westmead

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am

Wesley Apartments where some of the women (and men) from Carlingford brought some quilts for the residents of the apartments.



## Psalm 86

Supplication for Help against Enemies  
A Prayer of David.

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.
- You are my God; 3 be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.
- 7 In the day of my trouble I call on you,  
for you will answer me.
- 8 There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,  
nor are there any works like yours.
- 9 All the nations you have made shall come  
and bow down before you, O Lord,  
and shall glorify your name.
- 10 For you are great and do wondrous things;  
you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me;  
give your strength to your servant;  
save the child of your serving-maid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favour,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,  
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me. (NRSV)

### Reflections

The Psalm of David was written many yesterdays ago, yet still speaks to the human condition today and tomorrow. It expresses the faith of the Psalmist in a God involved in creation. It does not seek magical change to escape difficulties, but comfort and strength in difficult times.



1: A scene from the Sydney Prayer Breakfast, held last Friday week. The speaker was Robyn Hobbs, who founded the Carols in the Domain. She spoke about being a place manager: someone who makes things better at home, at work and in the street, and that this can be an action of gratitude to the God with us.

When hearing the siren of an ambulance, pray for the people affected. When seeing someone lost in the city, stop and help.



**2:** There are 28 IFTARs happening in Sydney making the breaking of the fast of Ramadam. IFTAR is a dinner of peace between Muslims and others. Julie and I were privileged to attend this one at West Hoxton last Sunday night. Our hosts, Mr Namik and Dr Mujgan Berber, are at either end of the group.

**3:** An evening at home was an idea of Karen Burns to bring together clients and consumers, staff and potential corporate supporters, over a meal with fine food. Last Monday night it happened. It worked. The ensuing interaction develops community, and greater understanding. Rockpool provided the food. The Sydney Street Choir and the Hills Harmony Chorus men's singing group provided entertainment. A great event. My thanks to Karen and all the staff, supporters and volunteers and all who attended on the night to make it happen.

**4:** The greeting line at Leigh Memorial last Sunday after the UCA 40 anniversary service. Our three congregations at both Westmead and Leigh held special services, then joined other members of the UCA from the Cumberland Zone (local district) for a lunch at the Centre For Ministry.

**5:** Nineteen of us from PM undertook the latest ASIST two day program. ASIST – Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, that teaches people how to best read the signs and hints that a person is thinking of suicide and apply suicide intervention. It follows on from the two day Mental Health First Aid training. Both courses are run by Parramatta Mission. Given that every day 28 Australians attempt suicide, and every year a staggering 3,000 - 7 every day - complete suicide, it is worthwhile all of us doing the training. We were very ably led by Erin and Amy. Thank you both.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

성령강림절 제4주(Pentecost Sunday) 2017년06월18일 오후 1시 30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 2장** **동 6장** 찬양 성부 성자 성령 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) ..... 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

**새 31 장** **동 46 장** 찬송하라 복되신 구세주 예수

**새 380 장** **동 424 장** 나의 생명 되신 주

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **누가복음 17:1-10**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **참 믿음이란?**

봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

**새 542 장** **동 340 장** 구주 예수 의지함

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 겨울철 건강과 마음의 평강을 위해 함께 기도합니다
2. 매일 성경 말씀 묵상으로 주님과 친밀한 교제의 시간을 누리며 승리하시기 바랍니다
3. 기도제목: 전도와 선교에 앞장서는 하나님의 자녀로 살아갑시다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn) **새502장** **동 259장** 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부  
오후4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시  
왕상22:15-28

새벽기도회 : 오전 5시  
왕상21:11~갈라디아서1:10





# Rise In Hidden Homeless Hits

## Service helps those going through tough times

### Melissa Yeo

HOMELESSNESS conjures up images of soup kitchens and sleeping rough but according to western Sydney service providers, there is a growing number of “invisible homeless” doing it just as tough.

Statistics from Western Sydney Homeless Connect suggest only six per cent of people experiencing homelessness are rough sleepers – most are sleeping on couches, in cars, or in overcrowded housing.

Former rough sleeper, 63-year-old James Platter knows just how easy it can be to fall on hard times – he lived week-to-week until the bills became too much.

“There came a point where I just didn’t have the money for rent. I tried everywhere to borrow, but I couldn’t find the money,” Mr Platter said.

“Then came the electricity bill – things just kept adding up.”

The worst was six years ago when, faced with no other options, Mr Platter

took refuge at Parramatta Park.

“I slept right through the winter on the concrete of a small shelter, just to keep the rain off,” he said.

“I had just a sleeping bag and some warm clothes, and was surprised to learn that there even are mosquitoes in the middle of winter.”

Providing just a touch of warmth, Parramatta Mission became his port of call for meals and services, but mostly just for conversation.

Since Mr Platter first visited the centre eight years ago, case worker Paul Mousa has built a strong relationship with him, and was pivotal in assisting him to secure a more permanent roof over his head.

“We just want to walk alongside our clients and assist where we can,” Mr Mousa said.

“The driving force is always the client. We just want to assist them to make their lives better, whether that’s a chat, helping to fill out forms, or just to provide a cup of coffee.”

But not everyone in the

community is as accommodating as Parramatta Mission – Mr Platter voiced his frustration on his feelings of being invisible to the community.

“There is a distinct shortage of accommodation options. Parramatta really has become the only place to go in western Sydney,” he said.

“Many on the street have nowhere to call home and because of this, they can’t make their voice heard.”

Western Sydney Homeless Connect runs an annual event each August, in conjunction with Parramatta Council, to focus on the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless across the west.

The event provides free hot meals, health checks, haircuts, and access to other frontline support services including housing, legal, employment, training, and government services.

Since its inception in 2013, the event attracts about 1500 people in need and 50 organisations attend.

• To donate or volunteer, visit [wshc.com.au](http://wshc.com.au).



## *A Service of Thanksgiving*

For the Ministry of Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson (Associate Professor), Member of Faculty and former Principal of United Theological College

Please join the Moderator and members of Synod as they celebrate the ministry of Rev. Dr. Clive Pearson (Associate Professor) at a special service of thanksgiving.

**Date and Time:**

Saturday 5 August 2017 at 1pm

**Venue:**

St Andrew's Chapel, Centre for Ministry  
16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta

**RSVP:**

suew@nswact.uca.org.au or 8267 4382

*Light refreshments will be served following the service.*

### ***Foster your faith this week***

***Gn 22:1-14***  
***Rom 6:12-23***

***Ps 13***  
***Mt 10:40-42***

*Pastoral message for this week....*

#### **UCA 40**

**40 years of worship, witness and service to the living God in our midst  
Unity in the midst of diversity**

# Prayer Points

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

*We pray for:*

- ♥ UCA 40.
- ♥ *For the inSpiring the Common Good redevelopment on Macquarie St Parramatta.*
- ♥ *UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary – calling a new minister, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.*
- ♥ *For the worship, witness and service of Liverpool Uniting Church – Multi Centre. Pray once again that God will lead the congregations of this Presbytery in mission that crosses cultural and ethnic borders. Praise God for Rev Solo Tafokitau ministry in prayer and his missional leadership.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Fil Kamotu, Ofa Foiakau, Samu Sadrata, Qata Family; Congregation seeking ministerial placement.*
- ♥ *PM Leigh Memorial: Col, Betty, Willamena, Nell.*
- ♥ *PM Westmead: Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia and family, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, Caroline and David A, Mr and Mrs B and family, Col, Al, Jan and her family, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Lee and her family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Mr and Mrs T, Edward, Bonnie and Zarah, Lyn and Beth, Lena, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela.*
- ♥ *PM Uniting Hospitality; Uniting Hope; Uniting Recovery; Uniting Housing; support services of Finance – IT and Payroll, People and Culture, Property, Housing and Maintenance, Fundraising and Marketing, Reception; For all who walk with people on difficult journeys of life. For new members of our congregations, staff, volunteers, new clients and consumers, residents and guests. For staff with family members in hospital.*
- ♥ *We join with churches around the world to pray for Bolivia, Chile, Peru*

# Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

**Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm**

**Tuesday 1.10pm**

**Sunday 9.30am**

**9.45am**

**11.15am**

**1.30pm**

**7.00pm**



**Open Church @ Leigh Memorial**

**Holy Communion @ Leigh**

**Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh**

**Westmead Congregation @ Westmead**

**Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh**

**Korean Faith Community @ Leigh**

**Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh**

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