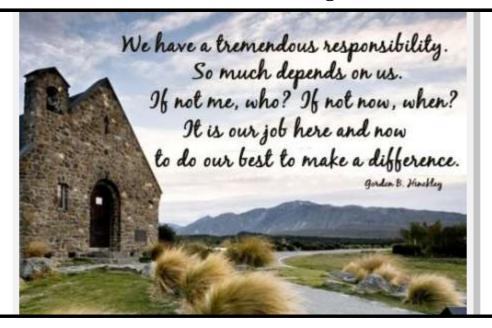


# OUR NEWS for 27th August 2017



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

**KEEP THE DATE: PEACE SERVICE** - This year's International Day of Peace Inter-faith Prayer Service will take place on Thursday 21 September in the Fellowship Hall @ 2.00pm. As a coming together of many faiths and cultures, this event is a great opportunity to share a spirit of generous inclusiveness with a wide variety of people from across the metropolitan area. All welcome! More details coming soon.

**NEXT SUNDAY: FATHERS' DAY MORNING TEA -** In addition to honouring our Dads and Grandfathers during next week's morning service and thanking God for their wonderful love and support, the Sunday School will also be providing a delicious morning tea to give the Dads some REALLY BIG TREATS. All welcome!

**LOOK AT THE VIEW!** - Below is a photo by Beverly, depicting the view from the top of the Peter Shergold building, Western Sydney University - looking across to Leigh Memorial. Our city is certainly changing....see the contrast with a black & white aerial photo of Civic Place taken in c. 1964. Three buildings in the second photo (situated around us) have now been demolished to make way for Parramatta Square.





LEIGH Congregation

**TOILETRIES DRIVE -** Thanks very much to everyone who has generously contributed toiletries items so far. Today is the final opportunity to deliver items for the August drive. Enquiries: Liz & Mario.

**NEW! WOMEN'S DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY GROUP** - If anyone is interested in forming/joining a Leigh Memorial women's bible study group (possibly on a Friday morning) - please see Samantha.

**'GREEN SUNDAY'** - Our combined, multicultural service with the Fijian Congregation is not too far away: Sunday, 10 September @ 10.00am, followed by Morning Tea/Brunch in the coffee shop. Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Sef Carroll. Everyone is kindly requested to bring along a plate of food to share.

**FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN** - Keep saving coins for this important, ecumenical fundraising project, and please see Margie if you'd like a little bag to collect your money. Contributions will be ingathered during World Community Day at the Salvation Army, Parramatta on Wednesday, 25 October @ 10.00am.

**ROSTERS** - *Every little bit helps!* Please speak with the following co-ordinators: **Stewards/welcomers** (Robert); **Worship** (Malcolm); **Events** (Manas/ Leaders' team); **Morning Tea** (Helen); **Library** (Neil); **Nursing Home** (Bruce S.); **PA/Tech** (Stuart)

### FIJIAN

- <u>Friday 1st September, 7.00pm</u> Connect & Shake groups meet @ the Coffee Shop. *Invite your friends!*
- Lewe 5 na mata ni NSW e lako kina *CALD and 2nd Gen Conference* e Adelaide ena macawa qo 25-27 Aug. Rua na nodatou gone e rau sureti me rau mata, o Ofa Foiakau kei Samu Sadrata.
- Vuli Sere : 10.30am na mataka ni Siga Tabu ena MealsPlus
- Siga Tabu ni Tama 3 ni Sepiteba
- GREEN SUNDAY Combine Service with Leigh on **10th September**. Rev. Dr Seforosa Caroll to speak on climate change/eco-theology







Eda matalau nai talanoa kei natukutuku vinaka e wasei ena nona veitalai na Tamada ki na bula nei Kali Selei. Cakacaka tiko na Kalou ena nona bula na turaga Yakete, Ba. 'Sharing the struggles and dark days he has come through he encourages young people to seek God and know that God is with vou'

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27-Aug	Fiji Parish	A.Vocea	I.Foiakau	M2	M3			
3-Sep	Rev Keith Hamilton	Siga Tabu ni Tama						
10-Sep	Gre	Green Sunday. Lotu Cokovata kei Leigh 10.00am Rev Dr Seforosa Caroll						
17-Sep	I.Foiakau		V.Kamotu	M3				
24-Sep	Fiji Parish	V.Kamotu	J.Foiakau	M1	M1			

#### **COMPLETION OF PLAYGROUND**

How exciting to see the Playground finished and almost ready for use! We will have a range of processes needing to be prepared for us to get ready for starting Play groups. As Rev Christine will be absent for 3 weeks in October/early November it is likely that the Play groups might start at the beginning of 2018.

### JOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEES (JNCs)

Please pray for 2 groups who are in the process of recruiting for 2 key positions. Firstly, the PM University Chaplain who will be based initially at Parramatta then will include the Westmead campus when it is redeveloped. Secondly, the Chaplain at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. Applications have closed for this role and we are hoping to move to interview soon. Both of these roles interact with us as a Congregation and the ministry we offer here at Westmead. Please pray for God's Spirit to help us discern the right people.

WESTMEAD Congregation

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Rev Keith will be preaching on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at Westmead. He will be here on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Fil Kamotu will preach on the 1<sup>st</sup> October as Rev Keith and Rev Christine will be at the Synod meeting.

#### **FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP**

As the Panorama at Glenbrook is still being repaired and a completion date is not known the bus trip to Glenbrook is postponed until 2018. We are hoping to have a smaller bus trip on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. More information to come.

#### **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. Rev Christine has managed to catch up with Jean, Flora, Betty and Phyllis over the last few weeks. They miss us but are feeling more settled. We pray Jean will continue to heal well from her fall.

#### **THANKYOU**

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. Please pray for all who are involved in the works around 175.

# DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship- Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September- Normal meeting

#### **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

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### Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "And who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades (the world of the dead) will not win a victory over it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose (declare to be proper) on earth, will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then he warned the disciples that they should tell no one that he is the Christ.

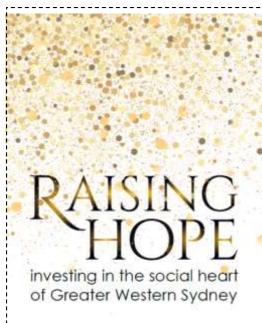
(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

### Reflections

When the discussion turns to models of church, often the descriptors are communion, community of disciples, servant, herald, sacrament, institution. Noteworthy the Bible does not refer to the church as an organisation. Perhaps this is because organisations are human creations, whereas the Bible speaks of Jesus instituting the church. While the church is full of humans who fail often, it is Jesus who instituted the church and who continues to come and renew the church. When language is used about the church being one or holy, that is not through the efforts of humans, it is always because Jesus who instituted the church is one with God the creator and the Spirit, and who is holy. This marks the church as different to an organisation. Peter may have great insight as to the identity of Jesus, later his thoughts and words will not match this and Jesus will take him to task. The marvel is God chooses to do anything with humans. That is God's grace.



Last week the PM Senior Minister / Group CEO managers and team leaders August forum was held. We continued our focus on the 7 Habits of highly effective people. This month's focus was on "the legacy we want to leave behind." We begin with the end.



It is only two weeks until the Raising Hope Gala. Make sure you get your tickets this week to ensure your spot. We currently have a few tables still available but be sure to get in quick! I am very excited by this gala event because we have already fundraised than more \$26,000 to help the most disadvantaged people that Parramatta Mission serves. We have a high target to meet of \$100,000 and we need your help so please get your tickets today! There are some areat prizes available including an exclusive money can't buy behind the scenes guided tour of the Featherdale Wildlife Park, a night in the brand new Sofitel Hotel in Darling harbour on the opening night of the hotel, a

signed Eels shirt and lots of other wonderful items and experiences. We are looking forward to sharing this time together and hear first-hand from the people who have benefited from Parramatta Missions' hospitality, community and clinical services as well as our fun hosts Laura and Duncan from Hope 103.2 radio. See you there!

Fifty two people attended the Fellowship Hall for the Uniting Church Social Justice Forum on Drug Law Reform. The Uniting Church is campaigning for a reform of the drug laws to make personal use of drugs a health rather than only a criminal issue. As it happened later in the week I was able to make representation to the State Attorney General Mark Speakman. You can find out more about this campaign at <a href="https://nswact.uca.org.au/social-justice/the-social-justice-forum/drug-law-reform-campaign/">https://nswact.uca.org.au/social-justice/the-social-justice-forum/drug-law-reform-campaign/</a>





Out of the shadows walk raises awareness of mental illness and suicide and brings these health matters into the light. I encourage you, if you are able, to attend the walk in Parramatta Park or on the

Central Coast. **Date:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September Time: 5:30am (Parramatta Park, Pavilion 23, Cnr Macquarie and O'Connell Streets Parramatta), and 5:30 (Lion's Park, Mason's Parade, Gosford Waterfront).





Above with my wife Julie and Jo Armstrong (Group Director, Fundraising, Marketing & Development) at the Big Night Out fundraiser at Condon Associates, with the assistance of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. Over \$1000 was raised for the Parramatta Mission Youth Services.

Over recent months a number of changes have taken place to better align Parramatta Mission to meet the challenges of today and the future. This has been called 1PM. To become 1PM has meant the retirement of the brands Uniting Recovery, Uniting Hope, Uniting Hospitality and Uniting Housing, this is enabling our congregations, hospitality, community and clinical services to become one in name and one in direction. The retirement of these departments to become a more composite whole has meant that both Karen Burns and Dianne Hart, formerly CEO's of departments of Parramatta Mission, have left. We thank the great work and leadership provided by Karen over 14 years and Dianne over 10 years, and wish them well. The realignment will reunite and reignite our passion and enthusiasm of being a community transforming lives. With united values of Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope, we will continue to walk alongside those in our community in their journey of life and transformation.





The new playground at 175 is nearing completion and will be operational in weeks.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

### Foster your faith this week

Ex 3:1-15 Ps 105:1-6,23-26,45b

Rom 12:9-21 Mt 16:21-28

# Pastoral message for this week....

In a world of despair,
God sends someone to bring hope.
Are you the one?



#### SYDNEY WELSH CHOIR CONCERT

Who remembers when the Sydney Welsh Choir performed at Leigh Memorial during 'Festival 2010'? Well, they are still going strong and performing soon at

St. Kevin's Church, Eastwood Saturday 2 September @ 2pm

This is a fundraiser organized by the Rotary Club of Parramatta City & Parramatta Daybreak. Tickets, \$20 pp. Phone: 9858 5632.

The 2017 Raising Hope Gala is less than 2 weeks away!

This is your final opportunity to purchase tickets to this exciting event, please visit our website which has all the details about our hosts, speakers, guests and entertainment.

**Including live music from MOST WANTED** 

And.... coming soon, our auction will start online with lots of great items up for grabs...

Don't miss out, <u>purchase your tickets online</u> prior to Monday 28th August



Date: Friday 8th September Time: 7:00 pm till midnight Venue: Parkroyal Parramatta 30 Phillip Street Parramatta Dress: Black Tie

RSVP: www.humanitix.com/event/raising-hope

Tickets: \$200

Further information, including <u>partnership investment packages</u> and group bookings, please contact us.

Email: <a href="mailto:raisinghope@parramattamission.org.au">raisinghope@parramattamission.org.au</a>

Phone: (02) 9891 2277



# **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:

- For the inSpiring the Common Good redevelopment on Macquarie St Parramatta.
- Prayers for resilience and strength for staff working with clients with complex issues.
- 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 Penrith Uniting Church.
- PM Leigh Fijian: Akisi Allison, Toa and Lee family, Seru family, Adriu Rogoimuri, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Fil Kamotu as he starts field placement; Congregation seeking ministerial placement.
- PM Westmead: Jean, Michels, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Rev Veitinia, 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, Lyn and Beth, Lena, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Rev Christine and family, Max, Mr and Mrs S..
- 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 Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia



# Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm Open Church @ Leigh Memorial

Tuesday 1.10pm

Sunday 9.30am

9.45am

7.00pm

11.15am 1.30pm

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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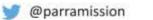
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