OUR NEWS 5th August 2018







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



Congregational life @ Westmead & Parramatta, Hospitality, Community and Mental Health Services across Greater Sydney, Central Coast, Hunter and Mid-North Coast

Parramatta Mission acknowledges that all of our work and our 36 sites are on the land of traditional owners.We pay respect to the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and acknowledge Elders past and present, and emerging leaders.

# AUGUST @ LEIGH MEMORIAL

Last Sunday, our newly elected 2018-19 Leaders' team was commissioned during the morning service. Prayers for Bruce, Liz, Fiona, Moses, Samantha & Anand as they approach a busy month and year ahead. <u>Key events for August include:</u> Sunday 5 August - Abrahamic Conference @ WSU Macquarie Street, <u>Sunday 12 August</u> - Life & Witness consultation with Presbytery (following 9.30am worship) and <u>Sunday 19 August</u> - Property Development Update (following 9.30am worship).

# **TOILETRIES DRIVE – STARTING NOW!!**

Our congregation's annual donations drive for PM has commenced. Please bring toiletries donations to church on **Sunday mornings in August**. These will be forwarded to Parramatta Mission for clients in need of personal care items such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, lip balm, small tissue packs, facial wipes, moisturizer, combs, sunscreen, women's products, shavers, toothbrushes & toothpaste etc. Please see Liz & Mario.

# LIFE & WITNESS CONSULTATION

Presbytery will conduct the next step in the Life & Witness process at Leigh by way of a workshop after our morning service on **Sunday 12 August**. Anyone wishing to have a personal conversation with a Presbytery rep ahead of time, please contact John Cutts: 0408 205 499/johnc@pnp.unitingchurch.org.au – or - Glenda Blakefield: 0437 571 257/glenda blakefield@yahoo.com.au. General queries may be directed to Robert.

## PARRAMATTA MISSION GALA – RAFFLE TICKETS

If anyone at Leigh would like to purchase raffle tickets to support fundraising efforts for this year's 'Raising Hope' PM Gala on 7 September, please see Lalaja after the morning service. Cost: \$5 per ticket.

## **CONGRATULATIONS BRUCE!**

Warmest congratulations to Bruce Streatfeild, who recently turned 90! Blessings from all of us Bruce.



## SPOW NOTICE

There will be <u>no</u> meeting of SPOW (Single People of Worth) this Sunday 5 August. Please consult Beverly regarding future meeting dates.

# 'THE YOUNG SUITE' - COUNTRY NSW

The Dunbars recently enjoyed a trip to Young, in country NSW, where they once lived and worked. During their stay, Malcolm, Robyn and friends including. Ken, Joyce & Trevor perfomed Mal's composition – 'The Young Suite' – at Young Library as part of a local concert series called 'Take 5 on Friday'. The 'Suite', including pieces titled 'The Frogmore Hop' and 'Murringo Gap Yabbies Yum Yum', was enjoyed by a large audience and received acclaim in the local press. Warmest congratulations to Mal & all involved – and prayers & blessings for everyone in the country, including farmers battling the longstanding drought.



Malcolm, Robyn & friends performing in Young, NSW



Our Leaders' team for 2018-19.

#### MULTICULTURAL MORNING TEA

Thanks to everyone who brought and shared food for our Multicultural morning tea on Sunday.

# WELCOME

Welcome to the members of the Life and Witness Consultation team who are here with us today. We are encouraged to stay following worship so we can engage in a conversation with members of the team.

#### SPOW

Single People of Worth would normally be today Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August, but as we have the Life and Witness Consultation we will not attend SPOW this month. Please accept our apologies.

#### LEADERS' MEETING

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Please pray for our leaders as they consider the different aspects of ministry at Westmead.

#### **FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP**

Tuesday will be a bus trip driving through Western Sydney and lunching at Pitt Town. For those wishing to attend, please place your name on the list in the foyer. For further information please speak to Lorna. Cost \$30 which includes lunch.

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS

There are a number of people in special need at the moment. Please pray especially for those in hospital, for their families and for the staff who are caring for them. We are praying for rain especially for our farmers and to donate money go to www.buyabale.com.au or see Rev Christine.

## BOWLS DAY

Our next Open Door Bols day is Wed 15<sup>th</sup> August, from 1.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

## **MISSION ZONE MEETING**

Our next Mission Zone meeting is Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> August at West Epping from 1.00-3.00pm.

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Fellowship- Tuesday 7th August- Bus Trip- please see Lo	orna for details
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Time Out Café (TOC)- Tues/Thurs 11.00-1.30pm TUESDAY FOR BUS TRIP	NB TOC CLOSED
Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am	
Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm	
Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am	I
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Life & Witness: Qaravi ena Siga Tabu mai qo (12 Aug) ni suka na lotu. Rau na mai vakaitavi

kina na mata mai na Presbytery o Rev Kevin Duck & Mr John Cutts.

**Vuli me baleti Paula:** Ni oti noda Vakasigalevu ena Hall (meda dui vakasaqa mai) ni kua. Otioti ni vuli ena 19 Aug. ni oti na Vakasigalevu.

**Vuli Sere:** Yakavi ni Siga Vakaraubuka ena 8 na kaloko ena Coffee Shop; kerei meda yaco totolo mai ena mataka ni Siga Tabu(10.30am) me vakadre vinaka na sere.

Youth: Ena kena gauna ena bogi ni Vakaraubuka ena Coffee Shop

**Bose ni Vale ni Lotu:** Ena Siga Vakarauwai mai qo 11 Aug. ena veimama ni tolu (3.30pm). Kerei meda totolo mai me soli tukutuku rawa o Talatala Clive ni bera na bose.

Veivakarautaki ni Kalou: Vakavinavinakataki na Kalou ena nona veivakarautaki ki na bula nei Siti Rogoimuri. Sa mai digitaki me veiqaravi ena tabana ni Covenanting &

Mission ena Synod mai South Australia. "E sega ni tavi rawarawa sa kacivi kina o Siti, ena veiqaravi vakalevu baleti ira na Taukei ni Qele ena kena tovolei me vakavinakataki na vei cala kei na mavoa e so ka vakaitavi kina na Lotu ena veigauna sa sivi."....kaya o Talatala Amelia. E matai ni gone ni Viti se dua e lako mai vanua tani (Migrant) me veiqaravi ena tabana qo. Kerei noda veimasulaki ena bula nei Siti.





Date	Vunau	Vunau	Vunau	Tuvakarau	Tali	Comm
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12-Aug	Rev A.Koh-Butler		V.Kamotu	Youth		
	& Sam Sadrata					
19-Aug	Rooty Hill	V.Kamotu	S.Toa	M1	M1	
		(Campb)				
26-Aug	Fiji Parish	S.Toa	S.Tuiloma	M2	M2	

# COUPLES & FRIENDS AUGUST MEETING

All are invited to the next Couples & Friends Group meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30p.m.in the Fellowship Centre. It will be a fun night of games and smiles. Rev Keith Hamilton will be providing an update on the redevelopment plans for inSpire Parramatta and Wesley Apartments. Of course, a delicious supper will complete our meeting.





# Important notification: 'Life & Witness' Workshops (Leigh Memorial + Leigh Fijian) – Sunday 12 August

Up & coming 'Life & Witness' consultations with Presbytery will be held on Sunday 12 August. The workshop for Leigh Memorial will be held after the morning service, with the Leigh Fijian workshop to take place early afternoon. Those wishing to have private conversations with Presbytery representatives ahead of the day, are asked to contact John Cutts and Glenda Blakefield (details below). Please direct general enquiries to Ian, Robert and/or each congregation's leaders. Thank you.

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# ABRAHAM CONFERENCE **Pillars of Peace**

Jews, Christians & Muslims TODAY working together

# Sunday 5th August 2018

# 2.00pm to 5:30pm

Registration from 1.00pm Level 9, Peter Shergold building Western Sydney University 169 Macquarie Street Parramatta NSW 2145

# **Register at EventBrite:**

https://2018abrahamconference.eventbrite.com.au \$20 (Concession \$10)

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER Steven Killelea AM

Founder Institute for Economics and Peace and the

Global Peace index

Moderator:

Professor Kevin Dunn Dean of School of Social Sciences and Psychology WSU



# Ephesians 4:1-16

1 I, therefore a prisoner of the Lord, exhort you to walk a life worthy of the calling to which you were called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit; just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, the one who is over all and through all and in all. 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Therefore it is said: "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to all people." 9 (Now in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some shepherds and teachers. 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all arrive at the unity of faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, complete, to the stage at which we

(as a body) may possess in full the gifts of Christ, 14 in order that we may no longer be infants surging to and fro by waves and being blown around by every wind of teaching by the trickery of people, cunning in their methods of error, 15 rather, speaking the truth in love we may grow up in every way into him who is the head, Christ, 16 from whom the whole body is fitted together and joined together by means of every ligament with which it is supplied; when each part is working properly, makes for the body's growth for the building up of itself in love.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

# Reflections

Parts of Ephesians 4 seem to be an early church affirmation of faith, what sometimes might be called a creed. The word creed comes from the Latin and means "I believe." Below is the Nicene Creed, that the church approved in the year 381. Can you see the influences of Ephesians in the creed?

The Nicene Creed - English Language Liturgical Commission translation

We believe in one God. the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God. light from light. true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Over the past two years the campaign OnePM has been a focus. The purpose has been to align the entirety of Parramatta Mission. People tell me there is less friction, greater collaboration and greater satisfaction. Even though there is more work to be done, much has been achieved. This work of structural realignment, is also aided by the way we treat each other. The writer of the letter to the church in Ephesus speaks of having the attribute of humility and treating each other with gentleness. The outcome of this is greater oneness.

The latest Engagement Day bus trip, here at Wesley Apartments. We are standing in front of the "redundant" water tank that was transformed into children's play equipment. One person on the tour had been at PM four days, another for five years.



An extended Church Council forum on marriage, and the Uniting Church's understanding of marriage will be held in late August, date to be set. All are warmly invited to attend and participate.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton

A documentary from the Centre for Public Christianity

# FOR THE LOVE OF GOD +-

# How the church is BETTER + WORSE than you ever imagined

Monday August 6th at 7:00pm at Event Cinemas in Westfield Parramatta

Christian history is full of violence, corruption, and oppression. So does religion poison everything?

For the Love of God confronts the worst that Christians have done – and traces the origins of Western values like human rights, charity, humility and non-violence back to the influence of Jesus.

This is not the history we think we know. Join us as we weigh up the good, the bad, the ugly – and the unexpected – when it comes to the impact Christianity has had on the world we live in.

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# Daffodil Day Service 2018

West Epping Uniting Church cnr Carlingford Rd & Orchard St, Epping

Friday 24 August, 10am

Guest Speaker: Lyn Graham

morning tea to follow

A service for those who have experienced cancer themselves or in a loved one.

All Welcome!

# Pastoral message for this week ....

Let's talk about the weather . . . farmers are neighbours "love your neighbour" (Jesus)

# Foster your faith this week

2 Sm 18:5-9, 15,31-33 Ps 130

Eph 4:25-5:2 Jn 6:35,41-51

Your Invitation to

# Raising HOPE

Friday 7th September 2018 7:00 pm till Midnight Parkroyal Parramatta 30 Phillip Street Parramatta Dress: Black and White Tickets \$200 each

Further information, tickets or partnering opportunities, please visit www.parramattamission.org.au/raisinghope Phone: (02) 9891 2277



#### The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for:

- PM congregations at Parramatta and Westmead, and the PM staff in hospitality, community and clinical/mental health services that extend right across Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains, Northern Beaches, Central Coast and Hunter Valley and Mid-North Coast. We also pray for all the people we contact every day, that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.
- PM Leigh Memorial: Jolame, Margaret, Betty B, Joan, Marcel, Betty E, Hazel, Jo, Col, Wilhemina, Hazel, and the de Reland, Dunbar/Smith, Hayes, Jackson families. Also, our Open Church volunteers, the Leigh Memorial Leaders' team, our Sunday School children/teachers, and Youth Group.
- PM Leigh Fijian: Milise Foiakau, Adriu Rogoimuri, Emosi Rogoimuri, Senitiki Qata and family, Akisi Allison, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani.
- PM Westmead: All farmers and their communities, Keith and Noeleen, Debbie and Michael, Kevin, Jean, Caroline and David A, Josh and his family (Kerryn, Peter and Ben), Mrs E and family, Mary and Aloy and the boys, Silvano, Jinky, Isabella and Gerard, Mary, Jan and her family, Justice and family, Aravind and family, Tanzida, Sushila, Nancy, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, Flora, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Billie, Vita, , Col, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Max, Mr and Mrs S, Sophie and her family, Mark and his family.
- UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.
- For the worship, witness and service of Liverpool Uniting Church
- We join with churches around the world to pray for Canada, USA

# Worship S ervices at Parramatta Mission

Mon to Fri 9.00am - 2.00pm 1.10pm

Tuesday 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

# Contacts

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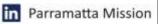
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