

OUR NEWS
6th January 2019



Parramatta
Mission



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in Australia,
Synod of NSW & ACT

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.

Leigh Congregation

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Blessings for all as we celebrate the arrival of 2019 and some wonderful, new possibilities!

SUMMER PROGRAM: 'Living Advent (urously) beyond Christmas'

SERVICE 2: 6 January: **Matthew 2:1-12** (*The Gift*)



NATIVITY PAINTINGS from around the world no. 2: KOREA – Kim Hueng Jong, *Christmas Scene!* Woonbo Kim Ki-change, *The Birth of Jesus Christ*, 1952-53. Ink and colour on silk, 76 x 63cm.

[\(https://thejesusquestion.org/2011/12/25/nativity-paintings-from-around-the-world/\)](https://thejesusquestion.org/2011/12/25/nativity-paintings-from-around-the-world/)

SERVICES SCHEDULE, 9.30am (Clive & Amelia):

30 December: Luke 2:41-52 (*In my Father's House*)(Combined)

06 January: Matthew 2:1-12 (*The Gift*)

13 January: Luke 3:15-17; 21-22 (*Baptized!*)

20 January: John 2:1-11 (*John's Jesus*)

27 January: Luke 4:21-30 (*The Prophetic Jesus*) (Keith preaching).

3 February: Regular services resume (Manas).

LEIGH MEMORIAL GROUPS & PROGRAMS 2019

Most of our Leigh Memorial groups take a break during January and resume in early February. Group coordinators will contact members when regular programs are due to commence. Also check the newsletters.

For general enquiries, please call the Mission office, 9891-2277.

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

17-01

첫 번째 주현절 (1st Epiphany of Sunday) 2018년 01월 06일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) 새 5장 통 3장 이 천지간 만물들아 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 15장 통 55장 하나님의 크신 사랑

새 439장 통 496장 십자가로 가까이

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) 마태복음 5:3-12

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 예수님의 새로운 행복선언

성찬 및 봉헌 송(Holy Communion & Offertory Hymn)

새 413장 통 470장 내 평생에 가는 길

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)

1. 새해 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) 새 502장 통 259장 빛의 사자들이여 어서가서 (1)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부
오후 4:00

수요기도회 : 오후 7시
시전 119:145-160

새벽기도회 : 오전 6시
시전 119:97-121:8

Living advent(uously) beyond Christmas

9.30am Services, Leigh Memorial Church:
30 December 2018 – 27 January 2019.



Hanna Verghese (Malaysia), *God is With Us*, 2006. Acrylic on canvas, 16 x 20 in (<https://thejesusquestion.org/2011/12/25/nativity-paintings-from-around-the-world/>)

Manas Ghosh will be on leave after Christmas and throughout January. The services for the 9.30 am Leigh Memorial congregation will be led by Clive Pearson and Amelia Koh-Butler. Keith Hamilton will be preaching on 27 January.

The services will begin in the church and move into the 'coffee lounge' (beside the church) during this period. Our hope is to create a time of worship that is respectful of God while being more intimate and flexible when so many of our members are on holiday. The lounge will be set up as a more 'inviting' worship space. It is an opportunity to explore possibilities as we seek to explore further our life together and how we wish to be a place that 'inSpires'.

The overarching theme for these services is '**Living advent(uously) beyond Christmas**'. Our hope is to explore how the Christmas cycle of stories is bound up with the whole gospel – and is not just a 'preamble'. In the case of Luke's gospel, the birth narratives release ideas of a world turned upside down, the equality of women, and the inclusion of all cultures in the purposes of God.

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Volunteer as a facilitator of English Conversation Sessions

We are seeking committed volunteers to facilitate English Conversation Group (ECG) sessions with students who speak English as a second language.

The program provides participants with an opportunity to practice and improve their spoken English, while also making new friends and getting to know the Uni.

What do I gain?

- Credit for ten hours of volunteer work (a requirement of the TESOL course and The Academy)
- The development of leadership skills
- Access to other volunteer and employment opportunities at the University
- A certificate of completion.

What's required?

- Attendance at an induction training day at Parramatta City campus from 10am – 4pm on the 4 Feb.
- Facilitation of five, one-hour, weekly ECG sessions from Weeks 3 – 7 of Autumn session.

How do I apply?

Apply via the [online form](#). Applications close 25 Jan 2019.

We're here to help - if you have any questions,

email: welfareservice@westernsydney.edu.au

WESTMEAD Congregation

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to all who come to Westmead. We pray you have a good rest during January ready for an exciting 2019. During January Rev Christine will mostly be working from home so if you need her then please call her on 0409 925 607.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AT PARRAMATTA

Thanks to all who attended this luncheon. We had over 385 people come and a large number of volunteers from many places present. Rev Christine, Rev Amelia & Julie Hamilton sang many carols while people were waiting to enter the halls. They were joined by Paul (Meals Plus), Rev Manas and Rev Keith at different points. It was welcomed by all. The food was lovely and so many people came from across the different services and community.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences go to Sushila on the death of her sister Joy in Canada. We are thankful Sushila had the opportunity to spend time with Joy and her other sisters. Please continue to pray for Sushila and her family. We are also mindful that there are many who are still grieving the loss of someone they love- often made harder because of the holiday period. Please pray for all who need God's comfort at this time.

WEDNESDAYS IN JANUARY

Rev Christine will open the church for all of the Wednesdays in January to enable people to come and spend some time with others. January can be quite difficult for people who are isolated. From 9.00-11.30 families with children are able to come and have a cuppa with some small activities for the kids. From 11.30 to 3.30 tea and coffee will be provided and for those who would like, there will be Scrabble otherwise we can simply have a relaxed chat.

All are welcome to attend on Wednesdays.

BAPTISM

On Sunday 20th January we will have a baptism of Sharon Nam.

There will be a special morning tea following the service.

DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm - Returns Monday 28th January

Fellowship- Tuesday 5th February 2019

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

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

Returns Tuesday 29th January

Play Group – Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am

Return Monday 4th February

Open Door -Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm - Returns 6th February

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am - Returns 1st February

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you
when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

Matthew 2:1-12

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea in the days of Herod the King, unexpectedly, wise men trained in astrology and dream interpretation, arrived in Jerusalem from the East. 2 They enquired, "Where is the one who has born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and we came to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this, he, and all Jerusalem with him were troubled, 4 and calling all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired from them where the Christ was born. 5 And they said to him,

In Bethlehem in Judea, for it has been written by the prophet,

6 'And you Bethlehem, Lord of Judea, are by no means least among the Governors in Judea. For out of you will come forth a governor who will shepherd my people Israel.

7 Then Herod secretly, called the wise men and found out from them the time the star first became visible 8 and sent them to Bethlehem, saying,

Go and make careful inquires concerning the child and when you find him report to me so that I too might come to worship him.

9 When they had listened to him they went and, yet again, the star which they had seen in the east, went before them, until it came and stood over where the child was. 10 When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy 11 and they went into the house and saw the child with Mary his mother and they fell and worshipped him, and opening their treasures they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed by another way to their country.

(Translation by Keith Hamilton)

Reflections

Christmas has twelve days and ends with Epiphany. For the church in the west, it is always on January 6 and therefore in some years, as this one, appears on a Sunday. This celebration began with the church in the East celebrating the epiphany, or theophany, the manifestation, the revelation of God to the world in Jesus Christ. It is possible that 6 January was chosen because it was the date of the winter solstice in the East (according to the calendar in use at that time), also because it was the pagan festival of the birth of a god. Like Christmas, this is the Christianizing of an existing celebration. Traditionally, the story of the visit by the magi, today's Gospel, is used.

Matthew endeavours to show that there is something very different about this child. A fearful king is himself fearful. It is probably exaggeration, but it serves Matthew's purpose to declare that *all* of Jerusalem was troubled by this birth. Even the stars point to the unusualness of this child. Gifts of gold were brought to a king, gifts of incense for God and gifts of myrrh – a perfume – for one who is to die.

The narrative strikes a contrast between Pharaoh and Herod, and between Moses and Jesus. The struggle between Herod and the new born king compares with that between Pharaoh and Moses. Later, according to Matthew, the child Jesus will be taken to Egypt to avoid the slaughter of the infants, reminiscent of the story of Moses.

There are a number of points that Matthew would draw to our attention. Jesus is king, God, and will meet with an early death. (Already our attention is drawn to Easter.)

Further, in God's purposes being worked out through the unlikely agents of the magi, of Joseph and Mary, God can do the impossible. It is not a question of goodness. It is a question of willingness. God is present in our world doing astonishing things in unexpected places using people in obscurity to achieve his purposes.

Finally, one of the signs of the Spirit in ancient times as well as in our time is the guidance of the Spirit of God through dreams. These can be dreams that predict what might happen, or dreams that encourage, or dreams that warn. Clearly the characters in the story were open to God and led by God's Spirit. They responded in faithful action. God being made present through the Spirit is celebrated by the church on 6 January, the Epiphany of the Lord.

We join the wise in discerning God's presence and guidance in our lives and we join the wise in worship Jesus, God's Son.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton



FIJIAN Congregation

Vakanuinui Vinaka kina Yabaki 2019: Sa tu tale qo e matada e dua na yabaki vou ka tu vata kei nai tavi meda qarava vata ena vuku ni cakacaka ni Matanitu ni Gone Turaga ko Jisu Karisito e Parramatta. Nuitaka ni koni a marautaka na Siga ni Sucu kei na Tawase ni Yabaki ka sega ni soqo ni kana kei na marau walega ia e rawa nida dikeva talega noda bula kei noda i lakolako ena yabaki 2018. Au nuitaka ni rawa ni vukeyi keda na Kalou na Yalo Tabu ena noda vakatulewa me biu laivi/vakanadakui na vei tovo/vakarau/valavala eso ka sega ni VaKarisito ka da dreke ka lako kaya voli ena loma ni yabaki 2018. Me vaka a kaya o Paula vei ira na kai Koronica 5:17 – “Ia kevaka sa tu vata kei Karisito e dua na Tamata, sa qai buli vou: sa lako tani na veika makawa; raica, sa yaco me vou na ka kecega.” Na vakanuinui sa koto ni na yabaki vinaka ni veiqaravi ka vuavuidrau na 2019; ena rawa ga qo ke da veitauriliga ka veilomani taka na qaravi ni tavi ka Kavetani taka noda i lakolako na Gone Turaga ko Jisu Karisito. Mo Ni Kalougata Tiko kei nomuni dui Matavuvale.

Veisiko: Ena tekitekivu ni Yabaki Vou qo au via boleki keda yadudua na lewe ni Vavakoso Lotu VakaViti e Parramatta ke rawa nida tovolea meda sikova (yadudua se vakamatamasumasu)e dua (ena vei macawa se macawa rua se vakavula) noda tokani era tu voliti keda kara sega tu ni lotu. Lewe levu sara na noda era tu voli qo vakagade se vakacakacaka ka ra sega tu ni lotu. Ke ni gadreva na veivuke ena veisiko qai tukutuku mai vei Tuirara se Chairman. Tu vakarau talega o Talatala Clive ke qaravi na veisiko/veiqaravi Vaka i Talatala.

Matamasumasu: Gadrevi me vakadeitaki tiko na tomani ni masumasu vaka i soqosoqo se vakamatavuvale me kua ni boko na cina me tutuvaki tiko ena veiyasa ni koro duidui eda vaka i tikitiko kina. Ke gadrevi na veivuke mai vei Talatala qai tukutuku mai.

Church Council: Vakananumi tiko vei kada na gagadre e koto me na dua sosomi kei Sereima Vosalotaki ki na Church Council; vakauqeti tiko kemuni na taba gone (Youth) ni qo e dua na gaunisala rawa ni vuli mai kina ka vakarabailevu taka nomuni kila ka baleta na Parrammata Mission kei na Lotu Cokovata e Ositerelia (Uniting Church).

Australia Day: Dau vakaitavi na Parramatta Mission ena veiyabaki ena vodo baluni e Parramatta Park, sa sureti tiko kina e so na volunteer ena siga koya – qai veitaratara mai kei Chairman.

JNC: E ratou na bose tiko ena ka rua ni siga ni vula ko Feperueri (2nd Feb) ka sa na tekivu kina na veitalanoa (interview) kei ratou e lewe tolu na Talatala sa kau cake mai na yacadratou. Sa kerei meda masulaka tiko nodratou bose ka me yaco kina na vei digitaki ni Kalou.

Veivakani ena Siga ni Sucu: Vinaka Vakalevu Blacktown na veivakani vei ira na sega na kedra kei na medra ena Siga ni Sucu. Dou sa i vakaraitaki vinaka ka matana taka na Kosipeli nei Jisu ena vanua levu eda sa mai bula kina – “Niu a via kana ni sa solia vei au na kakana.” (Maciu 25:35) Dou Kalougata tiko ena tavi levu dou sa qarava tiko.

Date	Vunau	Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Tuvakarau Veiliutaki	Tali Vunau	Comm Stewards
13-Jan	Samu Sadrata Multicul.Worship			Youth		
20-Jan	Akisi Allison		S.Tuiloma	M2		
27-Jan	V.Kamotu		A.Vocea	M3		



Pastoral message for this week....

You can be a gift
Let your gift be one of light and life



Foster your faith this week

Is 43:1-7 Ps 29

Acts 8:14-17 Lk 3:15-17,21-22

Christmas Day at Parramatta Mission 2018

A special thank you to all, staff, volunteers, members of congregations, who assisted in the wonderful; Christmas Day lunch in Parramatta. 500 people were served lunch. Some said to me that Christmas Day is usually very hard, and reminds them they are not with their spouse and children; coming to lunch at PM changed the day.





Keith Hamilton will be on leave from
12th-25th January inclusive.

During this time Lyall Weaver will be the acting CEO.

Clive Pearson will be available to provide pastoral care.



The Australia Day tethered balloons event in Parramatta Park provides an opportunity for PM people to help out. The event starts at 5:30 am and finishes at 9 am in Parramatta Park. Our role is to provide hospitality by leading people to the balloon rides. People pre-purchase tickets from Riverside for the ride, and the full ticket price is donated to Parramatta Mission. Usually our volunteers have a free ride near the end of the event. If you would like to be involved, please contact Coral or Tracey at reception, on 98912277 or wecare@parramattamission.org.au

Prayer Points

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: The Ghosh, Briggs and Goodin families, Ali & family, Shane and his friend, Elizabeth & family, Wilhemina, Gloria H, Ian & family, Brian & Marcel, Joan, Hazel, Betty E, Col, Betty B, Victoria & family, Darlene & Neil, Jolame & the Open Church team, Sunday School & Youth.
** Please inform the Leaders if you would like a name added to this list.
- ♥ PM Leigh Fijian: Adriu Rogoimuri, Senitiki Qata and family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Terry Koh-Butler, Young Adult and their Families. Those families (Foiakau, Vosalotaki, Dovibua) going away to Fiji and those going elsewhere during the Christmas Break.
The work of the JNC in looking for a new Minister of the word.
- ♥ PM Westmead: Sushila and her family, Reg and Heather, Robyne and Phil. All farmers and their communities, Sharon, 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, Justice and family, Aravind and family, Tanzida, Nancy, Paula and Geoffrey, Garry, Chris and family, Rob, Jodie and Family, May, Rajes (Sandra), Henry, Phyllis, Vita, Col, Al, Mrs G and family, Judy, Shanika and family, Ashima and Anusha Saxena, Lyn, Sheila W, Ruth and Lela, Mr and Mrs S, Carmen and Rob, David and Christopher.
- ♥ 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 Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq
- ♥ We join with churches around the world to pray for Abbotsbury Uniting Church

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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