# OUR NEWS 25th August 2019





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

Refresh your mind, delete all your problems, Undo all your mistakes, and save the happy moments!

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

# FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Coins offered from around the world signal our 'oneness' in humanity's common quest for peace, justice and reconciliation. Money raised goes to designated aid projects. NB: Margie is still accepting small coin donations for this year's 'Fellowship of the Least Coin' collection. Thanks to all contributors.

# **AUGUST TOLETRIES DRIVE - LAST DAY**

Sunday 25 August will be the final opportunity to bring donated toiletries items to the coffee shop as part of this year's drive for Parramatta Mission. "Thanks very much" to everyone who has participated.

## **FATHERS' DAY MORNING TEA**

Next Sunday, 1 September, the Sunday School will be hosting a Fathers' Day Morning Tea after the 9.30am service. Anyone able to contribute a plate of food is encouraged to do so – many thanks.

#### VITAL MINISTRY CONVERSATION

Special Church Council Meeting: Monday 26 August, 7.00–9.00pm – 'Vital Ministry Conversation' @ Westmead. All PM congregation members are welcome to attend

#### PROPERTY MATTERS

Property-related repairs/upgrades required in the church, coffee shop & car park are currently being resolved. Updates will be provided asap. Thanks to Mick for installing a new dishwasher in the coffee shop kitchen & to the PM Property managers for their kind assistance in this matter.

#### HERITAGE BOOKS

Our newest PM Heritage Committee books on PM pioneer Samuel Leigh & the stained-glass history of Leigh Memorial Church are still available from Liz or the office for \$10 per copy.



# For the Love of Creation let's talk about wastel

# Friday 13th September at 7.30pm West Epping Uniting Church

God has created an amazing and wonderful world in which we live. How can we better care for God's creation?

Come and join West Epping Women as we review, discuss and share ideas on reducing the use of plastic, recycling and generally creating less waste.

Ladies, please join us for an evening of fun and friendship.

To help reduce useful waste, bring along an item you don't want or need any more for our 'swap table' over supper, and bring along an old large T-shirt to make a 'no sew' carry bag.

Any queries, please phone Erica on 0409 044 923

# Pastoral message for this week....

Sunday may not be a day of rest for you BUT

We all need to be refreshed for the sake of ourselves, our families and the world.

# Foster your faith this week

Jer 2:4-13 Ps 81:1,,10-16

Heb 13:1-8, 15-16Lk 14:1, 7-14

Church Council Meeting: E na qaravi tiko na bose ni Church Council ena yakavi ni Moniti 26 ni Okosita mai na 7.00 – 9.00pm, ka na vakayacori mai na Vale ni Lotu mai Westmead. Sa sureti na qase ni Lotu mo dou tiko ena bose oqo, me veitalanoa taki kina nai lesilesi ni Talatala ni Parramatta Mission. Me tukuni totolo mai ke o ni na tiko ena bose oqo.

Lotu ni Marama ni Lotu Cokovata e Ositerelia – Siga Vakarauwai 7 ni Seviteba ena 4pm, ena Hall ni Vale ni Lotu. Eratou veiqaravi kina na marama I Parramatta.

Siga Tabu ni Tama: 1 ni Seviteba

Tagata Pasifika: 13/14 ni Seviteba. Tou na veivuke tiko ena symposium ni Theology oqo, ka na vakayacori tiko ena Hall. Era na veiliutaki na Youth ena So-Kalou, ka tou veivakani.

Veivakani ni Bula Feeding vei ira e na Meals Plus: 2 ni Okotova

The Youth will be performing at Annandale Creative Arts Centre as a part of public dialog on Creative Conversations with the Land: Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.

When: September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Time: 7pm

# **Bula Feeding Ministry:**

- Volunteers are welcome to join us every Tuesday 5pm @ Alfred Park Hall, Blacktown
- Reminder that we will be hosting Meals Plus feeding on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Contact Tuta if interested in helping/donating

Calling on all <u>Uniting Church members</u> to stand together! This is your invitation to join people around the world who are <u>standing up to</u> <u>confront the climate crisis</u>. A pre-strike worship service at Pitt St UC.

When: Friday 20 Sep Time: 9.30am - 2pm

Where: The Domain, Art Gallery Rd, Sydney



# VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI VA NA MACAWA

Vuran e Parramatta		Vunau Lesi	Vunau Vakarau	Vollintaki (Tu vakarau)	Tali Vunau
1/9	Vulavou/Fathers Day (Com. Stewards: Anare)	500 100 -	200000000	3	
8/9	Multicultural Worship	Sam Sadrata	Ini Foiakau		
15/9	Rooty Hill/ Campbelltown	Sosi Toa	VIIIame Kamotu	1	M3
22/9	Fiji Parlsh	Josefa Folakau	Akisi Allison	2	M1

# WESTMEAD Congregation

#### **NANCY MITCHELL**

Thank you to all who assisted with the service and the provision of afternoon tea as we said goodbye to Nancy. She will remain in our hearts for a long time.

#### **MEALS PLUS MONTH**

During August we are collecting food/money for Meals Plus to help them restock after the cold of winter. We are seeking canned goods (with ring pull lid), longlife goods, 2 minute noodles (light and easy to carry for those who are living rough). Cereals etc are always welcome as are some of the larger items such as rice. Thanks to all of you for your generosity, care and prayers.

## **FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP**

The next meeting of the Fellowship will be a bus trip on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. More details to follow.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS, SPECIAL MEETING

Please pray for our congregation and the other congregations of Parramatta Mission- that we might grow in discipleship, in faith and increase the numbers of people who are able to assist with the ministries we engage with. There will be a special church council meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm at Westmead. The Church Council is forming a group which needs terms of reference under the heading of Leadership and Pastoral Resourcing Plan (including the succession plan for Senior Minister/CEO which was identified in the Life and Witness Consultation). Interested members of the congregation are also welcome and encouraged to attend that meeting. Please pray for all of us in this discernment process.

#### THANKYOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We have had an extra busy time with people in hospital over the last week. Thankyou for all of you who pray through the prayer chain and from the newsletter. Prayer breaks through in amazing ways.

We encourage everyone to spend some time each day praying for others and coming closer to God. Special thanks from Caroline, Grace and Col.

# DEEPENING FAITH and RELATIONSHIPS with others Worship Sundays 9.45am

Bible Study- Mondays 2.00-3.30pm

Fellowship- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept- BUS TRIP- please speak to Lorna,

Jan or Rev Christine.

#### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

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

Play Group - Mondays and Wednesdays 9.15-10.45am

Open Door - Wednesdays 1.00-3.30pm

Tai Chi- Fridays 10.00-11.00am



# SPECIAL SCREENING

THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.30 PM Leigh Memorial Church, 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta



This documentary is a part of the <u>Fair Treatment campaign</u> to advocate for drug law reform and enhanced access to treatment and harm reduction strategies. In October 2018, as part of the Fair Treatment campaign, 100 supporters walked the 500,000 steps from Dubbo to Sydney to highlight the distance a person in regional NSW may have to travel to reach the drug treatment they need. To find out how to get involved in the campaign go to <a href="www.fairtreatment.org">www.fairtreatment.org</a>.
You can view the trailer here or at <a href="https://vimeo.com/327615416">https://vimeo.com/327615416</a>

Please RSVP your attendance <u>here</u> or at <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/half-a-million-steps-screening-at-parramatta-mission-tickets-66978284853">https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/half-a-million-steps-screening-at-parramatta-mission-tickets-66978284853</a> by 16 September 2019.





# © Lifeline's Out of the Shadows

# A walk to remember those lost to suicide

You can make a difference by participating in Lifeline's Out of the Shadows - national suicide prevention walks held to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day.

Join us as we walk to raise awareness, remember those lost to suicide and unite in a commitment to prevent further deaths by suicide.

Walk with us on

**TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019** 

Meet at (and returning to)

**153 GEORGE ST PARRAMATTA** 

5.00AM START

Followed by breakfast BBQ RSVP for catering

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/out-of-the-shadows-walk-parramatta-tickets-68094738195









# Luke 13:10-17

10 Now Jesus was teaching in one of the Synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; and she was bent over and could not entirely stand erect. 12 And when Jesus saw her he called to her and said to her, "Woman, you have been freed from vour affliction", 13 and he placed his hands on her and immediately she was straightened, and she glorified God. 14 But the president of the synagogue, angry that Jesus healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, "There are six days on which it is necessary to work, come on those days to be healed and not on the Sabbath". But the Lord answered him and said, "Hypocrites, is it not so that on the Sabbath each one of you unties your ox or ass from the manger and leads it away to give it a drink? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan bound for eighteen years, have been released from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 When he said all these things, those who were opposing him were shamed, and all the crowd rejoiced over all the glorious things that were happening because of him. (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

# Reflections

At first reading, this text would speak about condoning action over being. We see this evidenced in the behaviour of some, who when the going gets tough, they become more frenetic. Call more meetings, increase the activity because that will make a way when in a tight or difficult situation. However, the context is of Jesus in the Synagogue on the Sabbath. It is worth stopping to reflect why Luke sets the context of the Synagogue and on the Sabbath? Is it just 'colour' to the narrative, or is there something more? Is it condoning the modern trend of no time off, keep the phone on, be in email contact 24/7, never clock off, be 'available' or is it something else?

In Luke 4 Jesus in the Synagogue on the Sabbath, launches his mission with a manifesto quoting Isaiah 61 and Isaiah 62.

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor; he has sent me to proclaim release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to liberate the oppressed for release; 19 and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." 20 And having closed the book and returning it to the attendant, he sat down. And all the eyes in the synagogue were upon him. 21 And he began to say them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled".

## (Translation by Keith Hamilton)

The phrase of interest is "to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." There is much in this phrase. It means Sabbath rest, going back to the creation story of God creating in six days, and having a rest on the seventh – the sabbath. If God can rest, so can the creation, including you and me. It says something about God having a certain 'control', and God creating something new.

It is the core of the message of Jesus, that a new era has arrived, is arriving — the kingdom of God that we pray in the Lord's Prayer, which means that people who have been bound, bent over by life's stuff, can be straightened up by God's grace. Those who are bound will be released, the hungry fed, the poor receiving good news. Those who are addicted to working seven days without relief, can be freed to savour life. Jurgen Moltmann said, "People are more than the sum of their works, and more than the sum of their sufferings. That is why being is more important than doing or having." We are more than our doing, more than the sum of our parts. Our value is not in what we do; it is in who we are. We are made in the image of God. We have inherent worth and dignity. We are our being. The healing by Jesus on the Sabbath is not to condone working seven days per week; it is that the true meaning of the Sabbath is straightening up people who have become bent over by the burdens of life and the expectations of society. The Sabbath is about restoration and recreation, and aligns with God's work of liberating humans from oppression.

The Synod Social Justice Forum, of which I am a member, met last Thursday in Taree at Taree Uniting Church (UCA). The purpose was to engage with the Presbytery of the Mid-North Coast UCA. As many would know, Parramatta Mission has an office in Taree, and already engages with the Taree UCA, including the annual art exhibition coming up in October. A number of our staff joined this meeting to further hear about the work of the forum and the Uniting Church in the mid-North Coast, and to inform of our work and the issues we face. The discussion included how we can further our relationships and collaboration.

# Current Social Justice Forum priorities are:

- Affordable Housing;
- Give Hope: Uniting for Asylum Seekers;
- Climate Change;
- Family and Domestic Violence;
- Fair Treatment (Drugs- including law reform and treatment).

Look out for the showing of the documentary Half a Million Steps at Leigh Memorial Church, that explores the difficulties people have in obtaining fair treatment, and the campaign the UCA is conducting to both raise awareness, to increase access to treatment and change the way we deal with the issue.



LEFT: Justice Forum meeting in Taree UCA. At the end of the table. left to right, Linda, team leader PM Taree. Amanda, support worker Phoebe. Taree. Manager of PM's mental health services Central Coast. Newcastle and Taree. Others in the photo are members of the SJF and from the

Mid-North Coast Presbytery. At extreme right Rev Simon Hansford, Moderator of the Synod of NSW.ACT. We are sitting inside the UCA church in Taree, of which I was a member 1980-1981, and there that I heard the call of God to be a Minister of the Word and leader of a Parish Mission. It took 27 years from hearing and responding to the call, and then becoming the leader of a parish mission (PM).



LEFT: Our office in Taree is about 2km away from the Taree Uniting Church. Here is our sign on the Oxley Street.

Linda and Amanda shared this story of a PM client:

JACKO is a 46 yr old male who had been transient, living in his car for some time. He was picked up by police and recognised as unwell so taken to Manning Base MHIPU. From here JACKO was referred to the HASI program (commencing in Feb 2019) by the social worker as he transitioned from the ward in to single men's accommodation in Taree. JACKO completed a Care Plan with his key support worker, with the following goals

- Find suitable accommodation
- Find a foster home for his dog D
- Find work/ or volunteering

There was known recent suicidal ideation and substance abuse. JACKO has no contact with family. He would also often jump in the river in the middle of the night. While at the single men's accommodation JACKO continued to abuse substances, and police/ambulance were called on more than one occasion

There were also issues with other tenants involving bullying (of JACKO) and verbal abuse. The caretaker had also advised that he always needed prompting to keep his room tidy.

Regular supports were put in place for JACKO, including 1:1's, social supports (coffee club, wellness walks and tennis). While at the single men's accommodation he was supported in going shopping for groceries, and then coming back to the PM house and cooking some meals to freeze so he could take them home for dinner. He said that his was a great help, as otherwise he would have just gone and bought takeaway or not eaten at all. During these cooking sessions JACKO began to feel comfortable with support workers and talked about his past and some of the things he had done. When we first met JACKO he had quite a stutter, which became worse when he felt stressed, unwell or under pressure. JACKO had worked quite extensively in hospitality, and said that he would be keen to look for something to do. SW's found him some work experience in a local fish and chip shop, and after a few weeks he was offered a permanent one day a week role. This has boosted his confidence and given him a sense of worth.

JACKO and support workers recognised the need for him to find accommodation and he was given assistance in collecting information and lodging a housing application which is now live. SW's assisted in searching private rentals, and attending rental inspections. JACKO was to be offered accommodation in Harrington, and was excited that he was able to have his pet greyhound D with him. D had been in temporary RSPCA foster care in Sydney and support workers assisted JACKO in arranging for the transportation of D up to Taree. JACKO said he knew he would get well again once he had his dog.

JACKO disclosed that he had suffered a lot of mental illness in his life, and that he currently feels better than he has in many years. He said that he has had support from many providers and had admissions to several mental health wards but the support he has received from the HASI program in Taree has been the best he has ever received.

JACKO now lives independently with D and maintains his residence well. He works his one day a week, engages in regular 1:1 supports, sees his LHD Care Coordinator regularly, as well as attending coffee club, and playing tennis. He comes to PM office weekly to do his washing. JACKO has also recently been supported in attending an information session and enrolling in Cert I Computer skills at Taree TAFE and starts this course in Semester 2. It has been a long while since SW's have heard JACKO stutter. D is happy to be with his master and they go for a walk along with beach every day together.

Blessings Keith Hamilton

# 800th Anniversary

A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SCREENING OF THE EMMY-NOMINATED FILM BY UNITY PRODUCTIONS FOUNDATION

# THE SULCAN AND THE SAINC

Two men of faith, a Muslim and a Christian, meet face-to-face in a time of conflict to make peace

Eight-hundred years ago, at the height of the Fifth Crusade, St Francis of Assisi crossed the battle lines between warring armies to meet with Sultan Malik al-Kamil of Egypt. He came on a mission of peace in a time of war. See the dramatic film about their historic encounter. Be impired to reach out and make Christian-Muslimsfriendship a reality in our time.

7pm, Thursday 5 September 2019 Event Cinemas Westfield Parramatta 159-175 Church Street Parramatta NSW 2150 Tickets 812

Click this link to purchase your tickets at Humanitix: https://events.humanitix.com.au.the-sultan-and-the-saint-8ooth-anniversary

www.sultanandthesaintfilm.com

For details contact the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations: infoccerur@columban.org.au, (02) 9672 3616

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# Commending the Faith Study Series



# How will we COMMEND THE FAITH in Australia today?

A study series led by Rev Dr Chris Walker

**When:** 7.30-9.30 pm (with a short break for supper halfway)

Four Mondays: 2, 9, 16 & 23 September

Where: "The Cottage", 30 Highfield Rd, Quakers Hill

(Quakers Hill Uniting Church)

**Why:** The series is for anyone who is interested in how to speak

about faith in Christ in the context of Australia today.

There will be input, stories and engagement with the topics.

Come for all four sessions, or only a couple. Topics listed in the flyer. We will provide some recommended readings and light supper.

# Leader in Exploration

Rev Dr Chris Walker has recently been a National Assembly consultant for Doctrine, Discipleship and Worship. He has been a presbytery minister in Parramatta Nepean, a theological college teacher and principal, and a local minister. He has authored and edited a lot of books, and is known for his down-to-earth solid communication.



No charge but a gold coin donation for supper would be appreciated.

Register now by sending an email to John Cutts: johnc@pnpuca.org.au

Have a question that you would like to ask?

Contact Rob, if you have an enquiry about the study series: rob@pnpuca.org.au or 0400 825 739

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# **Prayer Points**

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

- PM congregations and staff. For headspace, the Parramatta redevelopment negotiations. The people we contact every day that we might exhibit the values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope.
- PM Leigh Memorial: Jolame, Wilhelmina, Col, Mae, Joan, Betty E, Hazel, Betty B, Neil & Darlene, Victoria & family, Marcel & Brian, and grieving individuals & families including Shane, Elizabeth, Gloria, Ian and friend, the Matutinas, de Relands and Goodins. Plus the Open Church team, Sunday School & Youth Group (especially this year's HSC students: Johana, Ulita, Gabe and Shaalane). Please let the Leaders' team know of any additions.
- PM Leigh Fijian: Sosi Toa and family, Adriu Rogoimuri and Rogoimuri family, Niko Balavu, Mili Sigani, Terry Butler and Talatala Amelia Koh Butler, Ravetali family, Tuiloma family, Sunday School Ministry, Young Adults and their families, Bula Feeding Ministry, Soup Kitchen Ministry, Samu Sadrata.
- PM Westmead: Jayden and his family, Marly, Jan and family, Ruth, Wendy, Jan's neighbours, Sunny and family, Joyte and her family, Corey, Lara and James, Judy, Grace, Lisa, Scott, 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, Rebecca, 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. North Rocks. Carlingford, West Centenary, Epping, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights. Parramatta Mission. Auburn.
- We join the World Council of Churches in prayer Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania
- ♥ We pray for Leets Vale Faith Community

# Worship Services at

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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