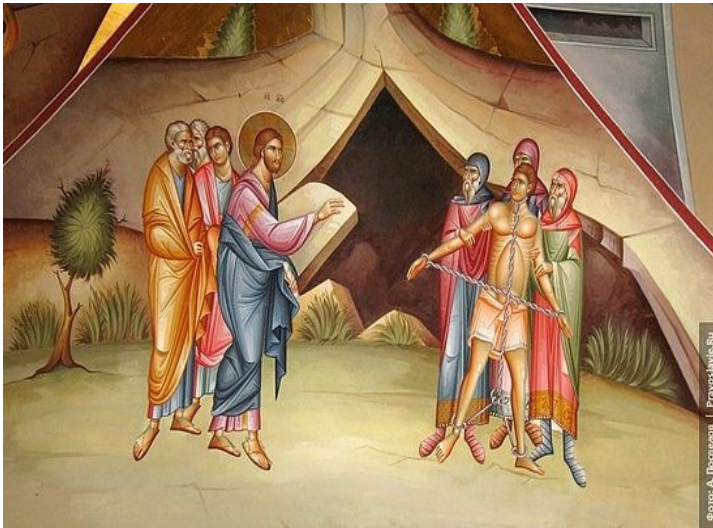


OUR NEWS

19th June 2022

Our Vision

A Community Transforming Lives



Our Values

**Grace,
Inclusion,
Dignity,
Faith and
Hope**

**Congregational life at Westmead & Parramatta,
Hospitality Services at 175 Hotel and Wesley Apartments
Meals Plus Services providing for those in need across the
Parramatta LGA**

**Parramatta Mission acknowledges that all of our work takes
place on the land of traditional owners.**

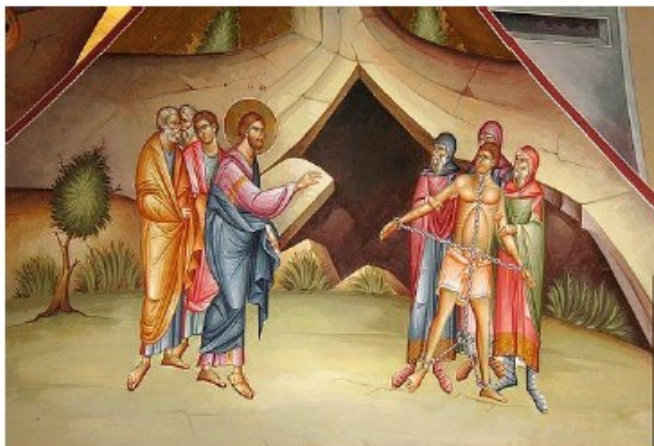
**We pay respect to the original custodians of the land on
which we gather, and acknowledge their elders past and
present, and their emerging leaders.**

**WEEKLY
REFLECTION**
Pentecost 2, 2022
Luke 8: 26-39

Confronting Legion

Ched Myers

This Sunday's text is Luke's version of the infamous Markan "political cartoon" of the Gerasene Demoniac (Mk 5:1-20). Here Luke



follows Mark relatively closely (whereas Matthew changes and shortens it significantly, Mt 28-34), including placing it on the heels of Jesus' crossing and storm-stilling on the Sea of Galilee (which Luke insists on calling a "lake").

I call this exorcism story a "cartoon" because it is so personally and politically evocative and symbolic in its critique of Roman occupation. The set up reminds us that this takes place on the "opposite" side (Luke's word, only here in the N.T.) of the lake from Jewish Capernaum and Galilee, in the "country of the Gerasenes" (Lk 8:26).² The Decapolis was a Roman cultural and political outpost on the eastern imperial frontier, populated by many military veterans who had settled on conquered lands given as payment for their service. It is no accident, then, that this gospel story is laced with military imagery.

(Right: The oval forum and cardo of Gerasa.)

Conflict commences "as soon as Jesus stepped out on land" from the boat (Lk 8:27). He and his Galilean cohort are confronted by "a man from the city who had demons, who for a long time had worn no clothes and lived not in a house but among the tombs." This description establishes this character as a refugee from one of the Decapolene city-states, archetypally alienated, and for Jewish readers, profoundly unclean. It echoes Isaiah's depiction of an idolatrous people: "They live in tombs and spend nights in dark corners, eating the meat of pigs and using unclean food" (Is 65:4). We might also say that this diagnosis suggests captivity to the addictive/compulsive nature of life under imperial occupation—what we today call "internalized oppression."

As Paul Hollenbach has pointed out, this tale is illuminated by the work of Frantz Fanon, a medical doctor who studied exorcism and the social psychology of mental illness in situations of political repression, particularly during the Algerian rebellion against French colonialism in the 1950s. In traditional societies, demon possession is often a reflection of, as Hollenbach put it, "class antagonisms rooted in economic exploitation, or a socially acceptable form of oblique protest against, or escape from, oppression." In this sense, we might say that the political body of this man, possessed by destructive demons, mirrored the body politic of militarily occupied Palestine.

Certain distinctive elements in Luke's telling suggest that this demoniac actively yearns for liberation from empire. Omitting Mark's mention of self-destructive behavior (Mk 5:5), Luke focuses on how he is shackled and "kept under guard" (the Greek verb *phulassō* is used by Luke to describe apostolic imprisonment by Roman authorities in Acts 12:4, 23:25 and 28:16), yet also how he repeatedly breaks his fetters and flees to

the wilderness (Lk 8:29). That this might be an Exodus allusion is strengthened by the fact that the confrontation ends with a “drowned army” (8:33).

The demoniac’s challenge is at once indignant and afraid—“What are you doing here?!” and “Do not torment me!” He addresses Jesus with the Hellenistic title “Son of the Most High God,” used so often by Luke (8:28; nine times in Luke-Acts). But the startling name that defines this episode is that extracted by Jesus from the demonic horde. “Legion” (8:30) was the Latin term for a division of Roman soldiers, no less than four of which were based in Syria to control the eastern frontier of the empire. At right is a third century CE dedication plaque found in northern England (which, like Palestine, represented the very peripheries of the Roman Empire). It tells a tale of military intimidation: at left Mars, the Roman war god, brandishes a spear, while the mythological hero Hercules holds his club. At bottom is a running boar, symbol of the 20th Legion. This is truly the propaganda of world domination: ‘Do not cross us, or we will beat you down.’

For a Jewish peasant in Palestine, a Legion was the stern face of their conqueror. The famous and feared Tenth Legion was often symbolized by a pig mascot (left, countermark coin symbolizes “Legio X Fretensis,” the Tenth Legion, showing a boar). These veteran imperial soldiers saw action in Judea in the revolt of 6 C.E., again during the counterinsurgency of 68-70, and were also responsible for the siege of Masada, after which they were based in Jerusalem. What happens next in the gospel story, then, clearly reveals the political cartoon: improbably, the Legion “begged Jesus eagerly not to order them into the abyss” (8:31; Gk *abussos*, only here, Rom 10:7 and seven times



in Revelation in the N.T.). Other military terminology follows. Legion then begs to be sent into a “band” (Gk *agelē*) of pigs, a term usually referring to a group of military recruits (Lk 8:32). Sarcasm is evident: on one hand, the swine cult was popular among Roman soldiers; on the other, pigs are archetypally unclean to Jews. Jesus “dismisses” them (8:32b; Gk *epetrespen*, another military verb), and the “band of pigs” rushes (Gk *hōrmaō* connotes troops charging into battle) down the hill (8:33). The political humor finds its punchline as the Legion meets the same fate as old Pharaoh’s army: swallowed by the waters (see Exodus 14). ◦ This is an extraordinary tale, portraying on one hand how Roman imperialism was destroying the hearts and minds of a colonized people—the Gerasene demoniac’s possession symbolizing Rome’s military occupation of the land—while on the other, remembering the hopeful old story of God’s liberating power.

An equally instructive epilogue turns our attention from the occupier to the occupied (Lk 8:35-39). The popular reaction to Jesus’ liberative act is hostile, understandable given that the news of the exorcism is carried “to city and countryside” by fleeing (and doubtless furious) “pig herdsmen” (8:34). The colonized are hardly pleased to see one of their own now “clothed and in his right mind” (8:35), their anxiety justified by the fact that during this historical period, Judean struggles for self-determination had spawned fierce Roman counterinsurgency campaigns that had reduced more than one city in the region to rubble. Awe at this dramatic healing/liberation is thus trumped by fear of imperial retaliation; the Gerasenes ask Jesus to leave (8:36-37). In political terms, this portrait attests to the power of the State to suppress opposition through dread. In psychological terms, it reminds us that those who are co-dependent upon a

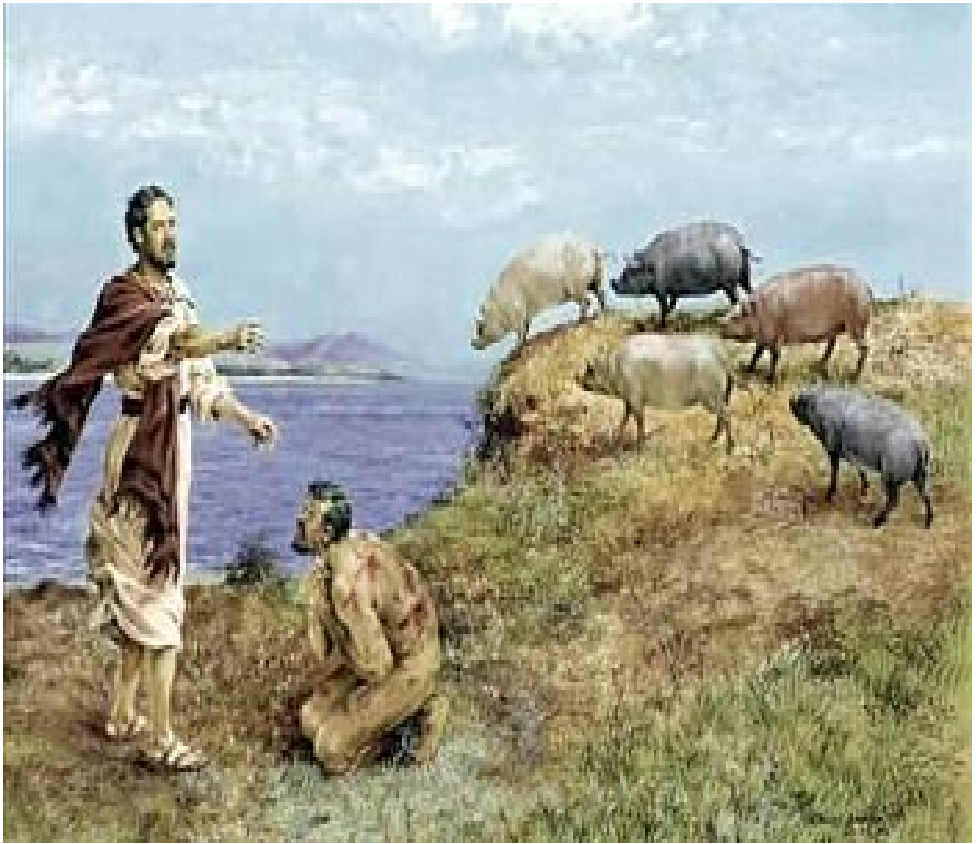
dominant system, no matter how dysfunctional or dehumanizing, will usually resist change. Personal or political liberation has a cost, which usually the majority is unwilling to risk.

Now caught between worlds, the former demoniac in turn “begs” to go with Jesus (8:38). But Jesus refuses, challenging him instead to “return to his home” and testify to his transformation (8:39). Who better can attest to the possibility of liberation from oppression than someone who knows it “from the inside out”? So does the man whose political body had been destroyed by the internalized pathologies of the imperial body politic embrace the task of “proclaiming” the good news of restoration (Gk *kērussō*). He becomes the first “evangelist” in Luke’s narrative other than the Baptist or Jesus (the apostles will shortly join ranks, 9:2).

Reality check: this would have been a costly vocation for the Gerasene, as it still is for those trying to defect from empire and its discontents. After all, those still on lock-down seem to have infinite tolerance for the woundedness and destroyed humanity generated by the Domination system, but only fear of (or contempt for) those whose humanity has been renewed and who now live in resistance to it. Both aspects of this demonic pathology are clearly articulated in the two halves of this amazing, disturbing and revelatory political cartoon.

It remains the greatest gospel summons to healing from and evangelism to empire, then and now. May it be proclaimed as such this Sunday!





Foster your faith this week

1Kgs 19:1-4, (5-7)

Ps 42 and 43

Gal 3:23-29

Lk 8:26—39

Leigh Memorial Congregation

WORSHIP @ LEIGH MEMORIAL – HERITAGE SUNDAY

We look forward to seeing you at our service this Sunday, 19th June – Onsite plus Zoom!

AN ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

O God, our loving Parent –

As we celebrate our conjoined heritage and anniversaries this week, you call us towards greater inclusion, creativity and effort, and to a present and future filled with the tenacity and faithfulness of our pioneers, the courage of the Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to you Lord, Amen. (World Council of Churches – adapted).

KEY DATES – JUNE & JULY:

Saturday 18 June – 10.00am: Combined PCUC Worship Committee meeting

Sunday 19 June – 9.30am: Leigh Memorial service (Pastor Fil)

Tuesday 21 June – 10.30am: Heritage Talk + Tour, Leigh Memorial Church

Sunday 26 June – 9.30am: Leigh Memorial service, inc. Baptism (Pastor Fil)

Saturday 2 July – 10.00am: CCLM – Combined Congregations Leaders Meeting

Sunday 3 July – 9.30am: Leigh Memorial Communion Service (Rev John)

Sunday 10 July – 9.30am: Leigh Memorial service (Rev John)

Sunday 17 July – 9.30am: Leigh Memorial service (Rev Vladimir)

Sunday 24 July – 9.30am: Leigh Memorial service (Rev Vladimir)

CONGREGATION PASTORAL MESSAGE

Our warmest prayers remain with members in need of healing in the face of various medical and other challenges at this time. Please contact Rev Vladimir as needed. Contact numbers for the supply ministry team are included in the newsletter. Last Sunday, we celebrated Darlene's special birthday during morning tea time, including Lalaja's famous banana bread with candles! Thanks Lalaja!



NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday 26 June at Leigh Memorial, Pastor Fil will be at Leigh Memorial and conducting the baptism of baby Addison, whose big sister Macie was baptised at Leigh just over a year ago. Ruth will be providing our reflection on the 26th and everyone is welcome to join us for morning tea after the service – with nice hot cups of tea & coffee guaranteed!

PARRAMATTA MISSION WINTER APPEAL

Please consider giving to the important work of Parramatta Mission this winter as part of the annual appeal:

<https://www.parramattamission.org.au/product/winter-appeal-donation/>

HERITAGE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 2022: LAWRY IN TONGA

In addition to being the 201st anniversary of Parramatta Mission, the focus of this year's heritage acknowledgement is the 200th anniversary of Rev Walter Lawry's landmark mission to Tonga in 1822. Lawry's mission marked the commencement of Parramatta Mission's strong connection to the Pacific as a whole, and one that was consolidated in the start of the Leigh Fijian congregation in 1991.

Please join us in celebrating Heritage Sunday on 19 June! A traditional Devonshire Tea will be served after the Leigh Memorial service – all welcome.

Many thanks for everyone's ongoing support and encouragement, inc. the congregations, Mission Council & Mission management and staff – Liz, on behalf of the combined PM Heritage Committee & supporters.

HERITAGE TALK & TOUR – LEIGH MEMORIAL CHURCH

On Tuesday 21 June, 10.30am – Noon (the 137th anniversary of the opening of Leigh Memorial in 1885) – Liz will be conducting a heritage talk & tour of Leigh Memorial Church, including stories relating to its special windows, plaques and memorials. A community bus tour group will be present. Interested members of the PCUC congregations are welcome to join in. No booking required. Entry by donation to the Parramatta Mission Winter Appeal. Enquiries:

LeighMemorialUniting@gmail.com

HERITAGE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Following are points covering key Heritage Committee projects for the period December 2021 to June 2022:

The Heritage Committee has continued to assist the UCA Archives Office at the CFM, including with queries from researchers and members of the public. Research assistance is also given to Parramatta Mission, Parramatta Council/Parramatta Heritage Centre, the Parramatta & District Historical Society and multiple families seeking information for 'family trees'; In December 2021, the Heritage Committee released the final of its 6 x 2021 heritage publications: *Voices for the Common Good – Missionaries and Ministers of Parramatta Mission in the 19th and 20th centuries*. Limited copies are still available for sale; The Camden Theological Library's 'illuminate' online repository now includes 20 x Parramatta Mission heritage books dating from 2010 – 2021:

<https://illuminate.recollect.net.au/>; A dedication ceremony for the Catherine Leigh plaque took place at St. John's Cemetery Parramatta on 5 March, 2022; Between January and June this year, the Heritage Committee has conducted guided tours for community groups at 153 George Street and Leigh Memorial Church; The Parramatta Mission website's 'heritage' content has been significantly updated since the start of 2022 (inc. links to the Mission's heritage publications); A Heritage Committee article about the history of the Mission's 'Ellangowan' (153 George Street, Parramatta) has recently been provided to the property's new owners: the Greek Orthodox Parish of Parramatta and the UCA Archives. The Parish has expressed being deeply inspired by the story of Gloster Udy and the Mission's start-up of Lifeline Parramatta from the property in the early 1970s and hopes to bring about the site's refurbishment; A file of key, original documents from the 1950s (donated by Rev Greg Woolnough) is pending lodgement with the PM & UCA Archives; The life stories of late senior members Mr Adriu Rogoimuri (Leigh Fijian) and Miss Jean Mitchell (Westmead), have been lodged with the UCA's 'Biographical Archive'; The Heritage Committee has continued to provide written, visual and oral heritage information and support to archaeologists, architects and planners associated with the 'Gathering Place' and 'Epworth' building site projects; Following a recent request from the Heritage Committee, Leigh Memorial Church has been added to the online 'Parramatta Timeline' (events 1788 – present) for community viewing: <https://historyandheritage.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/blog/2015/05/26/parramatta-timeline-1788-present>.



PARRAMATTA MISSION 2022 HERITAGE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Parramatta Mission Heritage Committee acknowledges the First People of the lands on which we gather: the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation, whose history extends through time immemorial.

LAWRY IN TONGA

The focus of Parramatta Mission's 2022 heritage acknowledgement will be the 200th anniversary of Rev Walter Lawry's landmark mission to Tonga in 1822.

As Lawry and his wife Mary and infant son, Henry, set sail for the islands in a ship called the *St. Michael*, they left behind beloved family members, their home in Parramatta and the newly opened Parramatta Wesleyan Chapel on Macquarie Street – and headed into a situation of great danger many nautical miles away. Ultimately, the mission to Tonga was deemed a failure, however Lawry came to see his role there as an important 'preparatory' one that paved the way for future missionaries and Tonga's eventual status as a steadfast Christian country. Lawry's mission also consolidated Parramatta Mission's connection to the Pacific as a whole – including the efforts of fellow Wesleyan missionaries Rev Samuel Leigh in New Zealand and Rev John Watsford and Rev James Watkin in Fiji – plus 200 years of visits to Parramatta Mission by key Pacific leaders, including Queen Salote of Tonga. The coming of the Fijian Parish of Parramatta Mission in 1991 and Leigh Fijian's subsequent membership of the Mission for over 30 years have consolidated these early connections, while significantly strengthening the Mission's broader character and outlook – and its capacity for meaningful community outreach. Early Fijian congregation pioneers such as Taniela ('Daniel') Lotu were instrumental in sustaining landmark Mission projects such as 'Hope Hostel', while in a current context, the Bula Feeding Ministry continues to provide essential community support. Our Pacific connections also include shoulder to shoulder support for Pacific communities impacted by climate change and seeking greater environmental responsibility on the part of governments and the international community.

Please join us as we celebrate Heritage Sunday on 19 June! A traditional Devonshire Tea will be served at Leigh Memorial after the 9.30am service – all welcome.

Many thanks for everyone's ongoing support – Liz, on behalf of the combined Heritage Committee.



Westmead Congregation

Sharing the Hospitality of Jesus Christ

Sunday 19th June 2022 – 9.30am – ON-SITE and ZOOM

Zoom Link: <https://uca-nswact.us/j/93615534553>

The Worship Service this Sunday at Westmead will be led by Reverend John Barr. We thank you Rev. for your lovely sermon last Sunday and for joining and getting to know the Westmead members at morning tea afterwards.

Last Sunday Rev. John spoke about having peace with God. In all our shortcomings and failures, the burden of our sins can create despondence and misery and a personal “war with God” – God offers “a truce”. “God comes with a peace maker and a peace deal that address the issue. This peace maker is Jesus. The peace deal is the ministry Jesus carries out. And the glue that holds all this together, the means by which all this takes place, is the gift of God’s incredible, unconditional love.” Thank you, Rev., for your encouraging words.

Leigh Memorial Parramatta will be holding a “Heritage Sunday” service at 9.30am today and will acknowledge this year the 200th anniversary of Rev. Walter Lawrie’s mission to Tonga in 1822. This mission is important to our history as it formed a strong connection between Parramatta Mission and the Pacific, resulting in the formation of the Leigh Fijian Church at Parramatta in 1991. Westmead members are very welcome to attend.

Emergency Ukraine donation envelopes are available and are on the Westmead Church entrance table.

Please continue to be mindful of covid and flu safety measures

Just a reminder that the parking entrance for Westmead Church (and 175 Hotel) is only from Hawkesbury Road via Caroline Street – see map below.

The alternative to driving via Caroline Street is to continue along Hawkesbury Road to the Children’s Hospital and use the round-about to make a ‘U’ turn.



Calendar Dates

June 18th Saturday – Worship Committee Meeting.

10am at Centenary Church, North Parramatta.

June 26th Westmead Sunday Worship – Pastor Ofa

Roster for Readers.

19-06-22

Bible Reader: Sue

Prayers of The People: Cheryl

26-06-22

Bible Reader: Eileen

Prayers of The People: Alysa

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN JOIN

BIBLE STUDY: Monday afternoons, **2pm.** All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/95043695512>

TAI CHI: Friday at Uniting Westmead **10am-11am \$10**

Christian Meditation on Zoom led by Pastor Sarah Bishop, on Tuesdays and Thursdays at **6.20am**. Contact Sarah for Zoom Link.

Email: sarah@bluetardis.com.au

Phone: 0412 606 049

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Prayer Chain Requests: Ruth Geggie: 0430 271 205

Technology: Alysa Biju E-mail: westmead.uca@gmail.com

Newsletter: Cheryl Shyam: 0432 436 999

Leigh Fijian Congregation

- 1. Lotu ena macawa oqo 19/06:** Na sigatabu oqo e na vunau tiko kina ko Josefa Foiakau kei Meli Donu. Tu vakarau ena vunau Senitiki Qata kei Emosi Rogoimuri. Tu vakarau na veiliutaki matamasumasu naba 2.
- 2. Lotu ena macawa mai oqo 26/06:** Na lotu ena macawa mai oqo ena vunau tiko kina ko Ruth Mawson kei Emosi Rogoimuri. Tu vakarau ena vunau Viliame Kamotu kei Taito Dovibua. Tu vakarau ena veiliutaki matamasumasu naba 3.
- 3. Vunau Lesi Westmead 26/06:** Akisi Allison
- 4. Lesoni ni macawa oqo: 13/05 - 19/06:** 1 Tui 19:1-4,5-7 Same 42, 43 Kalatia 3:23-29 Luke 9:51-62.
- 5. Lesoni ni macawa mai oqo: 20/06 – 26/06:** 2 Tui 2:1-2, 6-14 Same 77:1-2, 11-20 Kalatia 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62.
6. Bose ni vavakoso ena qaravi tiko ena vakarauwai oqo 18/06 ena 4:00pm ena Coffee shop e valelotu. Na qaravi tale tikoga ena 3:00pm na bose ni Davunau.
7. Kerei tiko ga na noda veimasulaki vei dua na noda lewe ni vavakoso ko Keni Tabucavu ni oti mai nona qaravi mai valebula ka sa vakabulabula tiko e nona vale.

Lolo kei Na masumasu - Veinanumi ena lolo kei na masumasu ena vei matai ni Vukelulu ena vei vula mai na 6am – 12pmse 6am – 6pm. Soli tu na galala ke o rawa ni qarava.

Veinanumi ena Masu : Kerei meda veinanumi tikoga ena veimasulaki vei ira na nodatou qase Vilikesa kei Mereoni Kamotu, S Qata. ratou na veiliutaki tiko ena nodatou vavakoso vaka viti kei na veivuvale kece sara ena loma ni nodatou vavakoso. Na nodratou veiqaravi na Bula Feeding.

Gadrevi na noda veinanumi ena masu vei ira na lewe ni vavakoso era mai sasaga kei na nanumi talega ni nodra vuvale mai Viti.

시드니 조은 교회 Sydney Jo-Eun Church

21-25

성령강림 후 3주일 (3rd Pentecost Sunday) 2022년 06월19일 오후 1시30분

개회 찬송 (Entrance Hymn) 예배를 위한 묵상

예배의 부름 (Calling) 인도자

송영 (Gloria) **새 3 장** **통 2 장** 성부 성자 성령 다함께

사도신경 신앙고백 (The Apostle's Creed) 다함께

찬양/찬송 (Chorus & Hymns) 다함께

새 28 장 **통 28 장** 복의 근원 강림하사

새 268 장 **통 202 장** 죄에서 자유를 얻게함은

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

성경 봉독 (Scripture Reading) **창세기 15:1-18**

말씀(Preaching)- 전현구 목사 **소유와 위탁**

봉헌 송 (Offertory Hymn)
새 539 장 **통 483 장** 너 예수께 조용히 나가

나눔과 알림 (Announcement & Notices)
1. 전 세계가 전염병으로 힘들 때 주님과 동행하시는 성도가 됩시다.
2. '매일 성경' 말씀으로 주님과 교제의 시간(QT)을 갖고 적용하는 훈련을 합니다.
3. 말씀, 기도, 전도 생활로 하나님이 기뻐하시는 삶을 사는 성도님들이 되시기 바랍니다.

폐회찬송(Final Hymn)
새 501장 **통 255장** 너 시온아 이소식 전파하라 (1절)

축도 전현구 담임목사

QT나눔 & 성경공부 오후4:00	수요기도회 : 오후 7시 사무엘상 29:1-11	새벽기도회 : 오전 6시 사무엘상 27:1-31:13
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Meals Plus volunteers Recognised as 2022 Community Heroes

“On Friday, 10th June 2022, the following of our Meals Plus volunteers were formally recognised as 2022 Community Heroes, for their dedicated service to the community:

1. Ms. Annie Michael
2. Mr. Christiaan Mulder
3. Mr. Kevin Medley
4. Mr. Tai Ming Wong
5. Ms. Indra Broos
6. Mr. Jozef Kowalczyk
7. Mr. Sunny Chan
8. Mr. Tony Oates

Coming from all walks of life, they have been with Meals Plus for many years and were essential in keeping our service open through even the worst of lockdowns, while enduring challenges and even tragedies in their personal lives. They have demonstrated commitment, loyalty, self-sacrifice, comradery and courage.

The awards were presented by the Honourable Natasha Maclaren-Jones, Minister for Families and Communities, Minister for Disability Services, and the Honourable Geoffrey Lee, Minister for Corrections and Member for Parramatta. Both Ministers attended in person where they were warmly received and welcomed by Mr Mark Newton on behalf of Parramatta Mission; and after the presentation the Ministers spent time with our volunteers individually to listen to their stories and feedback.

The Ministers’ visit and recognition of our cherished volunteers, and their promise of further support is a hopeful prelude to an even brighter future for Parramatta Mission.”

Mark Newton
Executive General Manager













153 George Street Update

Members of the congregations will remember that a decision was taken to sell 153 George Street and the settlement date is edging closer, this will hopefully be completed before the end of June this year.

You may be aware that there is a cottage at the rear of 153 George Street, and we have had a good relationship with our long standing tenant there, Jaala Edmunds, she has been an excellent tenant and has been bringing up her young family there. She was originally a member of staff of PM, so we have had a long association with her.

As a consequence of the sale Jaala decided to give notice to vacate and she wrote this letter, with kind sentiments towards Parramatta Mission. This is reproduced with her permission:

I am writing to give my two weeks notice for my tenancy at 153 George Street, Parramatta.

An enormous thanks to you Howard for all your assistance during this emotional time and an even bigger thank you to Parramatta Mission for giving my daughter and I a stable home for so so many years.

As I write this, I'm crying and know I will cry for many months. It's hard to explain the deep love and attachment I have to this house.

I cannot express how profoundly grateful I am and will forever be to Parramatta Mission for everything you've done for my daughter and myself. PM has changed our life and I'm devastated to be parting ways with you and our home we've lived in but wish everyone all the best with the Church and the organisation in the future.

Kind regards, Jaala Edmunds

On behalf of PM we all wish Jaala and her daughter the very best in her future.

Mark Newton
Executive General Manager

Tai Chi

Fridays – 10.00 am to 11.00am

at

UNITING WESTMEAD

1 Caroline St, Westmead

- Tai Chi is a friendly group
- has a qualified instructor
- Cost: \$10
- Parking on site
- To join the class - speak to Rose,
Mobile: 0487 994 658



Prayer Points

The people of Parramatta Mission invite you to pray for

Our Community

- We give thanks that some small gatherings are starting to take place. We give thanks for welcoming cafes and the disciplines we have learnt to help keep us all safe.
- We give thanks for coffee, tea, muffins and spiritually encouraging conversations.

PM Westmead

- Those unwell or receiving medical treatment in our congregation – Lord we pray that You may place Your healing hands on them. May they know comfort, peace and be free of pain.
- Medical teams- doctors, nurses, and care givers – that they be guided daily to give the right treatment for each patient they care for. May they be sustained with daily energy, and may Your love and compassion surround them as they work in demanding conditions.
- Parents with children on a single income – Lord please protect these families and let there be support from those around them. May You bless these parents, so they have enough to make it through.
- Economic Crises in Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, East African countries as well as other countries being devastated by wars, dictatorship governments and terrorism plunders. Lord this problem is becoming so large. We pray that You will help these people and that they will not give up hope. Let the world unite and work out ways to distribute resources fairly and let this not be swept under the carpet.
- War torn Ukraine and other countries in the grips of war – Lord we pray for ceasefire and peace to set in. May those who seek to destroy to gain control be turned back, by Your intervention.
- Those suffering in winter due to being homeless – Lord, let these people be helped by the support groups that gather to resource them. May the homeless find proper shelters and may Your grace enlighten their hearts and minds.
- Ourselves – We pray for Your grace and Holy Spirit to keep lighting the way ahead for us. May we especially be protected when we go through hurtful times, through despair and worry. Be with us and support us.
- Our leaders and Government – Lord we pray that by Your Holy Spirit they may see through and act on change for the climate, hospital system and resources, to be allocated in the correct places.

PM Korean Faith Community

- We pray for the Korean community in Western Sydney and for the revival of the church.
- We pray especially for Nak Su Baik, Kyeong Ok Hyeon (Those who are not in good health).

Prayer Points

PM Fijian

- We pray for those who are going through transitions from school to beyond.
- We pray for the Synod Pulse Team and Ofa's role as a newly commissioned Pastor in the Team, resourcing youth ministry across NSW/ACT.
- We pray for the guests at the Bula Feeding Ministry and Meals Plus and our wonderful volunteers. We pray for those who are unable to meet because of rain or storms and for those who have been sleeping rough.

PM Leigh Memorial

- We pray for congregation members, leaders and staff who are unwell, or having tests or procedures, and those experiencing anxiety surrounding work, study, family life or health. We particularly remember our members in need of additional support at this time, including those who are separated from their families or grieving. We also remember those within our congregations who are devoted carers to others in their family or within the community;
- We pray for wisdom and inspiration to infuse all current and forthcoming decision-making processes and actions by our dedicated ministers, leaders, managers and staff – and specifically pray for Paul and the team at Meals Plus, Cameron and his team at Westmead, the Bula Feeding ministry, and the life and witness of our fellow Parramatta Mission & Parramatta City Uniting Church congregations;
- We also pray for greater mutual respect, compassion and care within our local communities, and for the realisation of a community-wide spirit of inclusion and love for all people.

Wider Work

For our Combined Parramatta Mission Team

- May God guide all our staff and volunteers to live out our values of grace, inclusion, dignity, faith and hope;
- Rev. Vladimir, Rev. Hyun Goo, Chaplain Sarah, PMC Chairperson, David and Secretary Robert and all those who lead and serve.

Service & Zoom Information

Leigh Memorial Congregation

Time: Sunday 9.30am on site & Zoom

<https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5199089657>

Meeting ID: 519 908 9657

Westmead Congregation

Time: Sunday 9.30am on site & Zoom

<https://uca-nswact.us/j/93615534553>

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Leigh Memorial Church
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IN TIME OF PASTORAL NEED

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