# Cell Groups at Penshurst Anglican Church

Our church calls itself a 'cell church', built upon the Biblical idea that the primary way that God's people can truly live out the Gospel is through small, intentional communities (called 'cells'). It is here where Jesus is given a far more intimate opportunity to do His work of transformation.

English-Speaking Cell Groups/	Day/time/frequency	
Bart VandenHengel	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/weekly	
Gaye Bishop	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly	
Cliff Seeto	Weds / 7:30pm/ fortnightly	
Megan & Jeff Powys	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly	
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly	
PAC Youth Group	Friday/ 7:30-9:30 pm/ weekly	
'The Quiet Place' prayer meeting	Sunday/7pm/weekly	

If you are interested in joining one of these cells, you can either talk directly to one of the group leaders or to Bart for more guidance on which cell will fit you best. You may even want to start your own!

#### Sunday School:

Our Sunday School program runs during the 10:30am services, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age:

Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Karen Fu (in upper hall classroom 1)
 Ages 6-7 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in basement of hall)

Ages 8-10 Coordinator: Bart VandenHengel (in library)

• Years 11-12+ Coordinator: George Chan (in upper hall classroom 2)



#### Penshurst Anglican Church

2 Carrington St, Penshurst, NSW 2222

Pastors: Bart VandenHengel (English speaking congregations)
Aisen Ju (Mandarin speaking congregation)
Sunday Services: (8am) Prayer Book Service w/ Holy Communion
(10:30am) Bi-lingual Celebration service in English and Mandarin

Contact details:

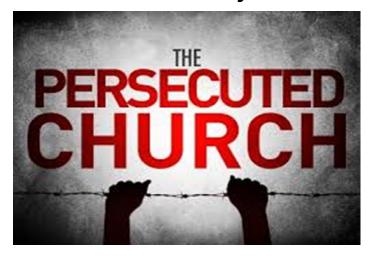
Bart: 9580-1217 or 0400-282-848 Aisen: 9585-2943 or 0433-315-745 Website: www.penshurstanglican.org Internet Banking details: Westpac Penshurst Anglican Parish St Johns Acct BSB- 704998 Acct No- 100008296

## The Voice

## Penshurst Anglican Church

We welcome you to our celebrations this morning! If you are a visitor here today, we pray that the Triune God of grace will richly meet you where you are, in the fellowship of His people here at PAC. We also invite you to make yourself known to us through the visitor forms found in the pew holders.

## Is the End Really Near?



"Persecution"



Sunday, November 16, 2014

#### Preaching program

Ebola; Climate Change; ISIL and Al-Qaeda; Increasing Christian persecution;
False Messiahs; Universal proclamation of the Gospel, Backsliding; ... Are all these signs that the end of the world is quickly approaching? Hang on to your hats as we approach the confusing and confronting subject:

Is the End of the World Really Near?

	New Sermon Series from Matthew's Gospel:				
	"Is the End Really Near?"				
Nov		1 Peter 4:12-19			
16	"Persecution"	Matthew 24:9-14			
Nov					
23	"False Saviours"	Matthew 24:15-28			
Nov					
30	"Heaven and earth will pass away"	Matthew 24:29-35			

### Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Today has been set aside as a special day of prayer for the persecuted church around the world.

At 10:30am, both Mandarin and English-speaking congregations we will be staying together for a combined service.

#### Christian books in Chinese 中文基督徒書籍

Do you have any Christian books in Chinese that you no longer need? Lynda Ward, Tabor College Librarian, can use them in her "Booked Out" Minstry. Please pass them on to Merilyn. Thank you!

假如你有不再需要的基督徒書籍,請捐獻給Tabor學校圖書館員 Lynda Ward, 她可以使它們發揮價值。請把書交給Merilyn即可。謝謝!

#### 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer Leaders	Bible Reader	Counters
Nov-16	Merilyn, Margaret	Team 5- Emily, Byron, Aisen, Bart, James, George, Louise, Michelle	Holy Communion	Margaret	Doris, Tina
Nov-23	Selina, Andrew C.	Team 1- Joy, Bing, Sam, James, Lucy, Millie, Michelle H.	???	Kathie	Tina, Merilyn
Nov-30	Naomi, Millie	Team 2- Lewie, Edwina, Aisen, Jennifer, George, Tina, Selina	???	Andrew U	Merilyn, Cliff

#### Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., Nov 9	New Sermon Series- "Is the End Really Near?"
Sun., Nov. 16	International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
Sat., Nov 22	Conference on Domestic Violence– St. Anne's Ryde, 10 am
Sun., Dec 21	Last day of Sunday School
Weds., Dec 24	Christmas Eve "Carols in the Cul-de-Sac" (8:30pm)

#### **Pray for the Persecuted Church**

Around the world, many believers are persecuted, imprisoned, or even killed for their faith. In fact, since the day when Jesus laid down His life, 43 million Christians have become martyrs. Today, 200 million people are facing persecution for believing in Jesus-- 60% of whom are children!

Sara (not her real name) knows first-hand what it is like to be persecuted. The week before Sara and her husband planned to open a Bible School, 4 men attacked their family with metal hatchets. Because of the attacks, Sara had 3 skull fractures, a punctured eardrum, internal bleeding and needed stitches badly. "Before the attacks, I considered myself sensitive to the persecuted church," Sara said. "But then I woke up one night and I was one... These people we call the persecuted church are people just like us. We need to pray for them... When we support them, it sends them the message-- 'I am not forgotten, not by God and not by my brothers and sisters."

Because the New Testament was written to persecuted believers, it is filled with examples of how to pray for our brothers and sisters under attack. From Paul's advice to the Christians in Ephesus, we know that we should:

- Pray that persecuted believers will know the hope God gives (Ephesians 1:8).
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them (Eph 3:16).
- Pray that persecuted believers will know how much God loves them (Eph 3:17)
- Pray that they will know how to share the gospel wisely (Eph 6:19).
- Pray that persecuted believers will fearlessly tell others about Jesus (Eph 6:20).
   There are also some practical needs for which persecuted believers would love your prayers:
- Pray that persecuted believers would have access to a Bible.
- Pray that they might have the courage to remain in their homeland.
- Please pray for believers who have been rejected by family and friends. Pray that God would surround them with a new Christian "family" who loves them and supports them emotionally and physically.
- Pray for God to be an advocate for women who are socially vulnerable or have lost the custody of their children because of their faith.
- Please pray that God would provide persecuted believers with jobs and safe places to live.

(For others ways to engage with the Persecuted Church, go to <a href="https://www.persecutedchurch.org">www.persecutedchurch.org</a>.)