### 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)



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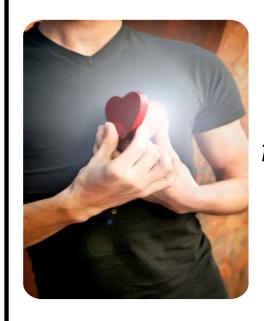
Pastors: Bart VandenHengel (English speaking congregations) Aisen Ju (Mandarin speaking congregation) Sunday Services: (8am) Prayer Book Service w/ Holy Communion (10:30am) Bi-lingual Celebration service in English and Mandarin

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# 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.



# *"Worshipping God from the Heart"*

Speaker : Denis Oliver



Sunday, 24 May, 2015

## Preaching program

| May   |  | Preacher: Denis Oliver       | Psalm 100        |
|---|--|------------------------------|------------------|
| 24  |  | "Worship God from the Heart" | Luke 18:9-14     |
| May   |  | Preacher: Diana Morgan       |                  |
| 31  |  |                              |                  |
| Today, we welcome Denis Oliver to our church family to share with us from God's Word. |  |                              |                  |
| Denis is the rector of Christ Church Anglican in Mortdale                             |  |                              | ican in Mortdale |

He is married to Bronwyn

New Sermon Series starting in June

"The Church in Today's World– Lessons from Ezra and Nehemiah"

The purpose of this new series will be to reflect on the dangers, challenges and struggles faced by God's people, the church, in ever age.

> Put it in your diary! Church Working Bee June 20, 9am to 12pm



Due to a family crisis, Bart will be away in the USA from May 10th to May 31st. If there is anything that urgently needs to be attended to while he is away, please speak to Aisen Ju on 0433 315 745.

### 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

| Date       | Welcome             | Music Team  | Prayer Leaders    | Bible Reader | Counters          |
|------------|---------------------|---|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| May-<br>24 | Peter,<br>Merilyn,  | Team 1- Joy, Bing, Sam, James, Lucy,<br>Millie, Michelle H.           |                   | Kat          | Merilyn,<br>Cliff |
| May-<br>31 | Andrew C.,<br>Naomi | Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon,<br>Josh, Sarah, Shirley, Karen, Amy     |                   | Bing         | Cliff,<br>Steve   |
| Jun-<br>07 | Geoff,<br>Selina,   | Team 4- Brian, Gordon, Michael,<br>Hua, Catherine , Nancy Lee, Amelia | Holy<br>Communion | Carolyn      | Steve,<br>Doris   |

| С               | Calendar of Upcoming Events                                       |  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| May 5 to June 5 | Bart goes to USA  |  |
| Sat., May 30    | Commissioning of our new regional Bishop, Peter Lin<br>(10:30 am) |  |
| Sat., June 20   | Working Bee (9am to 12pm)   |  |

### Pray for SRE in the public schools

### Dear Friends,

I wanted to write and let you know the latest developments with regard to the troubling decisions of the Department of Education and Communities concerning Special Religious Education (SRE) which emerged a fortnight ago.

I previously indicated that I had asked for a meeting with the Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli. This request was granted and the meeting took place last Friday, 15 May. I am now pleased to report that the Minister heeded my request for both an apology and a retraction, concerning the banning of two books in our authorised High School SRE curriculum, namely, John Dickson's *A Sneaking Suspicion* and Michael Jensen's *YOU*: *An Introduction*, and their accompanying student handbooks. He did so willingly and graciously, once he was apprised of the facts. The Minister sent me a letter confirming that these two resources are no longer banned. Your high school SRE teachers may now feel free to use these resources, as they have for many years, in the appropriate years for which they are scheduled, as per the authorised curriculum, which is published by Youthworks on their website.

I am delighted with so many reports of the health of SRE in our schools and the faithful service of your SRE teachers. I am also delighted that the Minister has not only reversed the ban, but has also reasserted his support for SRE and his desire to work cooperatively with the Anglican Church in its delivery of SRE. This is a partnership in which we both play a part. We have a long history of which we can be justly proud, yet we must continue to be vigilant in the defence of SRE and also in the best way to defend SRE against those sections of our community who desire its abolition. This is a matter for both prayer and wisdom. We must also continue to provide the very best practice in the delivery of SRE, using the excellent resources that have been authorised in our Diocese.

Thank you again for your prayers. Archbishop Glenn Davies