

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 |
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| Bart VandenHengel | Tuesday/ 7:30pm/weekly |
| Gaye Bishop | Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly |
| Meryllyn Mayhew | Tuesday / 7:30pm/ weekly |
| Megan & Jeff Powys | Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly |
| ReCharge! (University+ group) | Thursday/ 8:00pm/ 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: Selina Kwok (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 congregations)

Sunday Services: (8am) Prayer Book Service w/ Holy Communion
(10:30am) Bi-lingual Celebration service in English and Mandarin
(6pm) 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.



Sunday, 28 February, 2016

Preaching program

New Sermon Series: "Seeking God's Face!"

We continue following the readings from the Lectionary through Lent, with a special focus on the way the Jesus of the Gospels reveals the true nature of God as described in the Psalms. As Jesus said; "If you've seen Me, you've seen the Father."

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| Feb 28 | A new appreciation of God's wrath | Psalm 63:1-8 Luke 13:1-9 |
| March 6 | A new appreciation of God's forgiveness | Psalm 32 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 |
| March 13 | A new appreciation of death | Psalm 126 John 12:1-8 |

English Classes are held each Sunday in the basement at 1:30pm. **All are welcome!**

Bi-lingual evening service continues Today!

For various reasons, some people cannot make it to our morning services. We have decided to experiment with a new (1 hour) bi-lingual service on Sunday evening (6pm), followed by a meal.

It may be a good opportunity for you to bring a friend to church!

Financial Q & A

On Sunday, March 6th, at 12:30pm, our Parish Council will hold an open forum to discuss our financial issues. **Please plan to be there.**

Easter Week is quickly approaching!

Our annual **Passover Meal** will be held on Thursday, March 24 at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share as we go through the Passover story again.

Then, at 9am on **Good Friday**, we will gather in quiet reflection in the church to meditate on Christ's death for us.

Finally, our **Easter Sunday services** will be filled with the joy of Christ's resurrection. At 10:30am, our Sunday School classes will be singing for us!

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

| Date | Welcome | Music Team | Prayer | Bible Reader | Counters |
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| Feb-28 | Peter, Steve | Team 5- Emily, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Pauline, Li Sun, Robyn, Louise | | David | Geoff, Marilyn |
| Mar-06 | Marilyn, Margaret | Team 2- Stephen, Bing, Aisen, Will , Lydia, Tina, Millie | Holy Com- munion | Kim | Marilyn, Cliff |
| Mar-13 | Millie, Naomi | Team 3- Rueves & Kat , Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy | | Michelle | Cliff, Steve |

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Sunday, March 6 | Meeting to Discuss PAC Financial Situation (12:30pm in hall) |
| Sat., March 12 | Child Protection Training – Mortdale Anglican (9am) |
| Sun., March 13 | Annual General Meeting (1 pm) |
| Thurs., March 24 | Passover Meal (7pm) |
| Fri., March 25 | Good Friday Service (9am) |
| Sun., March 27 | Easter Day Services (8am, 10:30am & 6pm) |

Pray for Christians in India

Attacks on Christians in India were reported on an almost daily basis in 2015, according to a Christian advocacy group. The group reports that seven pastors were killed, several nuns were raped and hundreds of Christians were arrested under India's anti-conversions laws. "The country saw 355 incidents of violence, including 200 major incidents, during the last year," Joseph Dias, convener of Mumbai-based Catholic Secular Forum, told World Watch Monitor. The forum's report, released on Jan. 18, concluded that it is "not safe" to be a Christian in India.

Dias blamed the increase in incidents against Christians on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, or BJP. "The rise of the BJP has emboldened the [Hindu nationalist] fringe groups," he said. "They feel that they can treat the Christians as soft targets under BJP's patronage and protection." He added that "The hate speech is turning worse and the conversion rhetoric of the saffron family [Hindu fundamentalists] is vitiating the atmosphere and paving the way for atrocities".

Rev. Vijayesh Lal, national director of the Religious Liberty Commission of the Evangelical Fellowship of India, told World Watch Monitor that, "violence against Christians has always been justified using the propaganda about conversion. Using conversions as a means of justifying violence has been used since the mid-1990s by the Hindutva [Hindu nationalist] brigade. What worries me is the total impunity with which the violence and hate speech are being carried out now."

Prayer: Father, we thank You for the great turning of hearts to Christ that is taking place in India. And as the work of Your Holy Spirit increases, so does the work of Christ's enemy. In these times when Satan, though defeated, uses every means possible to destroy Christ's church, we pray instead that You will cause Your church in India to grow and flourish. Where efforts are made to arouse anger against Christians, we pray that You will open eyes to see Christ in them and turn a great multitude to Him in saving faith. Where lies are spread about Your people, reveal truth. And give opportunities to Your church in everyday life to spread the gospel through friendships, compassionate service, and the preaching of Your Word. In the name of Jesus, who rules forever by His power, His eyes watching the nations (Ps 66). Amen.