

## 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 & Kim VandenHengel	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/weekly
Gaye Bishop	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Marilyn 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.

## The Book of Revelation:

UNTIL  
**HE** RETURNS

TODAY: Conflict and the Gospel



Sunday, 8 May, 2016

## Preaching program

### “Until He Returns!”

We continue our new series on the Book of Revelation.

Written by the Apostle John while he was imprisoned by the Romans on the Island of Patmos, his ‘Revelation’ may look like a complicated book to read. Our prayer is that, over the next 10 weeks, we will show you the things that will unlock the story and make this book come alive to modern readers.

May 8	<b><i>Conflict and the Gospel</i></b>	Revelation 12:1-17 Matthew 2:7-18
May 15	<b><i>The Gospel and the Powers</i></b>	Revelation 13:1-18 Luke 11:14-23
May 22	<b><i>The Gospel and Perseverance</i></b>	Revelation 2:1-17 Luke 12:35-40



“Anglican Churches Together” (ACT) is running a Personal Evangelism Training Course, starting on May 15th. This will run for three weeks. This training will be at St. Mark’s Anglican Church, South Hurstville, starting at 1:30pm.

Basic Mandarin classes are now offered at 12:30pm each Sunday. Talk to Bella or Selina for details.

English classes are on today at 1:30pm.

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
May-08	Merylyn, Margaret	Team 1- Joy, Bing, Sam, Ruevern, Lucy, Zoey, Millie		Andrew	Geoff, Merylyn
May-15	Millie, Naomi	Team 2- Stephen, Bing, Aisen, Will, Lydia, Tina, Millie	Holy Communion	Robyn	Merylyn, Cliff
May-22	Geoff, Andrew U.	Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy		David	Cliff, Steve

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., May 8	Mother’s Day
Sun., May 15	ACT Personal Evangelism Course (runs for 3 weeks)

## Pray for Nigeria

Nigeria is a country torn in two. While southern Nigeria enjoys economic stability and relative peace, northern Nigeria is troubled by continued violent attacks from extremist groups, by social and economic insecurity, and by ethnic and religious conflicts. Northern Nigeria is home to a substantial Christian population; with an estimated 30 million adherents in the northern region, Christians form the largest minority in a mainly Muslim region. In recent decades, especially in the past 15 years, this region has become increasingly hostile towards Christians, leading to growing marginalization and discrimination, as well as widespread attacks against believers.

Though Nigeria is officially a secular state with a constitution guaranteeing freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, the reality in northern Nigeria is radically different. Mutual trust between Muslims and Christians has disappeared, resulting in these religious groups becoming increasingly separate from each other, clustering within their own communities in suburbs and in distinct rural areas.

An Open Doors International research report on the impact of violence on Christian communities, church activities, and individual believers has discovered that the past several decades of targeted religious violence has had an even larger impact on the church in northern Nigeria than previously expected. The violence against Christians in the region has resulted in thousands of people being killed, including a conservative estimate of between 9,000 and 11,500 Christians. A large number of Christian properties have been destroyed, including 13,000 churches that have been destroyed, abandoned, or forced to close. According to this report, up to 1.3 million Christians in northern Nigeria have been affected by the waves of violence and persecution, many internally displaced in search of safety and security. In several areas in northern Nigeria, the Christian presence has become virtually extinct or been substantially diminished, while other areas have experienced significant growth in church congregations due to an influx of Christians fleeing violence and a number of Muslims converting to Christianity.

Prayer: Father, we thank You for faithful believers in northern Nigeria who continue to worship and serve You in the presence of the constant threat of suffering and danger. We pray for unity in Your church in Nigeria as they consider God-honouring responses to the violence. We pray for the work of the church in finding ways to support Christians who have been affected by the violence and in working toward peace and positive interaction with their neighbours of different faiths. And we pray for comfort, courage, and provision as Christians face the challenge of living not only in the face of danger, but also in the midst of marginalization and discrimination. We pray this in the name of Jesus who suffered and died as a criminal and outcast that we might be made holy and pure, calling You Father. Amen.