

# 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.

## "Decision Making and the Will of God"

**TODAY: *God's Sovereign Will and our Humility***

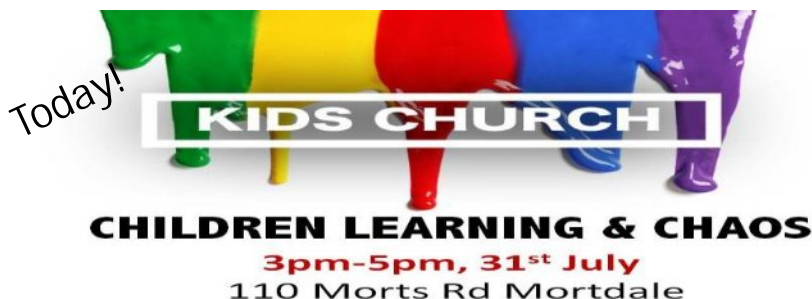


Sunday, 31 July, 2016

## Preaching program

Next Sermon Series: “Decision Making and the Will of God”  
 Are you confused about God’s will for your life? Do you find it hard to make important decisions? Perhaps this sermon series will help!

July 31	<b><i>God’s Sovereign Will and our Humility</i></b>	James 4:13-16 John 14:15-27
Aug 7	<b><i>God’s Sovereign Will and our Responsibility</i></b>	Romans 12:1-8 John 11:38-44
Aug 14	<b><i>A Biblical Model of Guidance</i></b>	Romans 15:20-29 John 18:1-11



Our annual Mission Month will be approaching very soon. Please begin to consider how you may help to make this year’s campaign a great success. Also, check your cupboards and garages for descent items you may want to donate. (NB- Only good children’s clothing will be accepted this year.)

Bart has been invited to attend a leadership conference in the USA through the month of September, sponsored by the Anglican Church in North America. Delegates for this conference will be coming from 11 different nations!

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Jul-31	Tina, Steve	Team 4- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Michael, Hua, Catherine, Nancy Lee, Amelia		Kathie	Cliff, M????
07-07	Peter, Andrew U	Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy	Holy Communion	Robyn	Doris, Geoff
14-07	Andrew C., Kim	Team 5- Emily, Byron, David, Aisen, Bart, Shirley, Li Sun, Gaye, Louise		David	Geoff, ? ? ? ? ?

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., July 31	Children Learning and Chaos– ACT Sunday School seminar
Sat., August 13	Bushwalk with John Oakes
Sept. 3 to Oct. 14	Bart in USA. Ted Potter and David Watkins will be locums.
Oct 16 to Nov 13	Missions Month
Sat., October 30	Mega Mission Market
Nov. 18-20	Church camp at Telford Lodge in the Royal National Park

## Pray for the PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Leader: President Mahmoud Abbas

Population: 4.5 million (40,000 Christians)

Main Religion: Islam

Government: Interim administration

The dynamics of life for Christians living in the Palestinian Territories are complex. Christians are squeezed in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, their ethnicity causing many restrictions from the Israeli side and their religion putting them in a minority position within the Palestinian community.

The territories are effectively under different governments. On one hand, the West Bank's ruling Fatah party is formally based on secular principles, and Christians enjoy several rights. On the other hand, though Christians are largely tolerated by Islamist Hamas, the rights of Christians are neither upheld nor protected in Gaza. Apart from this discrimination, Christians face threats from radical Islamic vigilante groups.

The total number of Christians has been decreasing in both areas over time due to emigration and lower birth rates. A ray of hope is the small but growing number of converts from Islam to Christianity.

### PRAYER POINTS FOR PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

- Pray for Christians in the Palestinian Territories to shine as lights in the midst of the conflict.
- Pray for Christians living out their faith in utmost secrecy in Gaza for fear of repercussions.
- Pray that pressure to convert to Islam would be used to strengthen the faith of Christians.

# 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)	Wednesday/ 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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