

WELCOME TO PENSURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, 4th February 2018



Galatians: The Plain Truth of the Gospel

Today: Confused about the Gospel?



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Paul's Letter to the church in Galatia was spurred on by the fact that, although many people claimed to be believers in Christ, few of them (including the Apostle Peter) had a clear grasp of the Gospel! Here, in our church, the same thing may be true.

Despite our regular attendance at church services and bible studies, it's possible that many of us are still unsure or confused about the essentials of the Christian faith. We may also find it difficult to explain the uniqueness of Christianity in today's pluralistic world. Our prayer is that this 12 week series through the Book of Galatians will renew our understanding of "The plain truth of the Gospel".

Sermons for February

Feb. 4	Confused about the Gospel?	Galatians 1: 1-10
Feb. 11	A Word from Heaven	Galatians 1: 11-24
Feb. 18	Good News for All People	Galatians 2: 1-10
Feb. 28	Justified by Faith in Jesus	Galatians 2: 1-10

Dates for your Diary

Sun., Feb. 4	Meeting of Discipleship Team and Sunday Worship Team Leaders (12:30pm)
Sat., Feb 10	Chinese New Year Celebrations - Potluck dinner (6pm)
Sun., Feb. 11	Wardens Meeting (12:30pm)

Chinese New Year Celebrations will be held next Saturday evening (Feb 11) starting at 6pm. Bring a plate to share. Fun for all!



Check the website or SMS for rosters!

Prayer Points

Submission to the Rudduck Review

A Federal Government review into religious freedom in Australia is currently underway, with public submissions closing on February 14. The review panel, chaired by the Hon. Philip Ruddock, has been asked to examine whether Australian law adequately protects the human right to freedom of religion.

It is important that, as Christians, we make our voices heard. For this reason, I am writing to ask if you will take the time to make your own submission to the Panel. It is important that this is written in your own words, focusing on why religious freedom matters to you personally.

Here are some ideas that you might like to use in your submission.

Freedom of religion includes the freedom to express my Christian faith in my everyday life and in the life of our nation (e.g., running Christian schools and welfare agencies). [Relate this to your personal circumstance/job/experience if possible]

Freedom of religion means being protected by Federal anti-discrimination laws. It is inconsistent that age, disability, race, sex, intersex status, gender identity and sexual orientation are all protected, but religious belief is not.

Freedom of religion means that Christian parents and guardians should have the right to withdraw their children from certain classes if what is being taught is against their religious beliefs.

Freedom of religion means the right of religious bodies (including schools) to recruit staff who share the religious ethos of the institution.

Freedom of religion means the freedom to express one's religious beliefs.

Freedom of religion means protection against compulsion to perform acts which are contrary to conscience or belief – eg. doctors being forced to perform abortions or to euthanize a patient.

Freedom of religion means protection for marriage celebrants who are not ministers of religion.

At the end of your letter, please include a statement which gives consent for your submission to be published by the Panel. Please make your submission to the Ruddock Review as soon as possible. These can be submitted online (<https://pmc.gov.au/domestic-policy/religious-freedom-review/submission>) or in writing, but submissions must be received by February 14. Writ-

ten submissions should be mailed to:

The Expert Panel on Religious Freedom
c/o Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
PO Box 6500, Canberra ACT 2600

The Right Reverend Dr Michael Stead
Bishop of South Sydney

Roster - February

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible	Count
Feb. 4	Andrew C, Naomi	Team 4 - Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Holy Communion	Millie	Geoff, Doris
Feb. 11	Andrew U, Sylvio	Team 1 - Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart, Nancy L, Michelle H, Wei Wei, Catherine	Gaye	Kim	Doris, Merilyn
Feb. 18	Tina, Merilyn	Team 2 - Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Holy Communion	Naomi	Merilyn, Kwame



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 and Kim VandenHengel	Tuesday/7:30pm/weekly
Joy Watkinson/Margaret Tilbrook	Tuesday/7:30pm/fortnightly
Megan and Jeff Powys	Thursday/7:30pm/weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Wednesday/8:00pm/weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/7:30pm/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 service, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child’s age and year at school:

Age 3-5	Coordinator: Tina Ung (in the basement of hall)
Years 1-3	Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in upper hall classroom 1)
Years 4-6	Coordinator: Andrew Ung (Upper hall classroom 2)
Years 7+	Coordinator: George Chan (Upper hall classroom 2)

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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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