

WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, 11th February 2018



Galatians: The Plain Truth of the Gospel

Today: A Word from Heaven



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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".

Upcoming Sermons

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Feb. 11	A Word from Heaven	Galatians 1: 11-24
Feb. 18	Good News for All People	Galatians 2: 1-10
Feb. 25	Justified by Faith in Jesus	Galatians 2: 11-21
Mar. 4	Everyone is a Legalist	Galatians 3:1-18

Dates for your Diary

Sat., Feb 10	Chinese New Year Celebrations - Potluck dinner (6pm)
Sun., Feb. 11	Wardens Meeting (12:30pm)
Sun., Feb. 18	Mission and Evangelism Team Meeting (12:30pm)
Sun., Feb. 25	Communication Team Meeting (12:30pm)

Roster - February

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible	Count
Feb. 11	Andrew U, Sylvio	Team 1 - Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart, Nancy Lee, Michelle H, Wei Wei, Catherine	Gaye	Kim	Doris, Marilyn
Feb. 18	Tina, Marilyn	Team 2 - Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Holy Communion	Naomi	Marilyn, Kwame
Feb. 25	Kim, Geoff	Team 3 - Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Allan, Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Marilyn	Kathie	Kwame, Cliff

Prayers for the Start of School

Here are five back to school prayers you can pray for your kids and grandkids:

1. Prayer for Peace

Lord, I pray that my kids (grandkids) will experience the peace of God this year that exceeds all understanding. I pray they will not worry about things they cannot control, but that You will guard their hearts and minds and keep them trusting in You. I pray they will not only enjoy the peace of God, but peace with God. I pray they will develop a spirit of gratitude and thanksgiving as they look to You daily for their needs. I pray that You will give them the capacity for joy that bubbles up from Your peace.

2. Prayer for Protection

Lord, I pray Your emotional, physical, and spiritual protection over my kids (grandkids). Keep evil far from them, and help them to trust You as their refuge and strength. I pray You will guard their minds from harmful instruction, and grant them discernment to recognize truth. I pray You will make them strong and courageous in the presence of danger, recognizing that You have overcome and will set right all injustice and wrong one day. Help them to find rest in Your shadow, as they live in the spiritual shelter You provide for them. Let them know that the only safe place is in Jesus, and that their home on earth is only temporary.

3. Prayer for Purity

Lord, I pray that You will create in my kids (grandkids) a clean heart and that You would constantly renew a right spirit within them, keeping their thoughts and actions pure and motivated by love. Guard them from temptation, and let them know You are always faithful to give them a way out and help to endure. May the words of their mouths and the meditations of their hearts always please you and edify others.

4. Prayer for Passion

Lord, I pray that my kids (grandkids) will develop a passion for the things of God. I pray they will hunger and thirst for You and Your Word and will love You with all of their heart, soul, and mind. Give them compassionate and generous hearts to love others as much as You love them. I pray they will always work and study with excellence, but that You will help them desire a servant spirit of greatness, rather than a worldly lust for success. I pray they will fall in love with Jesus over and over again.

5. Prayer for Perspective

Lord, I pray that my kids (grandkids) will develop an eternal perspective and purpose, not an earthly one. Help them to see life—and every challenge—through Your eyes, eager and unafraid to share with others the good news of Jesus wherever they go. I pray that they will set their minds on things above, not just what's going on here, and that they will be rooted and grounded in Your love. I pray they will come to understand the extent of Your own love for them—that it surpasses all the head knowledge they will acquire in school. I pray they will be filled up with You from morning 'til night.

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)

Penshurst Anglican Church

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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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