

WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 4, 2018



Galatians: The Plain Truth of the Gospel

Today: *The Children of Abraham*



Preaching program

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".

4 March	The Children of Abraham	Galatians 3:1-18 Luke 19:1-10
11 March	Why the Law?	Galatians 3:19-25
18 March	The Spirit of Adoption	Galatians 3:26- 4:7

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!

We will be holding our AGM on Sunday afternoon, 25 March.

Agenda includes:

Election of **3 Wardens** (responsible for finances and governance)

Election of **16 Team Leaders** (responsible for our team ministries)

Election of **5 Nominators** (responsible for finding Bart's replacement when he retires)

Team Leader Meetings: From now on, Bart and Aisen will be meeting with the various *Teams Leaders* on a 3-month cycle. In the first two months, Bart will meet with the Sunday Worship Team, the Communications Team, the Children's Ministry team and the Special Services Team while Aisen meets with the Discipleship Team, the Missions/Evangelism Team, the Fellowship Team and the Hospitality Team. Then, in the third month, they will meet with all the Team Leaders together. **This schedule will be posted on our website.**

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Mar-04	Geoff, Selina,	Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Holy Communion	Andrew	Cliff, Michelle
Mar-11	Phil, Kim	Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Catherine	Cliff	Bing	Michelle, Geoff
Mar-18	Saw See, Marilyn	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Holy Communion	Kim	Geoff, Doris

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 4	Fellowship Team Leaders meet with Aisen (12:30pm)
Sunday, March 11	Special Services Team (12pm) Wardens meeting (12:30pm)
Sunday, March 18	All Team Leaders meet with Bart and Aisen (12:30pm)
Sunday, March 25	Annual General Meeting (1pm)

Praying for the Healing of Our Loved Ones

I often get scared when I start to pray for the healing of my sick family and friends. I worry that if I say the wrong words or don't have enough faith, God won't heal them.

Something that has helped me overcome my fear of praying for healing is the Bible story about a woman who had been sick for years; a woman who risked everything to touch the hem of Jesus' garment; **a woman to whom Jesus turned and said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace."** I used to think that this story was about the woman having enough faith to reach out for Jesus. But maybe it's more about Jesus who sees and responds to her when she needed him. **Maybe it's about the deep compassion of Jesus for those who cry out to him when they are hurting!**

The burden of healing sickness is never on the patient, the family or even on the doctor, but **always on the God who turns when I touch the hem of his garment.** The burden of healing falls on the God who knows the plans he has for me even when my own hopes collapse around me. The burden of healing lies in the God whose ways aren't a faith formula, but a mystery. I don't need to say the right words or pray something that sounds beautiful. I just need to reach out to Jesus!

A Prayer for the Healing of Sick Family or Friends:

Lord Jesus, I thank you that you love [name of person who needs healing]. I know that you hate what their illness is doing to them/me. I ask, in the name of Jesus, that you would heal this disease, that you would have compassion and bring healing from all sickness. Your word says that when we call out to you, the Eternal one, you will give the order to heal and rescue us from certain death. In the Bible, we read of many miraculous healings and we believe that you still heal the same way today. We believe that there is no illness you cannot heal — after all, You even raised people from the dead! So, we ask for your healing in this situation.

We also know from experience that not everyone is healed. If that happens here, then keep our hearts soft towards you, helping us to understand your plans and to be excited about heaven. Lord Jesus, thank you that our hope for healing is in you. If there are doctors or treatments that you would want to use to heal this disease, we pray that you would guide [name of person who needs healing] to them. We thank you that [name of person who needs healing] belongs to you and that you are in control of everything that happens... from our first breath to our last sigh. Amen.

May this prayer for the sick guide your thoughts and communication with the Lord! Remember also that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we do not know what to say. God knows your heart!

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
Megan & Jeff Powys	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Thursday/ 8:00pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/7:30-9:30pm/ 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:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Tina Ung (in basement of hall)
- Years 1-3 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in upper hall classroom 2)
- Years 4-6 Coordinator: Andrew Ung (Upper hall classroom 1)
- Years 7+ Coordinator: John Oakes (in Library)



Penshurst Anglican Church

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Senior Pastor: Bart VandenHengel

Assistant Pastor: Aisen Ju

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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