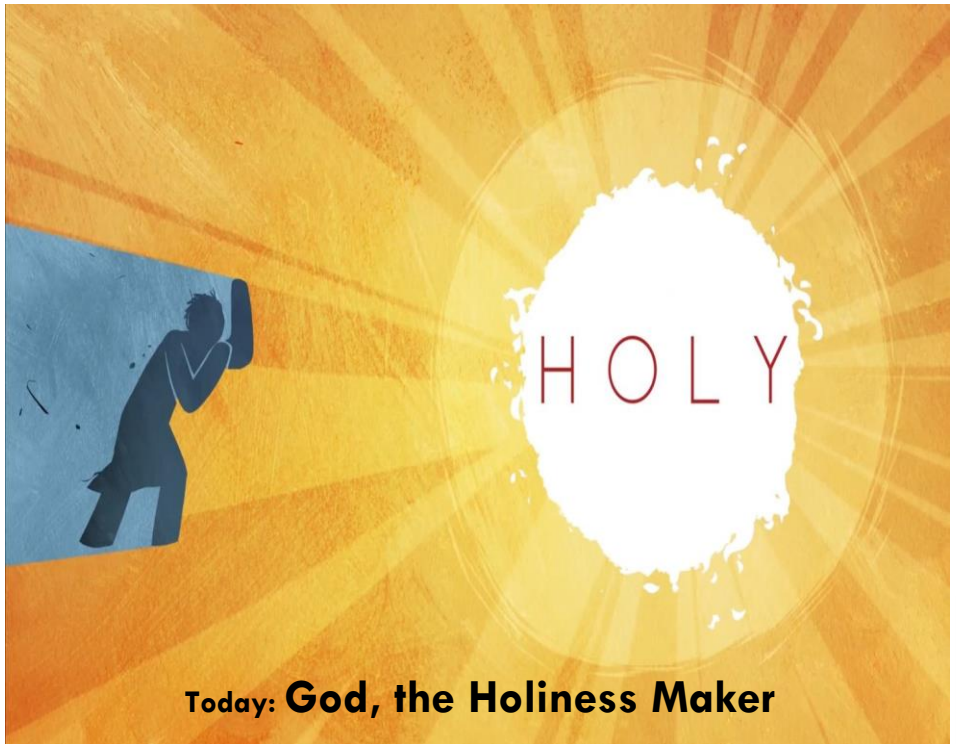


WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

July 29, 2018

The Book of Exodus (pt. 3): *At the Mountain of God*



Exodus, part three– “At the Mountain of God”,

Today, we start *Part Three* of the Exodus Story. As the new nation of Israel sets up camp at the foot of Mount Sinai, Moses is invited to climb up and meet with God there. Here, **“At the Mountain of God”**, God will attempt to teach His chosen people more about His character and His plans for them as His priesthood to the world.

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| 29 July | God, the Holiness Maker | Exodus 29:35-46 Luke 8:42b-48 |
| 5 August | God, the Patient Judge | Exodus 34:1-17 |
| 12 August | God, the All-Glorious King | Exodus 40:1-16, 34-38 |

Team Leaders Meeting– Today at 9:15am, meet in classroom near kitchen

Communication Team Meeting– Today at 12 noon.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting– Today, at 1 pm in hall.



Church Camp- booklets, brochures and application forms are all available at the back of the church. Please see Nancy Lee and Kathie Johnson for registration.

Return and Earn- PAC is now participating in a community program to recycle plastic bottles and aluminium cans. 10cents for each eligible container. A collection container is placed near the BBQ set.



| Date | Welcome | Music Team | Prayer | Bible Reader | Counters |
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| 29-Jul | Kim, Geoff, | Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Zoey | Geoff | Kim | Michelle, Geoff |
| 5-Aug | Geoff, Selina, | Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph , Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne | Holy Com- munion | Naomi | Geoff, Doris |
| 12-Aug | Phil, Kim | Team 3- Shirley, Bing, Aisen, Allan, Bart, Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z. | Gaye | Millie | Doris, Merilyn |

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| Sun., July 29 | Team Leaders Meeting (9:15am-10:15am) |
| Sun., July 29 | Communications team meeting (12noon) |
| Sun., July 29 | Sunday School Teachers meeting (1pm) |
| Sun., August 5 | 8am Service goes Bi-lingual! |
| 8-9th September | Reach Out' Missions Convention , Katoomba. |
| Sat., 22 Sept | SIM 125th Anniversary Dinner (Mortdale Community Centre) |
| Sept 14-16 | Church Camp at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops |

Pray for the Persecuted Church

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have an idea of what God is really up to in this world? One thing we can be very sure of—that the story of the world, as we find it in history books and newspapers, is not to be confused with the real story of what God is doing behind the scenes.

I think, for example, of **China**. The headlines said in June of 1989 that a terrible massacre took place. Five thousand young people were mown down by the Chinese army. The headlines all mourned the death of the pro-democracy movement. It was terrible, but what was God up to underneath? Out of that massacre came a remarkable turning to Christ among China's students for the first time in history! The headlines never saw it. It's not part of history. But "His story" went on.

I think of **Afghanistan**. When the Soviet Union invaded that country in 1980 the world was outraged. The headlines were all full of fierce denunciations of the action, and rightly so. But I remember meeting a missionary from Kabul who said, "Yes, what the Russians did was wrong, but the fact is it is now much easier under the Russians for Christians to evangelize than it was before under the Islamic regime." Again, another more significant story, of God building his kingdom, was going on undetected by the world at large.

I think of **Sudan**. The headlines in the 1980's were full of a dreadful civil war which isolated the Dinka people from the outside world. It was terrible. There was untold suffering on vast scale. But underneath, God was bringing the 2 million Dinkas to himself. By 1993, 80% of them were Christians and this among a tribe that was historically very resistant to the gospel.

Notice that these are all stories from the persecuted church. They seem to be better placed to notice the real story. And so I need to keep in touch with them because this glimpse delivers me from despair. In 1989 in China, there was not just a massacre, but a revival. In 1980 in Afghanistan, there was not just an occupation, but new missionary opportunities. In Sudan, there was not just a brutal war that killed millions, but a new kingdom of believers among an unreached people.

**RESPONSE- Today when I read or hear the news,
I will thank God that He is at work behind the scenes.**

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 |
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| 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

2 Carrington St, Penshurst, NSW 2222

Senior Pastor: Bart VandenHengel

Assistant Pastor: Aisen Ju

Sunday Services: 8am Prayer Book Service with 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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