

WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

November 18, 2018

“In Christ”: The Power of Our New Identity

(Studies in Ephesians)



In Christ, we were chosen and predestined to adoption as God's children.



Preaching program

Upcoming Sermon Series:

In Christ: The Power of Our New Identity (Ephesians)

| | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 18 Nov | <i>In Christ, we were chosen and predestined to adoption as God's children.</i> | Ephesians 1:4-6, 11-12 John 1:9-13 |
| 25 Nov | <i>In Christ, I understand the mystery of God's will</i> | Eph. 1:7-10, 3:2-11 |
| 2 Dec | <i>In Christ, I am marked and sealed by the Holy Spirit</i> | Eph. 1:13-14, 5:15-20 |

Baptisms

If you are interested in getting baptised, our next baptisms will be held at the Georges' River on

Sunday, December 9th at 1pm.

Please see Bart or Aisen if you are thinking about taking this important step in your Christian life.



Godly Play

Starting in February 2019, Sunday School will be using a new curriculum called '**Godly Play**'. We're thankful that, yesterday, around 20 people were trained in how it works.

We still need more teachers and helpers for next year to lighten the load for all. More training will be offered next year!



Combined Choir!

A combined English/Mandarin choir is forming to sing a special piece of music on Sunday, **December 9th**. Rehearsals are held on Friday evenings at 7:30pm.

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

| Date | Welcome | Music Team | Prayer | Bible Reader | Counters |
|------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 18- Nov | Kim, Naomi | Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua | Holy Com- munion | Andrew | Marilyn, Kwame |
| 25- Nov | Selina, Kim | Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart, Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Zoey | Gaye | Merilyn | Kwame, Cliff |
| 2-Dec | Marina, Ronny | Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne | Holy Com- munion | Joy | Cliff, Michelle |

Calendar of Upcoming Events

| | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sun., Nov 18 | Team Leaders Meeting (9:15am) |
| Sun., Dec 9 | Baptisms (1pm) |
| Sun., Dec 16 | Sunday School Party |
| Mon., Dec 24 | Christmas Eve service (9pm) |
| Tues., Dec | Christmas Day service (9am) |

Pray for The Children Of The Persecuted Church

The cost of following Christ is increasing around the world and children of the persecuted believers are most vulnerable. The church can encourage and strengthen young children by delivering handmade toys through an initiative called "Knot Forgotten."

Children often experience persecution for their parent's faith in Jesus. Chinese children from the Zhejiang Province were asked to fill out a form at school stating they have no religion. Those who declared they were Christians were told to re-submit the form with a different answer. In places like Colombia and Syria children are often bullied and have no safe spaces to play. In Bangladesh, believers who leave Islam to follow Jesus risk their own lives and their children's future.

Twelve-year-old Urmi belonged to a family of six. She lived in a predominantly Muslim village and kept her faith hidden for as long as she could remember. "I have many friends in school," Urmi said. "But they don't know that my family and I are Christians. My teacher lives in our village and she knows that we are Christians, but I don't think she'll tell it to others. "Pray for us," Urmi said. "If people find out, they might kill us."

What Is Knot Forgotten? Open Doors aims to share the love of Jesus with children of the persecuted church through hand crocheted Knot Forgotten toys. The toys are handmade and delivered to bring joy to children who are persecuted for following Jesus. A toy also helps the local church share God's love with children who don't know Him yet. Since October 2017, over 2,500 toys have been made and delivered to the Middle East, Central Asia and South East Asia. (Buy a **Bear In A Bag** kit to get started making your first Knot Forgotten toy. We'll send you everything you need to create your first toy and send it to a child of the persecuted church. Contact: <https://www.opendoors.org.au/knot-forgotten-store/>)

Each toy brings hope to a child and lets them know they are not forgotten. Our local partner from India, Sandeep, visited Australia to share what life was like for believers in India. Currently ranked the 11th hardest country in the world to follow Jesus, life is becoming increasingly hard for Christian children. Sandeep, took a Knot Forgotten toy home to give to a pastor whose 4-year-old daughter was sexually assaulted at school because of her faith. Sandeep told us that gestures like this help point persecuted children to Jesus in order to heal.

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

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

Contact details:

Bart: 9580 1217 or 0400 282 848

Aisen: 9585 2943 or 0433 315 745

Website: www.penshurstanglican.org

Internet Banking details: Westpac

St Johns General Fund

Account BSB: 032167

Account No: 870821