

# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

December 2, 2018

## ***“In Christ”*: The Power of Our New Identity**

(Studies in Ephesians)



Today: ***In Christ, I am marked and sealed  
by the Holy Spirit.***



# Preaching program

Upcoming Sermon Series:

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

|           |  |                                       |
|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 2<br>Dec  | <b><i>In Christ, I am marked and sealed by the Holy Spirit</i></b>         | Eph. 1:13-14, 4:30-32<br>John 16:5-15 |
| 9<br>Dec  | <b><i>In Christ, we are baptised into one body</i></b>                     | Eph 4:1-16                            |
| 16<br>Dec | <b><i>In Christ, we are God's workmanship created to do good works</i></b> | Eoh. 2:10, 3:20-21                    |

**Baptisms**— Baptisms will be held at the Georges' River  
next Sunday, **December 9th at 1pm.**

Please join us as we witness several of our congregation  
taking this important step in their Christian life.



**Christmas Eve Service**— Each Christmas Eve, we  
have a special service of carols and lessons. Musicians  
and singers are needed for this special evening!

**Combined Choir!** A combined English/Mandarin choir will sing a special piece of  
music on Sunday, **December 9th.** One last rehearsal will be held this Friday at 7pm.



### Godly Play

Starting in February 2019, Sunday School will be using a new  
curriculum called '**Godly Play**'. We are thankful that over 20 people  
have now been 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!**

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

| Date   | Welcome           | Music Team   | Prayer              | Bible Reader | Counters           |
|--------|-------------------|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2-Dec  | Marina,<br>Ronny  | Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern,<br>Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne | Holy Com-<br>munion | Joy          | Cliff,<br>Michelle |
| 9-Dec  | Saw See,<br>Geoff | Team 3- Shirley, Bing, Sam, Allan, Bart,<br>Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.   | Meryllyn            | Bing         | Michelle,<br>Geoff |
| 16-Dec | Kim,<br>Naomi     | Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy,<br>Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua         | Holy Com-<br>munion | Andrew       | Geoff,<br>Merilyn  |

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

## Pray for Hope

***“May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”*** (Rom.15:13).

At the start of this first week of Advent, we light the candle of **Hope**. Is your heart filled with hope? Do you have a confident expectation of your tomorrow? What happens when the road ahead is filled with loss, or when stress weighs your shoulders down? When confident expectation for tomorrow dwindles, what can you do? How can you walk in hope when you feel hopeless inside? In one word, the answer to confident expectation is “JESUS” — the Jesus of Christmas. Hope in Jesus comes from more than just a belief that He was once a baby in a manger. It is something deep within that secures you through the storms of life. Hope in Jesus means four things:

**HOPE FOR HELP-** We are invited to come to Him and confidently ask for help. Hebrews 4:16 tells us, *“to come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in our time of need”* (Hebrews 4:16).

**HOPE TO OVERCOME-** Things that leave one feeling powerless and hopeless come in many forms. Christ has overcome many great obstacles, including death. Faith in Jesus gives hope and help to overcome: *“...and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith”* (1 John 5:4).

**HOPE FOR STRENGTH-** Sometimes we find ourselves with a task that simply looks too big for us. We do not just need a cup of God’s strength added to our own; rather, we need His strength in us to do what we need to do. He will give it! 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, *“My grace is sufficient for you: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”*

**HOPE FOR ETERNITY-** When we put our faith and hope in Jesus, it not only gives us help, strength, and power for today, but it also gives us hope for life after death. It is a confident expectation of the ultimate “tomorrow.”

*Dear God, I have gone my own way and have put my hope in so many things that have disappointed me. Thank you that you sent Jesus, that first Christmas long ago, to be my Saviour. Show me how to live in the confident expectation that my life, my character, and my circumstances are in Your hands. Reveal Yourself wherever I am. In the name of Jesus. Amen.*

# 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.

| <b>English-Speaking Cell Groups/</b> | <b>Day/time/frequency</b>    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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](http://www.penshurstanglican.org)

### **Internet Banking details:** Westpac

*St Johns General Fund*

Account BSB: 032167

Account No: 870821