

WELCOME TO PENSURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

December 16, 2018

“In Christ”: The Power of Our New Identity

(Studies in Ephesians)



Preaching program

Current Sermon Series:

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

16 Dec	<i>In Christ, we are God's workmanship created to do good works</i>	Ephesians 2:1-10 John 6:25-29
23 Dec	<i>In Christ, we are given a new wardrobe</i>	Eph. 4:20-29
24 Dec	<i>In Christ, we are the children of the light</i>	Eph. 5:8-14
25 Dec	<i>In Christ, we are a beautiful bride</i>	Eph. 5:31-32

Baptisms— We congratulate the following adults who were baptised in the Georges' River last Sunday:

Byron Chen, Kwame Aforo-Addo, Cheng Zhang, Angela Zhang, Patrick Wu, Ethan Wu.

Two children were also baptised in the 10:30am service:

Jordan Zhang and Ryan Zhang.

Please continue to pray for these people as they engage more deeply



Christmas Eve Service— Each Christmas Eve, we have a special service of carols and lessons, starting at 9pm. Musicians and singers are still being recruited for this special evening!

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
16-Dec	Kim, Naomi	Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Holy Communion	Andrew	Geoff, Marilyn
23-Dec	Phil, Selina	Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Zoey	Nancy	Kim	Marilyn, Kwame
25-Dec	Christmas Day				

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., Dec 16	Team Leaders Meeting (9:15am)
Sun., Dec 16	Sunday School Children Sing (10:30am)
Sun., Dec 16	Sunday School Party
Sun., Dec 16	Missionary Support team Meeting (12:30pm)
Mon., Dec 24	Christmas Eve service (9pm)
Tues., Dec	Christmas Day service (9am)

Pray for Joy!

Today, the third Sunday of Advent is called 'Gaudete Sunday' which means 'Joy' or Rejoice'. Today, on our Advent Wreath, we light our pink candle to mark this day of joy.

Joy is the central message of our readings and prayers this Sunday.

- The first words that Mary hears when she is told that she is going to be the mother of Jesus are, '*Rejoice, so highly favoured.*' Mary is to be filled with joy because God has called her by her name and her son will be the long awaited Messiah. When she goes to see Elizabeth her cousin, she breaks into song, singing out loudly, '*My souls proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour.*' Mary does not keep her good news or her joy to herself, she freely shares them Elizabeth and the whole world.
- When the angels appeared to the shepherds they heard this life-giving message, '*Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy.*' The good news of Jesus' birth is meant not only for the shepherds, it continues to be good news for each of us today.



We are called to wait for the birth of Jesus and we are to wait in hope joyfully. As we wait, we are not to be afraid, anxious or worried; we are to wait in *joyful hope*.

And like Mary who shared her joy with Elizabeth, today each of us is asked to be a person of joy and we are asked to share that our joy with others. There are many people, some of whom we may even know, who have little reason to be joyful at this time of the year. As Mary did with Elizabeth, may we follow her example and share our joy with all those meet during these last few days and weeks of Advent.

May we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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 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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