

# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

December 23, 2018

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

(Studies in Ephesians)



Today: ***“In Christ, we are given  
a new wardrobe.”***



# Preaching program

Current Sermon Series:

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

23 Dec	<b><i>In Christ, we are given a new wardrobe</i></b>	Eph. 4:20-29 Luke 12:35-38
24 Dec	<b><i>In Christ, we are the children of the light</i></b>	Eph. 5:8-14
25 Dec	<b><i>In Christ, we are a beautiful bride</i></b>	Eph. 5:31-32 Matthew 22:1-4
30 Dec	<b><i>In Christ, we are strong</i></b>	Ephesians 6:10-18



**Christmas Eve Service**— Each Christmas Eve, we have a special service of carols and lessons, starting at 9pm.

**Christmas Day Service**— A bi-lingual Christmas Communion Service will be held at 9am on Christmas Morning.

**Letter Box Drop for Christmas Eve**— volunteers are needed to walk the local streets this afternoon.

**Music Rehearsal for Christmas Eve**— we will start promptly at 12:30pm.

**Refreshments for Christmas Eve**— volunteers are needed to bring snacks and drinks, to help set up and to serve after the Christmas Eve service.

## Godly Play

Starting in February 2019, Sunday School will be using a new curriculum called '**Godly Play**'. We still need more teachers and helpers for next year to lighten the load for all.



## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
23-Dec	Phil, Selina	Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Zoey		Kim	Merylyn, Kwame
25-Dec	Christmas Day				
30-Dec	Marina, Ronny	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Nancy	Kathie	Kwame, Cliff

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mon., Dec 24	<b>Christmas Eve service</b> (9pm)
Tues., Dec	<b>Christmas Day service</b> (9am)
Sun., Jan 6	<b>Bart on holidays</b>
Sun., Feb 10	<b>Sunday School resumes</b>

### Pray for More Love for Jesus!



*When they [the Magi] saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:10-11)*

**Dear Lord Jesus**, whether magicians or kings, astrologers or otherwise: and whether there were three, seven, or twelve of them, it makes no difference. The Magi were wise men, and they show us the way of true wisdom because they lead us to the incarnation of Wisdom itself—to you Lord Jesus.

It would take an eternity of eternities to begin to show you the worship you deserve for becoming wisdom from God for us—that is, “our righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30). Because of you, we are alive, forgiven, and free. Because of you we are welcome, wanted, and enjoyed by the three-times holy God of eternity.

Though the Magi came to you, **you are the real seeker in the story**. Promises of your coming and an irrepressible calling; a providential star and a Spirit-generated joy—how we praise you for drawing men and women to yourself from **every** period of history, **every** family of humanity, and **every** segment of society. Come Herod or high water, you will save all those who come to you, Lord Jesus.

**On this fourth Sunday of Advent**, we declare our awe of you and our love for you, Lord Jesus. Open the eyes of our hearts to behold even more of your beauty; expand the chambers of our hearts to make room even more of your grace and glory. Free us to be generous and joyful as the Magi. Free us to love as you love us; to forgive as you have forgiven us; and to pursue others as you so faithfully seek us. We pray these things in your trustworthy and worship-worthy name. 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:**

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