

WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

January 20, 2019

Summer in the Psalms

Psalm 136

His Love Endures
FOREVER



Preaching program



A Selection of Psalms for Summer Meditation

20 Jan	Psalm 136— A Psalm of Love	Psalm 136 Mark 14:55-65
27 Jan	Psalm 51— A Psalm of Forgiveness (speaker: Marina Leung)	Psalm 51
3 Feb	Psalm 67— A Psalm of Responsibility	Psalm 67



- A **Teachers Meeting** will be held today, at 12:30pm to plan out the new year.
- **Sunday School** classes will resume on Sunday, February 3rd.
- **Godly Play-** A special training day for 3 to 5 year olds will be held on Saturday, February 16th.
- **Return and Earn—** Recycle your plastic bottles and aluminium cans and help raise money for our Sunday School. A collection container is by the BBQ set.

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
20-Jan	Kim, Naomi	Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Zoey	Holy Communion	Andrew	Geoff, Marilyn
27-Jan	Marina, Ronny	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Geoff	Merilyn	Merilyn, Kwame
3-Feb	Saw See, Geoff	Team 3- Shirley, Bing, Sam, Allan, Bart, Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Holy Communion	Joy	Kwame, Cliff

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., Jan 20	Team Leaders Meeting (9:15am)
Sun., Jan 20	Sunday School Teachers Meeting (12:30pm)
Sun., 27 Jan	Bart away
Sun., 3 Feb	Sunday School classes begin
Sat., 16 Feb	Godly Play training

Pray for the Endurance to Love

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream...its leaves are always green...” (Jeremiah 17:7-8b)

Aunty Esther was the first Christian I met inside China thirty years ago. She was a diminutive elderly Chinese medical doctor with a soft, kind voice that masks the many years of suffering through which she has passed.

“During the Cultural Revolution,” she says, “I was called in by my superior one day. At that time I was in charge of eight large paediatric wards in my hospital. The communists were cracking down on people who did not toe the current party line. My superior warned me that I should deny my faith and join the communist party or I may have to face the serious consequences of job demotion and salary reduction. A few days later, I was rudely awakened by four nurses who roughly pulled me from my bed and marched me to the hospital. En route they shaved off half of my hair. In front of the rest of the staff, I was confronted to renounce my faith in Christ and join the communist party. I responded, ‘I can’t deny Jesus. I love Jesus!’ At the mention of His name they threw me down on the ground and cursed. Later, the communist cadre at my hospital tore the stethoscope from my neck and said, ‘You are no longer Esther; you are now The Fool.’”

For the next eleven years she lived in the basement of the hospital and obediently submitted to her new task—cleaning the floors and toilets of the hospital wards that she previously headed. Her already meagre salary of 50 dollars per month was reduced to 15 dollars. And she had to buy the cleaning materials from it. The rest was used up on food. But Esther practised the presence of Jesus in her job. She sang as she toiled. With a twinkle in her eyes she adds, “My hospital had the cleanest floors and cleanest toilets in all of China!” Hospital staff would come to her and with great envy question her source of joy in spite of her troubles. Esther responded, “When you have Jesus in your heart, it doesn’t matter what job you do or what position you have. It only matters that you love Him and are faithful and loyal to Him!”

When the Cultural Revolution period ended, Aunty Esther was reinstated in her original job and given back pay for all that she had been deprived during those eleven years. This amount enabled her to send one of her children for higher education. She faithfully carried on her public witness for Jesus until the day she died in her late nineties.

PRAYER: Lord, thank You for the example of faithful Aunty Esther whose life reflected Your love.

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 Libray)



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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