

# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

February 17, 2019

## *Isaiah*

*Prophet of impending doom and unexpected salvation*



## Preaching program

### Sermon Series for Lent

#### *Isaiah: Prophet of impending doom and unexpected salvation*

|            |                            |                               |
|------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 17<br>Feb  | <b>Two Sons; Two Signs</b> | Isaiah 7:1-17<br>Mark 8:34-38 |
| 24<br>Feb  | <b>A High Mountain</b>     | Isaiah 25                     |
| 3<br>March | <b>A Strong City</b>       | Isaiah 26                     |

#### **Sunday School Co-ordinator and Family Minister**

(Paid part-time position).

The Ministers and Wardens of our church have decided to hire (on a part-time basis) a *Sunday School Co-ordinator and Family Pastor*. This will be a 10 to 20 hour per week position, depending on the person and their availability. Please let Bart or Aisen know if you know someone suitable for this role.

#### **Music Teams!** New rosters are out.



- **Sunday School-** All parents who have not yet done so must accompany their children to their classroom to sign them in.
- **Godly Play-** Another training day for teachers and helpers will be held on Saturday, Feb 23rd.
- **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.

#### 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

| Date   | Welcome        | Music Team  | Prayer         | Bible Reader | Counters        |
|--------|----------------|---|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 17-Feb | Kim, Naomi     | Team 1a- Brian, Stephen, Josh, Bart, Michelle H., Karen, Anna, Zoey | Holy Communion | Andrew       | Geoff, Doris    |
| 24-Feb | Marina, Ronny  | Team 2- Kat, Bing, Michael, Joseph, Tina, Millie, Lucy, Tony        | Merilyn        | Bing         | Doris, Michelle |
| 3-Mar  | Saw See, Geoff | Team 3- Joy, Subash, Aisen, Lucy, Amy, Bill, Hua, Vivienne          | Holy Communion | Joy          | Michelle, Kwame |

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| Sun., 17 February | <b>Team Leaders meeting</b> (12:30pm)    |
| Mon., Feb. 18     | <b>Wardens Meeting</b> (7:30pm)          |
| Sat., 23 Feb      | <b>Godly Play training</b> (10am to 4pm) |
| Weds., March 6    | <b>Ash Wednesday– Lent begins</b>        |

## Pray for Believers in Iran

Twenty-nine-year-old Maryam Rostampour and thirty-two-year old Marzieh Amirzadeh spent 259 days in Tehran's notorious Evin prison in 2009 in Iran. They had to overcome the fear of life imprisonment and the possibility of execution because they loved and followed Jesus Christ. They had to remain strong through weeks in solitary confinement, and endless hours of interrogation by Iranian officials and religious leaders. They had to endure months of harsh living conditions and debilitating sickness.

When asked about the worst part of the prison experience, Marzieh wept as she explained:

*"The very first night that we were arrested, when they threatened us, we were really frightened. We never imagined we would be so frightened; we had talked about these things before. But the atmosphere there and what happened to us frightened us beyond our expectations. We were confined to a dark and dirty room and paralyzed with fear. We could see the fear in each other's faces. We prayed and what calmed us was the presence of God and the peace that He gave us."*

*"One of the worst experiences was the execution of two of my fellow prisoners. I had never experienced such a thing. One of those killed was my roommate. We had spent a lot of time together. And one day they took her to be executed. For a week I was in shock that killing a human being was so easy...After these executions the spirit of sorrow and death hung over the prison. There was deadly silence everywhere. We all felt this. There was nothing we could do. The sadness was overwhelming. We stared at each other but had no power to speak. This was the worst experience. It was horrifying and tangible."*

*"It is easy to say that I give my life for the Lord and I will do anything for Him, even die. I always thought it would be a privilege to give my life for the Lord. You say these things. I know for sure that if this would happen to us we would rejoice ultimately. But human fears gripped us. The power the Lord gave us helped us to overcome these fears, just as when we prayed in the police station, God banished our fear and renewed our strength."*

**PRAYER: Thank You Lord for the promise of Your presence,  
Your peace and renewing strength.**

# 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 3-4                      Coordinators: Will Sun (in upper classroom 2)
- Pre-School                    Coordinator: Naomi Zrno (in basement of hall)
- Primary                        Coordinator: Andrew Ung (in upper classroom 1)
- Secondary                     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

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