

Preaching program

Sermon Series for Lent

Isaiah: Prophet of impending doom and unexpected salvation

14 April	The Great Invitation (Preacher- Gaye Bishop)	Isaiah 55:1-13 John 6:30-35
19 April	(Good Friday) The Suffering Servant	Isaiah 52:13– 53:12
21 April	(Easter Day) The Divine Servant	Isaiah 59:15b-21



Passover Meal— The Fellowship Team is organising this year's meal on Thursday evening at 7pm. Come & Enjoy!

Baptisms— Every Easter, we hold baptisms in the Georges' River at Oatley. If you would like to be baptised this Easter Sunday, please talk to Bart or Aisen.

Combined Choir for Easter— One final rehearsal will be held immediately following the Good Friday service.



Team Leaders Meeting has been cancelled for April.

Parking problems— Parking attendants will continue to pull a chain across the car park entrance at 10:30! Arrive early to get a park.

Sunday School Co-ordinator and Family Minister — The AGM has approved to hire (on a part-time basis) a *Sunday School Co-ordinator and Family Pastor*. A new budget will be prepared to reflect this new financial commitment.

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
14-Apr	Marina, Ronny	Team 1- Brian, Stephen, Sam/Josh, Bart, Michelle H., Karen, Anna, Zoey	Gaye	Andrew	Kwame, Geoff
Easter 21 Apr	Saw See, Phil	Team 2- Kat, Bing, Michael, Joseph, Tina, Millie, Lucy, Tony	Holy Communion	Bing	Geoff, Cliff
28-Apr	Selina, Geoff	Team 3- Joy, Subash, Aisen, Lucy, Amy, Bill, Hua, Vivienne	Merilyn	Joy	Cliff, Doris

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., April 14	Bart away (Gaye preaches)
Thursday, April 18	Passover Meal (7pm)
Friday, April 19	Good Friday Service (9am)
Sunday, April 21	Easter Sunday Services (8am and 10:30am)
Sunday, April 21	Baptisms (1pm at Oatley Baths)

A Prayer for Palm Sunday

"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!" (John 12:13)

Palm Sunday is significant because it marks the beginning of Holy Week when Jesus began His journey toward the cross. Yet often, the significance of this special day might get missed. In each of the gospels, we find the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, then laid them out on the ground before Him as He rode into the city. The palm branch is known to represent goodness and victory, symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfil over sin and death. But no one knew the full story then.

"A massive crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed were shouting: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus had entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:8-10)

As they called out, "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King, and though in their own minds they eagerly waited for an earthly king, God had a different plan in store. This king would set us free...eternally. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week.

Dear God,

Thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings.

"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..."

We give you praise and honour for your ways are righteous and true. We give you worship for you are holy and just. We will declare that your love stands firm forever. For your lovingkindness endures forever.

Thank you that your ways are far greater than our ways, your thoughts far deeper than our thoughts. Thank you that you had a plan to redeem. Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you that your face is towards us, and you hear our prayers, and know our hearts. Help us to stay strong and true to you. Help us not to follow after the voice of the crowds, but to press in close to you, to hear your whispers, and seek after you alone.

We praise you, we bless you Lord! Thank you that you reign supreme and we are more than conquerors through the gift of Christ!

In the Mighty 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.

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 3-4 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 Libray)



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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