

# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

May 19, 2019

*The Beatitudes—*  
**Present Evidence of God's Future Kingdom**



# Preaching program

Sermon Series:

## The Beatitudes— Present Evidence of God's Future Kingdom

19 May	<b>Blessed are the poor in spirit</b>	Revelation 3:14-20 Matthew 21:2 & 32
26 May	<b>Blessed are those who mourn</b>	Romans 7:21-25 Matthew 9:18-26
2 June	<b>Blessed are the meek</b> (Combined Service)	Psalms 37:1-11 Matthew 11:2 & 530

**Combined 10:30am Service—** On Sunday, June 2, we will learn more about our **Discipleship Team** and the wonderful small group ministry that functions behind the scenes at our church. A BBQ lunch will follow where you can browse over displays from each of our various small groups.

**More 'Welcomers' Needed-** Recently, the number of official 'welcomers' at our 10:30am service has dropped to only 10 people. Will you become a 'welcomer'?

**Sunday School News—** To date, the income from recycling empty bottles has been \$850. Of that, \$500 was spent on materials for Godly Play. Thank you for your efforts!

**Exposure Trip-** PAC is planning to send 4-6 people

- \* When and for how long? Five to seven days in the September School Holiday Period.
- \* Purpose? To strengthen our relationship with and encourage their ministry; to deepen our understanding of the community and culture .
- \* Costs? Flights range from \$800 to \$1,200 return plus daily costs of \$100 per person.
- \* Please see **Marina Leung** if interested (0413 467 057)

**A word about Parking-** We are continuing the trial of a new system of registering all cars that are double-parked and advising the owners before the service concludes that they need to go out and remove their cars from the parking lot.

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
19-May	Marina, Ronny	Team 2- Kat, Bing, Michael, Joseph, Michelle L. , Millie, Lucy, WeiWei	Holy Com- munion	Kim	Kwame, Cliff
26-May	Saw See, Geoff	Team 4- Shirley, Gordon, Ray, Andrew, Nancy, Suganya, Leo, Eve	Cliff	Naomi	Cliff, Geoff
2-Jun	Millie, Kim	Team 3- Joy, Subash, Aisen, Lucy, Amy, John, Hua, Vivienne	Holy Com- munion	Chris	Geoff, Doris

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 19	<b>Team Leaders Meeting</b> (12:30pm)
Sunday, June 2	<b>Combined Service</b> (focus on the Discipleship Team)
Sunday, July 7	<b>Bart away</b>

## Pray for SRE in Penshurst Primary School

(A letter from Mark Fitzgerald, Protestant SRE Coordinator at Penshurst Primary School.)

Dear Friends,

You may be surprised to learn that the school community at Penshurst Public School has moved! For the next two years, it will be located as a pop-up school in the grounds of Peakhurst West Public School while new facilities are built on the Penshurst site. Classes began there in February and, despite the fact that the classes are all in demountable buildings, they are quite comfortable.

You may not know that, at the end of each school year, the school runs an orientation day for all incoming parents. Each year, I speak to these parents about SRE. Last year, I gained the distinct impression that there may be no parents enrolling their children in Kindergarten Protestant SRE. This was confirmed at the start of this school year. There are no Kindergarten Protestant SRE students enrolled. This means that, for the first time in living memory there is no SRE Protestant Kindergarten class operating. This also means that no children will go into Year 1 Protestant SRE in 2020. If this trend were to continue, it may be increasingly difficult for the school to include Protestant SRE in the Scripture timetable.

Overall, student numbers are down. Protestant Scripture classes have been combined as follows: Years 1 and 2 (Teacher, Michael Unsworth) Years 3 and 4 (Teacher, Aisen Ju), and Years 5 and 6 (Teacher, Bart VandenHengel).

What is the reason behind these smaller enrolments in SRE? It could simply be that community attitudes towards SRE are changing. (There has been an effort by some to see it removed from Public Schools altogether). It could also be that the name "Protestant Scripture" has lost its meaning, particularly amongst the increasingly Asian population of our suburb. Perhaps a change in name might help.

Prayer requests:

1. Pray that Protestant SRE enrolments may increase for 2020, particularly for the incoming Kindergarten class.
2. Pray for the public profile of SRE in the community. May it be seen as part of a child's holistic education.
3. Pray for wisdom over the possible changing of the name from "Protestant SRE".

# 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 Zmo (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

### Contact details:

**Bart:** 9580 1217 or 0400 282 848

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