

WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

October 6, 2019

Christianity Explained

“You know... how God anointed
Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy
Spirit and power, and how he
went around doing good and
healing all who were under the
power of the devil, because
God was with him.”

(Acts 10:38)



Preaching program

New Sermon Series

“Christianity Explained”

7 Sermons on the Basics of the Christian Faith

6 Oct	2– Who is Jesus Christ? <i>His Life</i> (preacher: Tiny Tse)	Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:21-39
13 Oct	3– Who is Jesus Christ? <i>His Death</i>	2 Corinthians 5:17- 6:2 Mark 15:25-39
20 Oct	4– Who is Jesus Christ? <i>His Resurrection</i>	Mark 15:42– 16:8



Church Camp! This year’s church camp will be held from November 8-10 at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Our speaker will be **Peter Steicke** and his theme is **“Something Better!”**

Early Bird rates will only last until October 13th!

Report from our Building Sub-Committee. The building sub-committee of the Parish Council has considered your feedback and put together a final draft from which we can obtain the necessary cost estimates for your consideration. Thanks to everyone who gave feedback. We hope to have this next draft, along with the associated costs, ready to present to the church family before the end of October.

Godly Play- Several of our Sunday School Teachers went to manly this week to learn more about Godly Play. Please pray as they implement all that they have learned!

Bottles and cans — The money from bottle and can recycling helps to pay for resources to equip our Godly Play curriculum. Please keep them coming in!

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
6-Oct	Saw See, Geoff	Team 2- Kat, Bing, Michael, Joseph, Michelle L., Millie, Lucy, WeiWei	Holy Com- munion	Bing	Kwame, Cliff
13-Oct	Millie, Kim	Team 3- Joy, Subash, Aisen, Lucy, Amy, John, Hua, Vivienne	Merilyn	Joy	Cliff, Geoff
20-Oct	Phil, Gavin	Team 4- Shirley, Gordon, Ray, Andrew, Nancy, Suganya, Leo, Eve	Holy Com- munion	Kathie	Geoff, Doris

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Oct 6-11	Bart away for his daughter's wedding (Tiny preaches)
Sun., Oct 6	Daylight Savings Begins
Sun., Oct 13	Sunday School Teachers Meeting (12:30pm)
Mon., Oct 14	Parish Council Meets
Sun., Oct 27	Team Leaders Meeting
Nov 8-10	Church Camp

Pray for Iran

A Christian woman has begun serving a one-year prison sentence in one of Iran's most notorious prisons. Authorities arrested Fatemeh and charged her with "propaganda against the regime." Fatemeh was arrested last year when she attempted to file a complaint about being assaulted on a bus. According to an eyewitness, a woman insulted Fatemeh for not wearing her headscarf 'properly', then shoved her and hit her in the face. Fatemeh's attacker was not charged. She was considered to be acting in accordance with a law that deems it acceptable to stop others who are committing 'disgraceful acts'. Fatemeh was arrested instead.

In Iran, the government suppresses Christianity, fearing that it may threaten or replace the Islamic way of life. House churches are often raided, and Christians are harassed and discriminated against in the workplace. Christian business owners also struggle to find and keep clients. Believers often have to practice their faith in secret and are isolated from other Christians. Church leaders can be arrested and given long prison sentences. Many Christians have been forced to flee the country. Despite all of these things, the church in Iran continues to grow.

This is not Fatemeh's first prison sentence. She previously served six months for 'membership in a proselytising group'. Yet she held fast to her faith and has continued sharing the gospel and advocating for Christians' rights in Iran. Iran is currently number nine on Open Door's *World Watch List* of the most dangerous countries to follow Jesus.

Last year, in November and December alone, more than 250 Christians were arrested in Iran. Under Sharia (Islamic) law, Christians who evangelise to Muslims can be thrown in prison or have their churches closed down. Converts from Islam also face the death penalty.

Pray For Iran:

- Pray that the Lord will strengthen and encourage Fatemeh as she begins her prison sentence.
- Pray that the government in Iran will respect freedom of religion and that Christians will be allowed to worship openly.
- Pray that despite current restrictions, Christians in Iran will hold firmly to their faith and continue to follow Jesus, no matter the cost.



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)
- Kindergarten Coordinator: Naomi Zmo (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 in English and Mandarin

10:30am Bi-lingual Celebration Service in English and Mandarin

6pm Celebration Service in English

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