

# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

November 3, 2019

## Christianity Explained

*"They went out and  
preached that people  
should repent."  
(Mark 6:12)*



*What must we do?  
"Repent"*



## Preaching program

Current Sermon Series:

### “Christianity Explained”

8 Sermons on the Basics of the Christian Faith

3 Nov	<b>6– What must we do?</b> <b>Repent</b>	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Mark 6:7-13
10 Nov	(Church Camp— 8am service only) <b>7- What must we do? Reconsider</b>	Mark 9:33-50
17 Nov	<b>8– What must we do?</b> <b>Repent</b>	Mark 10:13-16

**Church Camp!** This year’s church camp will be held next weekend, from November 8-10 at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Our speaker will be **Peter Steicke** and his theme is **“Something Better!”** In preparation for the camp, each of our cell groups is invited to complete a series of three Bible studies provided by Peter.

Those coming to the camp are asked to bring: PERSONAL MEDICATIONS, SLEEPING BAG OR BED SHEETS, PILLOW CASE, QUILT COVER, BATH TOWEL, TOWEL, FACE TOWEL, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH, SHAMPOO.

**Please note: There will only be one church service on Sunday, at 8am.**

**Report from our Building Sub-Committee.** The building sub-committee hopes to have a final draft of the building plans, along with the associated costs, ready to present to the church family by the middle of November. Our thanks to the Building Committee!

**Baptism Classes.** On December 8th, we will hold baptisms in the Georges’ River. If you are interested in being baptised, please let Bart or Aisen know. Baptism classes will begin on November 17.

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
3-Nov	Millie, Kim	Team 2- Kat, Bing, Michael, Joseph, Michelle L., Millie, Lucy, WeiWei	Holy Com- munion	Kim	Kwame, Cliff
10-Nov	Church camp				
17-Nov	Phil, Gavin	Team 3- Joy, Subash, Aisen, Lucy, Amy, John, Hua, Vivienne	Cliff	Naomi	Cliff , Geoff

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., November 3	<b>International Day of Pray for the Persecuted Church</b>
November 8-10	<b>Church Camp</b> (an 8am service will still be held at church)
Sun., November 17	<b>Baptism classes begin</b>
Sun., December 8	<b>Baptisms in the Georges' River, Oatley</b> (1pm)
Sun., December 22	<b>Sunday School performance and party</b>

## Pray for the Persecuted Church Worldwide

**The International Day of Prayer** for the Persecuted Church is an annual day for Christians around the world to unite in prayer with the persecuted church.

Here are some of their stories:

**Sellam, Sri Lanka**— Sellam's son, Kevin, lost his life in the 2019 Easter Sunday bombings in Sri Lanka. "We are comforted knowing that my son is with God, but it still hurts to lose him. What God spoke to me is that we have to prepare to go to Him. We'll meet Kevin again with God someday." Pray with Sellam, his family and other affected families as they heal from the trauma and continue meeting together as a church, no matter the cost.

**Rohan, India**— "As God has forgiven us, so we have forgiven our persecutors," he said. "And we are praying for their salvation. It is my vision and desire that everybody should know Christ." Rohan is a Christian from India who, 10 years ago, established the first church in his village, before it was burnt down by Hindu extremists. Pray their prayers for salvation are answered and that the church's forgiveness moves many hearts.

**Kyung-so, North Korea**— "Please pray for human rights and the freedom for North Koreans to worship Jesus Christ. Imagine the desperation of the people who live in such a place. Pray for those that do missionary work. The Kingdom of God must soon be realised upon the land." Pray with Kyung-so, who escaped North Korea when his faith was discovered, for those who remain in the country and follow Jesus, no matter the cost.

**Amina, East Africa**— "My husband is Muslim but, since I converted, we share everything about Christ together. We read the Bible together. Pray that he – and my father and sisters – will come to confess Christ. Pray that we may be able to preach freely (for everything is possible with Him as He said in the Gospel)." Pray with Amina, the only Christian in her extended family, as she seeks to love and share Jesus with them despite their persecution of her.

**Jina, Syria**— "In the morning, when I wake up, I pray to Jesus. I thank Him that He is giving me a beautiful new day. I am just missing my husband next to me. Every day I expect him to knock at our door, every time I wake up, I pray, 'Please Lord, please, I want my husband to return.'" Pray with Jina, whose husband was kidnapped by extremists five years ago, as she battles with the uncertainty of his absence and raises their son by herself.

# 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)
- 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

### **Contact details:**

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