

**WELCOME TO
PENSHURST
ANGLICAN CHURCH**

November 17, 2019

Christianity Explained

"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:15)



What must we do? "Receive"



Preaching program

“Christianity Explained”

8 Sermons on the Basics of the Christian Faith

17 Nov	8– <i>What must we do?</i> “Receive”	Hebrews 12:22-29 Mark 10:13-16
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“Christmas Makes It Better!”

This year, our Advent Sermons will come from *the Book of Hebrews*. As we look forward to Jesus’ birth, we need to ask, “Why was His incarnation so important? What difference did His birth make to the Jews and to the world?”

24 Nov	1– A Better Message	Hebrews 1:1-4
1 Dec	2– A Better Presence	Hebrews 2:14-18
8 Dec.	3– A Better House	Hebrews 3:1-6

Thanks to everyone who made our Church Camp a great success!

TEAR Australia is a non-denominational movement of Christians responding to God’s call to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly. TEAR partners with local Christian organisations across Africa, Asia, the Pacific and with Indigenous Australians to enable communities to overcome poverty and injustice. **The Useful Gifts campaign** provides the opportunity for us to invest in the lives of those suffering injustice and living in poverty and to give useful and meaningful gifts this Christmas. Please see Gaye today if interested.

The building sub-committee hopes to present a final draft of the building plans, along with estimated costs, to the church family by the end of November.

Baptism Classes have been cancelled.

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
17- Nov	Phil, Gavin	Team 3- Joy, Subash, Aisen, Lucy, Amy, John, Hua, Vivienne	Holy Communion	Naomi	Cliff, Geoff
24- Nov	Marina, Ronny	Team 4- Shirley, Gordon, Ray, Andrew, Nancy, Suganya, Leo, Eve	Cliff	Chris	Geoff, Doris
1- Dec	Saw See, Geoff	Team 1- Brian, Stephen, Sam/Josh, Bart, Michelle H., Louise, Anna, Zoey	Holy Communion	Andrew	Doris, Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., November 17	Choir sings at 10:30am service
Sun., November 24	Christmas Eve Planning (12:30pm)
Sun., December 22	Sunday School performance and party
Tues., Dec 24	Christmas Eve service (9pm)
Weds., Dec 25	Christmas Day service (9am)

Pray for the Bushfires (from the Archbishop)

A prayer for Our Country, in drought and fire.

Our heavenly Father, creator of all things and especially the creator of this land and its original peoples, we call out to you in these desperate times as we see the first catastrophic fire warnings for New South Wales, as fires have already swept across several parts of our land.

Our hearts cry out to you in desperation for those whose properties are affected by ravaging fires and whose very lives are in danger.

Father we pray, in your mercy, restrain the forces of nature from creating catastrophic damage; in your mercy, protect human life.

Guard those who selflessly step into the breach to fight these fires. Guide police and authorities who help evacuate and shelter those who are displaced. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer loss.

Remembering that long ago you extended your hand through your servant Moses to stop the waters and then to return the waters to their normal course, so we pray for rain.

In your mercy, we pray for drenching rain.

We pray that despite the forecasts, in your miraculous power you would bring forth rain to quench these fires and to bring life back into the earth, so that crops may grow and farmers may bring forth the harvest of the land again.

We bring these requests before your throne, in the name of your Son, who died and rose again for our deliverance,

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 Coordinator: Tiny Tse (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

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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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