

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.

Group name/leader	Day/time/frequency
Trinity Forum	Meets monthly, last Monday of the month
Dorcas Fellowship	Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs at 9:45am
Chapel Bible Study	Meets each Weds of term, 9:30 am
Kathie Johnson	Meets fortnightly on Tues evenings
Gaye Bishop	Meets fortnightly on Tues evenings
Cliff Seeto	Meets fortnightly on Weds evenings
Megan & Jeff Powys	Meets weekly on Thurs evenings
Bart & Kim VandenHengel	Meets fortnightly on Thurs evenings
PAC Youth Group	Meets Friday eve, 7:30-9:30 pm
U-ni'd Jesus	Meets each Sun. of term, 1pm in library

Sunday School:

Our Sunday School program runs during the 10:30am services, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Karen Fu & Michelle Lee (in basement of hall)
- Years 1-3 Coordinator: Nancy Feng (in upper hall classroom 1)
- Years 4-6 Coordinator: Naomi Zrno (in upper hall classroom 2)
- Years 7-8 Coordinator: John Oakes (in library)



Penshurst Anglican Church

2 Carrington St, Penshurst, NSW 2222

Pastors: Bart VandenHengel (English speaking congregations)
Aisen Ju (Mandarin speaking congregation)

Sunday Services: (8am) Prayer Book Service w/ Holy Communion
(10:30am) Celebration services in English and Mandarin
(7pm) 'The Quiet Place'

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The Voice

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We welcome you to our celebrations this morning! If you are a visitor here today, we pray that the Triune God of grace will richly meet you where you are, in the fellowship of His people here at PAC. We also invite you to make yourself known to us through the visitor forms found in the pew holders.



Sunday, May 6, 2012

Preaching program

The Risen and Living Lord Jesus!		
May 6	Ken Churchward— "Christ In Us"	Ez 36:22-28 Jn 14:15-21 & Jn 15:1-8
May 13	Ken Churchward— "Christ Through Us"	Gen 12:1-9 John 15:1-16
New Series: Approaching the Sovereign God		
May	"Hannah's Understanding of God's Sovereignty"	1 Samuel 2:1-11 Luke 1:46-55

10:30 Service Leading and Music Roster

Date	Service Leading	Keys	Guitar	Drums	Vocals
May-06	Cliff's cell	Kat	Sun-Jae	Joshua	Sun-Jae/
May-13	Megan & Jeff's cell	Greg	Sue	Sam	Sue/
May-20	Kathie's cell	Rueves	Bart	Michael	Millie/Bart

Bart is in the USA in order to defend his thesis on The Multi-Ethnic Church in Sydney Diocese. He graduates on May 12th. Ken Churchward will be filling in for this time, preaching a series of sermons on the Risen & Living Lord Jesus Christ.

Starting in June, the 10:30 congregations will begin a six-week trial of Combined Worship. This means that the English and Mandarin speaking congregations will start every Sunday service together in a time of corporate, bi-lingual worship filled with singing, liturgy and special forms of praise. Because this is such a new thing, we need to pray for those who organise and those who lead the worship times, especially the musicians.

We will also need to be patient as our old ways of doing things evolve into something new and fresh for us all.

It is my prayer that this time of Combined Worship will provide rich opportunities for the unique diversity of our church membership to gather together as one family in the household of faith and publicly display our unity in Christ. May the world see that our oneness comes only as we lift up the Lord Jesus Christ together in the Spirit, to the glory of the Father!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 16– May 19	Bart in USA
May 7	Parish Council Meeting (7:30pm)
May 18 & 19	Refuel — Mortdale– Oatley Baptist Church 7:30pm
May 20	Baptism of Tahlia Griffiths (10:30am)
June 3	'Combined Worship' 6-week trial begins

Pray against Injustice

Prayer reminds us of God's priorities and power when we are dealing with big issues of justice, like poverty. When we pray, we can see the world with God's eyes of compassion and justice rather than being hopelessly cynical, fearful or naive about global injustice. Prayer is also a wonderful reminder to those of us who want to race out and change the world, that it is God's power, God's enabling and God's mercy which make us effective. Poverty is an issue that needs action but it is vital to remember that our actions need to be built on prayer. As the Lord's Prayer puts it, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven". This points to the priority of God's control but also the need for us to demonstrate God's Kingdom values on earth.

Praying about poverty needs persistence and insight. Poverty is the result of individual actions but also of structural injustice and therefore we must pray at different levels. We can pray for individuals suffering from poverty (including people and places we know) to be comforted and provided for as well as for individuals living in wealth including people and places we know) to cast off their indifference or exploitation. We must also pray for national policies which care for the poor and address injustice, for God's power to overcome injustice in international laws, multinational companies and power structures and for Godly government decisions that protect and care for the weak and vulnerable. We tend not to pray about overcoming powerful structures but examples from the Bible show God's people praying to overcome worldly power e.g. Elijah confronting the prophets of Baal, Moses defying Pharaoh.

Prayer sustains us as we seek to overcome injustice - our prayers sometimes start as laments, cried from the heart about the unfairness of suffering. But our prayers help us to avoid despair or cynicism because we are assured that our lamentations are heard. (taken from <http://www.micahchallenge.org.au>)