

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

Penshurst Anglican Church

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.



Isaiah 42:1

*"Here is my
servant,
whom I uphold,
my chosen one
in whom I
delight;*

*I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the
nations."*



Sunday, January 13, 2013

Preaching program

New Sermon Series: <i>Isaiah's Visions Fulfilled in Christ</i>		
Jan 13	<i>A Man Filled with the Spirit</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9 Luke 3:15-22
Jan 20	<i>The Perfect Fast</i>	Isaiah 58:1-8 Luke 4:1-13
Jan 27	<i>Salvation Has Come</i>	Isaiah 61:1-3 Luke 4:14-21

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Keys	Guitar	Drums	Vocals	Bible	Chairs	Tech	Count
Jan-06	Geoff, Meryllyn	Greg	Aisen	Sam	Sun-Jae, Kathie, Jennifer, Helen	Geoff		Cara	Cliff, Meryllyn
Jan-13	Peter, Millie	Kat	Bart, Edwina	Michael	Millie, Amy, George, Tony	Karen		Geoff	Cara, Geoff
Jan-20	Naomi, Meryllyn	Terence	Bart, Michelle	Joshua	Kat, Karen, Sarah, Cici	Kim		Cara	Tina, Cliff

Sunday School Teacher Training

On Sunday afternoon, January 20, we will be running an intensive training session for all Sunday School teachers. The focus will be on classroom management and child protection. All teachers: Please make sure you are there!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun, Jan 20	<i>Sunday School Training (1pm)</i>
Sun, Jan 27	<i>Youth Group 2013 Planning Meeting (1pm)</i>
Sat, Feb 2	<i>Men's Breakfast (7am)</i>
Sun, Feb 3	<i>Sunday School Starts</i>
Sun, Feb 10	<i>Chinese New Year</i>

Pray for Persecuted Christians Around the World

The current conflict in **Syria** has placed Christians in the eye of yet another storm. Despite its brutality, the Assad regime guaranteed freedom of worship to minorities before the outbreak of civil war. This year, though, tens of thousands of Christians have fled from cities such as Homs and Qusayr in the face of Islamist rebels. The traditional Christmas market and lights in Qatana are now things of the past, because Islamist militias want all traces of Christian life to be erased. Their threats are anything but idle. On 25 October, Father Fadi Haddad, parish priest of St Elias's Greek Orthodox Church in the town, was found dead beside a road near Damascus. He'd been abducted several days beforehand after seeking to negotiate with the kidnappers of a local Christian dentist.

Even in notionally progressive Middle Eastern societies such as **Turkey**, anti-Christian discrimination is extensive, and "apostates" – former Muslim converts to Christianity or other faiths – face heavy penalties. Elsewhere in the Muslim world, this problem is yet more severe. The apostate is at real risk of death in **Saudi Arabia** and **Iran**. In **Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and Yemen**, apostates risk punishments including the loss of property and the annulment of a marriage, "honour" killings by family members, detentions, imprisonment, torture and physical intimidation.

Why is all this so under-reported? This answer is simple: **Christians rank low in an unacknowledged hierarchy of victimhood**. Since young Christians rarely become radicalised in support of their fellow believers and persecuted Christians rarely respond with terrorist violence, news of their plight doesn't get heard! The reluctance of Christians to fight back tends to render the plight of persecuted Christians less newsworthy in the media eyes.

And yet, the truth is that **Christians are targeted in greater numbers than any other faith group on earth!** Although this comes as a surprise to many, a survey from 2007 found that some **200 million believers**, or 10% of the global total of Christians, are threatened by discrimination or harassment or outright violence. The problem extends well outside Islamic countries to include **India**, the communist world, and even to Buddhist-majority societies such as **Burma and Sri Lanka**.