

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 VandenHengel	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/weekly
Gaye Bishop	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Cliff Seeto	Weds / 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Megan & Jeff Powys	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/ 7:30-9:30 pm/ 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 services, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Karen Fu (in upper hall classroom 1)
- Ages 6-7 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in basement of hall)
- Ages 8-10 Coordinator: Bart VandenHengel (in library)
- Years 11-12+ Coordinator: George Chan (in upper hall classroom 2)



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 service in English and Mandarin

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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.



Jesus and the Evil King Herod



Sunday, January 12, 2014

Preaching program

New Sermon Series in Matthew's Gospel —

In this new series, we seek to explore the life of Jesus as portrayed by Matthew. Even though the Apostle Matthew didn't write this Gospel, it was his recollections of the three years spent with Jesus that undoubtedly formed the basis of the text.

New Sermon Series: The Life of Jesus

January 12	Jesus and the evil king	Revelation 12:1-6 Matthew 2:13-23
January 19	Jesus and John the Baptist	Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 3:1-17
Jan 26	The Ministry of Jesus Begins	Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 4:12-25

We still need Sunday School Teachers for 2014.

Ideally, we would like each age group to have 5 teachers so that each teacher would only have to teach 2 lessons per term. Could you help?

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., Jan. 12	Planning Day Meeting (Part 2)
Sun., Jan 19	Sunday School Training for Term 1.
Sun., Jan 26	Australia Day
Sun, Feb 2	Sunday School resumes

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Keys	Guitar	Drums	Vocals	Bible	Count
Jan-12	Kim, Millie	Ruevern	Gordon, Bart	Aisen	Michelle H, Tina, Jimmy, Mina	Tam	Tina, Geoff
Jan-19	Naomi, Meryllyn	Brian	Bart, Byron	Michael	Kat, Amelia, Lucy, James	Michelle	Geoff, Meryllyn
Jan-26	Selina, Geoff	Kat	Gordon, Phillip	Joshua	Sun-Jae, Kelsey, Hua, Sarah	Millie	Meryllyn, Doris

Pray for NIGERIA

Isaac is part of an Open Doors field team that travels throughout northern Nigeria to minister to persecuted Christians. Nigeria sits at No. 14 on the 2014 World Watch List. Following a recent trip to Damaturu in Yobe state, Isaac gave us this report:

"I left Jos on a Friday to visit three widows of pastors who had been killed by Boko Haram in Yobe State. I had been with these widows earlier, shortly after Boko Haram killed their husbands and burnt their homes to the ground.

"As I set out on the journey, I had mixed feelings. Just the week before, Boko Haram members killed hundreds of people in the state capital, Damaturu. These widows did not live far from there, and were affected by the dusk till dawn curfew set in place after the incident. Suddenly a minibus overtook us. We noticed that all the occupants wore the hijab and we knew there was trouble. These were men camouflaged as women. It is a well-known tactic Boko Haram employs to slip through security check points. We overtook the minibus in an effort to put some distance between us and them.

"We pressed on and finally reached our destination. The widows were waiting for us. We spent a precious few hours together, distributing the aid and encouraging them in the faith.

"One of the widows, Paulina Yahaya, told us: 'You have taken a big risk to put a smile on my face, it is something that will live with me forever. I am touched and feel a joy that knows no bounds! For someone to risk his life to come and support me and my family is nothing but the pure love of Christ. The Lord will bless the ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.'

"Soon after leaving we learnt that the house where we gathered was attacked. The owners narrowly escaped and had to relocate to Jos. The believers in Yobe are truly living in a very fearful situation.

"I am deeply thankful for God's protection and am reminded once more that God hears the prayers of all those praying for us. Knowing that you are praying strengthens us to take the necessary risks to help the many persecuted Christians in Nigeria. God bless you all!"

Please Pray:

That widows like Paulina would experience God's healing from both the physical and emotional scars left by their attackers

Thank God for Isaac and his team of field workers. Pray for their protection as they travel throughout northern Nigeria to minister to persecuted Christians and bring aid and encouragement to those affected by the insurgency

Ask God to strengthen church leaders as they set an example of love and forgiveness to the congregations they lead.

Pray also for our Archbishop, Glen Davies, and Bishop Peter Tasker as they currently travel in Nigeria visiting Anglican churches.