

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) Bi-lingual 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.

Parables of the Heart

from Matthew 13

“Jesus’ Greatest Treasure”



Sunday, June 22, 2014

Preaching program

Current Sermon Series from Matthew 13 —

As we continue in this series, we see how the seven well-known parables from Matthew 13 all deal with the human heart. According to Jewish thinking, the heart is the seat of our emotional and intellectual life. All knowing, feeling, and willing were attributed to the heart by the Biblical writers.

Through these parables in Matthew 13, Jesus focused on the way the human heart responds to the Word of God's eternal Kingdom.

Sermon Series: Parables of the Heart

June 22	<i>Jesus' Greatest Treasure</i>	Psalms 8:1-9 Matthew 13:44
June 29	<i>Priceless!</i>	1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Matthew 13:45-46
July 6	<i>Guest Speakers: Mark Galpin and Dhana Lama from Nepal 'Jesus the barrier breaker'</i>	John 4: 1-30

Church Camp News

Application Forms for the camp are now available at the back of the church.

The group games, activities and interactive studies on being an "Emotionally Healthy Church" are all being finalised.

All we need is your support, so fill in your application today!

Sunday School Teachers Meeting at 12:30 pm today!

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Keys	Guitar	Drums	Vocals	Bible	Count
Jun-22	Kim, Andrew C.	Louie	Gordon, Phillip	Sam	Nancy L, Selina, Suzy, Mina	Bing	Geoff, Marilyn
Jun-29	Peter, Andrew U.	Joy	Michelle, Byron	Aisen	Amelia, Gaye, Helen, James	Kim	Marilyn, Cliff
Jul-06	Naomi, Millie	Ruevern	Gordon, Edwina	Michael	Sun-Jae, Karen, Tony, Hua	Naomi	Cliff, Steve

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 18- 6 July	Sermon Series— Parables of the Heart
Sun. June 22	Fire drill (10:30am)
Sun. June 22	Sunday School Teachers' Training Seminar (12:30pm in hall)
Sun, July 6 & 13	Winter Holidays— No Sunday School
Sun. July 6	Guest Speaker, Mark Galpin, from United Mission to Nepal
Sun. July 20	Music Team Practice— 12:30pm
Sept 5-7	Church Camp at Telford in Royal National Park

Pray for Iraq

Thousands of Christians have fled Iraq's second-largest city as an Islamist terror group solidifies its control over Christianity's main remaining stronghold in the struggling nation. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS), an Iraq and Syria-based Sunni offshoot of al-Qaeda, took over Mosul (pop. 1.8 million) earlier this month, the BBC reports. Most of Mosul's remaining Christian population of 3,000 fled for safer areas, according to World Watch Monitor. "Things are so bad now in Iraq, the worst they have ever been," writes Canon Andrew White, vicar of St. George's Anglican Church in Baghdad. "The Islamic terrorists have taken control of the whole of Mosul which is Nineveh the main Christian stronghold. The army [has] even fled. We urgently need help and support. ... We are in a desperate crisis."

In late February, ISIS invaded Raqqa in northern Syria and demanded that Christians pay a "jizya" tax and accept a list of regulations, including not ringing church bells or praying in public in exchange for "protection," the BBC reported. That memory makes Christians even more wary now, Middle East Concern reports: "Christians feel particularly vulnerable, especially in light of the treatment of Christians in the Raqqah province of northern Syria where ISIS has also established its authority. Recall that, in February 2014, ISIS commanders in Raqqah forced Christian community leaders to sign a contract agreeing to a set of stringent conditions. These included the payment of a special tax (known as jizya), conduct of Christian rites only behind closed doors so as to be neither visible nor audible to Muslims, and adherence to Islamic commercial, dress code and dietary regulations."

Iraq's Christian population has shrunk in recent years from 1.2 million in the early 1990s to an estimated 300,000 before the most recent attacks. Displaced Christians within Iraq face high unemployment, poor housing, and difficulty finding education and medical care, according to Open Doors International's 2014 World Watch List. Christians are fleeing severe violence targeting them, including church attacks, killings, robberies, and rapes, and the Christian population in Mosul shrunk from 35,000 to 3,000 in the past decade. In the last week, the remaining Christians fled, according to World Watch Monitor, which analyses the reasons behind the exodus.