

## 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.

## Words of Encouragement for the New Year



**"The Joy of Growth"**



Sunday, December 28, 2014

## Preaching program

We pray that this new sermon series from Paul's Letter to the Colossians will serve as a helpful encouragement to you as we begin a new year. Entitled "Words of Encouragement for the New Year", we will discover how the Apostle was not only a great evangelist but also a wonderful pastor! May his words help us to start 2015 with a renewed joy.

| New Sermon Series from Colossians:<br>Words of Encouragement for the New Year |                                   |                    |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dec 28  | <i>The Joy of Growth</i>          | Colossians 1:1-14  |
| Jan 4   | <i>Beginning at the beginning</i> | Colossians 1:15-23 |
| Jan 11  | <i>Once dead; now alive</i>       | Colossians 2:13-23 |



## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

| Date   | Welcome            | Music Team   | Prayer Leaders | Bible Reader | Counters       |
|--------|--------------------|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Dec-28 | Andrew C., Marilyn | Team 1- Joy, Bing, Sam, James, Lucy, Millie, Michelle H.     |                | Kim          | Doris, Tina,   |
| Jan-04 | Selina, Margaret   | Team 2- Lewie, Edwina, Aisen, Jennifer, George, Tina, Selina | Holy Communion | Carolyn      | Tina, Geoff    |
| Jan-11 | Geoff, Andrew C.   | Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Tony, Karen, Amy  |                | Naomi        | Geoff, Marilyn |

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Sun., Jan 4  | Combined service- Aisen preaches (Bart away) |
| Mon., Jan 12 | Parish Council (7:30pm)                      |
| Sun., Jan 25 | Sunday School Teacher Training (12:30pm)     |
| Sun., Feb 1  | Sunday School resumes                        |

## Pray for the David Lakos at St. George Hospital

Thank you for your interest in the chaplaincy ministry at St George Hospital. This occasional newsletter aims to keep you informed and give you points for prayer.

Chaplains' retreat: At the end of October 20 members of our St George team shared in an overnight retreat at the Wollongong Surf Leisure Resort. It was a great time of learning, growing as a team, and also spiritual refreshment. (The photo shows some of us preparing to set off for a walk along Towradgi Beach during our free time.)

Pastoral Care Week: In the last newsletter I mentioned that we had the opportunity in "Pastoral Care Week" (in October) to have an information stall in the hospital foyer. It turned out to be a good time of connecting with staff and visitors, offering them some tasty treats, and letting them know about the work of the chaplains' team.

Plans for training in 2015: We've had a lot of enquiries about our planned training course for next year. We're close to finalising our arrangements for holding an introductory pastoral care course in April, with the hope of having some new volunteers join our team.

Face-to-face: Here are the stories of a couple of the people that I've met in my visits in the hospital. (I've changed some of their personal details so as to protect their privacy.)

\* Brian is a Christian man who for many years has been living with depression and anxiety. I've met him and his wife several times in the Older Persons' Mental Health Unit. It's a privilege to offer ministry both to him in his agitation and anxiety, and also to his wife, who experiences sadness and frustration in her life with a partner with long-term mental illness.

\* Alison has had several long stays in the hospital over the last three years. Most recently she was told that her life expectancy was only a matter of months. We had many long conversations about faith, and she asked many questions, though she always seemed to be much better at talking than listening! At this stage I don't know how things ended up for her; all I could do was to urge her to seek God, to ask him to reveal himself to her, and to check out for herself the evidence for Jesus in the gospels.

Sincerely,  
Rev David Lakos  
Anglican chaplain, St George Hospital