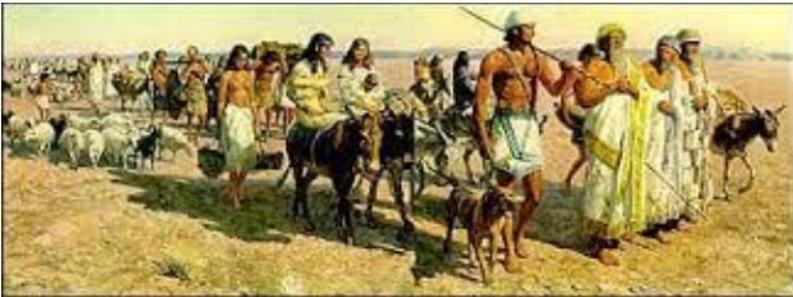


# The Voice

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.

## Lessons from Ezra and Nehemiah



Lesson Two:

*The Remnant Returns*



Sunday, 5 July, 2015

## Preaching program

New Sermon Series:

### The Church in Today's World Lessons from Ezra and Nehemiah

The purpose of this new series is to reflect on the dangers, challenges and struggles faced by God's people back in the 5th century BC and apply it to our life as God's people in today's world.

July 5	<i>Lesson Two: The Remnant returns</i>	Ezra 2:1-70 Matthew 1:12-17
July 12	<i>Lesson Three The call to faithfulness</i>	Ezra 3:1-13
July 19	<i>Lesson Four How to handle opposition</i>	Ezra 4:1-24

### Ride for Refugees

An Information evening will be held at Kirkplace Presbyterian Church, Kogarah, on Wednesday the 8th of July starting at 7:30pm. Coffee and snacks provided.

No Compromise Tour featuring the music of Keith Green.

Join us in hearing Keith's music passionately and faithfully reproduced!

Book your tickets! \$20, in support of BCA.

Sat., July 12th at St. Anne's Ryde Anglican Church, 6pm.

The church Working Bee has been re-scheduled for  
Saturday, July 18th.



Our new Bishop, Peter Lin, will be formally Welcomed in a ceremony at Bryan Brown Theatre, Bankstown on Thursday, July 30 (7:30pm). The Archbishop invites all the churches in the Georges River Region to attend.

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer Leaders	Bible Reader	Counters
Jul-05	Selina, Andrew C.	Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sarah, James, Karen, Amy	Holy Communion	Kathie	Cliff, Steve
Jul-12	Naomi, Millie	Team 4- Brian, Gordon, Michael, Hua, Catherine, Nancy Lee, Amelia		Andrew U	Steve, Doris
Jul-19	Andrew U, Kim	Team 5- Emily, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Cici, Lucy Z, Gaye, Louise	Holy Communion	Michelle	Doris, Geoff

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Mon., July 6	Parish Council (7:30pm)
Weds., July 8	Info night Ride for refugees at Kirkplace, Kogarah (7:30pm)
Sat., July 12	The Music of Keith Green at Ryde Anglican (6pm)
Sat., July 18	Working Bee (9am to 12pm)
Thurs., July 30	Welcome to Peter Lin- Bryan Brown Theatre, Bankstown (7:30pm)

## Pray for Christians in Prison for Their Faith

Nadia was in a prison in the Middle East for some months because she was a believer from Muslim background. She told the prison officials that she would not give them any information about the people she knew or about her husband, only about herself. This led her to being placed in an isolation cell for four days. The cell was small and extremely cold. There was no toilet or washing facilities at all.

"At one point," Nadia reported, "I was feeling very cold and found the whole experience tough. Suddenly though, I felt warm air blowing in my face. So warm, in fact, that when I breathed in and the air hit my lungs I had to cough."

She had no idea where the warmth was coming from and at the same time she became very joyful. This sense of joy overwhelmed her so much that she began to dance in the cell. Yet, at the same time, she also felt confused. How could she feel warm and joyful in a cold prison cell, she asked herself?

"Then I heard a voice," said Nadia. She emphasized that it wasn't an internal voice but audible, "as if someone in the cell was saying, 'That is because people are praying for you. This is the Spirit of happiness that has come upon you. Receive it.'"

Later on, after her release, Nadia shared her amazing experience in the cell with her sister. Asking when it had happened, Nadia's sister mentioned the same exact day and time when thirty-two believers had met to pray for Nadia and another believer in prison. Two of the participants had been appointed to represent Nadia and the other Christian. The remaining thirty believers gathered around them to ask God to comfort them, to fill them with joy and send His Spirit of happiness upon them. They were deeply encouraged to hear Nadia's experience.

### RESPONSE

Father, keep reminding that Your promises are true and that You still perform miracles. Help me to pray earnestly today for Christians around the world in prison for their faith.

# 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

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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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