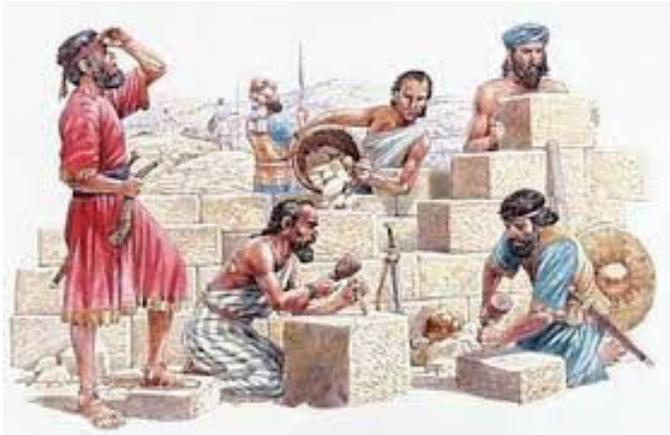


The Voice

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 for Today's Church from Ezra and Nehemiah



Lesson Eight: ***“All Hands on Deck!”***



Sunday, 16 August, 2015

Preaching program

Current Sermon Series:

“The Church in Today’s World– Lessons from Ezra and Nehemiah”

The purpose of this 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.

Aug 16	<i>Lesson Eight: All Hands on Deck (Combined service)</i>	Nehemiah 3:1-12 John 10:7-10
Aug 23	<i>Lesson Nine: Issues of Social Justice</i>	Nehemiah 5
Aug 30	<i>Lesson Ten: A Spectacular Failure</i>	Nehemiah 13

Aisen is away on holidays this week.

Today, we will hold a **Combined Service**

Bushwalk: Sat., August 29 . The Rocks to Pymont (see John Oakes for details)

Ride for Refugees Saturday, August 29 (see Bart)

Our annual **Missions Month** is fast approaching!

Please begin to set aside things that you would like to donate to us to sell.

Each year, we aim to raise over \$5000 for missions. Why not more?

Our 2015 Church Camp will be held on the weekend of
November 20-22. Please put it in your diaries!

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer Leaders	Bible Reader	Counters
Aug-16	Naomi, Millie	Team 4- Brian, Gordon, Michael, Hua, Catherine, Nancy Lee , Amelia	Holy Communion	Kim	Steve, Doris
Aug-23	Geoff, Andrew U.	Team 5- Emily, Byron, Aisen, Bart , Cici, Lucy Z, Gaye, Louise		Naomi	Doris, Geoff
Aug-30	Tina, Steve	Team 1- Joy , Bing, Sam, James, Lucy, Millie, Michelle H.		Margaret	Geoff, Merilyn

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Aug. 10-16	Aisen on holidays
Sat., Aug 29	Bushwalk
Sat, Aug 29	Ride for Refugees - starting 9am at Horsley Park
October	Missions Month
Nov. 20-22	Church Camp at 'Telford Lodge' in the royal National Park

Pray for Christians in Wenzhou, China

The coastal city of **Wenzhou** in Zhejiang Province is sometimes referred to as "**China's Jerusalem**" because of its one million Protestants and about 300,000 Catholics. Over the past two years, however, the government of Wenzhou has started a campaign to tear down hundreds of giant red crosses from church buildings. The removal campaign hit Christians hardest last summer when hundreds of crosses were removed, sometimes along with the demolition of entire churches.

Christians protested, at times sitting in front of their building or cross to protect it. More than 100 people were detained or arrested in connection with cross removals in 2014, *Christian Solidarity Worldwide* (CSW) reported. Another 38 were beaten or injured during protests. Cross removals decreased last fall, and seemed to die out altogether over the winter, but picked up steam again this spring. In May, 17 crosses were removed. In July, 10 more. Also in May, the government released new guidelines for church crosses: They must be short, no more than one tenth the height of the building's facade. They must be unobtrusive, painted a colour that blends in with the building. And they must be placed on the building, not above it. The rules mean that most remaining church crosses, which are usually red and elevated above the building, must be removed.

Christians are losing patience with the campaign, according to an open letter from Catholic leaders in Wenzhou. "Our diocese has been patient and reasonable—again and again we have shown tolerance, prayed, communicated and observed, hoping that the haze would clear," the leaders wrote. "But they have not stopped. Rather, they have escalated the campaign and have rushed to attack the cross, the symbol of peace and love." So on July 4, members of one newly cross-less church staged a sit-in, holding banners that said "lift up the cross" or "protect religious freedom." In late July, about 20 priests protested outside government offices. "Maintaining religious dignity and opposing the forced removal of crosses," their banner read. At the same time, a group of Christian human rights lawyers has joined forces to fight for religious freedom, calling themselves "Lawyers for Protection of the Cross." Last week, 16 Protestants were arrested on charges of "obstructing official duty" and "running an illegal business," but their lawyer argues they were arrested for refusing to allow their cross to be taken down. Catholic seminary professor Chen Kaihua turned to Weibo (China's version of Twitter) to ask churches across the country to join the "safe and legal non-violent disobedience movement." "Tomorrow you will see crosses everywhere in Zhejiang," he wrote.

Please pray for the Christians in Wenzhou.

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)



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(10:30am) Bi-lingual Celebration service in English and Mandarin

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