

# 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 Nine: *Issues of Social Justice***

St-Takla.org



**Sunday, 23 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 23	<i>Lesson Nine: Issues of Social Justice</i>	Nehemiah 5
Aug 30	<i>Lesson Ten: A Spectacular Failure</i>	Nehemiah 13

### Next Sermon Series:

### **“The Reality of Ruth”** (Preacher: David Watkins)

Sept 6	<i>The Reality of Life</i>	Ruth 1:1-7, 14-16, 19-22; Hebrews 11:29-39
Sept 13	<i>The Reality of God</i>	Ruth 2:1-13, 3:1-13; Hebrews 2:5-18

**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- 23	drew U.	<b>Team 5-</b> Emily, Byron, Aisen, <b>Bart</b> , Pauline, Lucy Z, Gaye, Louise		Naomi	Doris,
Aug- 30	Tina, Steve	Team 1- <b>Joy</b> , Bing, Sam, James, Lucy, Millie, Michelle H.		Margaret	Merilyn
Sep- 06	Peter, Merilyn,	Team 2- Stephen, Bing, Aisen, <b>Jennifer</b> , George, Tina, Selina	Holy Communion	Naomi	Merilyn,

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sat., Aug 29	<b>Bushwalk</b>
Sat, Aug 29	<b>Ride for Refugees - starting 9am at Horsley Park</b>
Sept 1-21	<b>Bart &amp; Kim away in USA</b>
October	<b>Missions Month</b>
Nov. 20-22	<b>Church Camp at 'Telford Lodge' in the royal National Park</b>

### Pray for your enemies

***"But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."*** (Matt 5:44)

Perhaps the most difficult of Jesus' commands is to love even our enemies. A true Christian always seeks another person's highest good—even when mistreated. Brother Andrew says *"The Christian's only method of destroying his enemies is to 'love' them into being his friends."*

Romanian pastor, Dr. Paul Negrut, was visiting an old friend in Romania named Trian Dors in his humble home. As Paul entered, he realized that Trian was bleeding from open wounds. He asked, *"What happened?"* Trian replied, *"The secret police just left my home. They came and confiscated my manuscripts. Then they beat me."* Trian Dors then shared how the secret police had been coming to his home regularly for several years. They beat him twice every week. They confiscated all his papers. After the beating he would talk to the officer in charge. Trian would look into his eyes and say, *"Mister, I love you. And I want you to know that if our next meeting is before the judgement throne of God, you will not go to hell because I hate you but because you rejected love."* Trian would repeat these words after every beating.

Years later that officer came alone to his home one night. Trian prepared himself for another beating. But the officer spoke kindly and said, *"Mr. Dors, the next time we meet will be before the judgement throne of God. I came tonight to apologize for what I did to you and to tell you that your love moved my heart. I have asked Christ to save me. But two days ago the doctor discovered that I have a very severe case of cancer and I have only a few weeks to live before I go to be with God. I came tonight to tell you that we will be together on the other side."*

### PRAYER

**God give me Your kind of love for my enemies—so they too will love You.**

# 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.

<b>English-Speaking Cell Groups/</b>	<b>Day/time/frequency</b>
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

### **Contact details:**

**Bart:** 9580-1217 or 0400-282-848

**Aisen:** 9585-2943 or 0433-315-745

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### **Internet Banking details:** Westpac

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