

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/ 8:00pm/ 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: Selina Kwok (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 congregations)

Sunday Services: (8am) Prayer Book Service w/ Holy Communion

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

(6pm) 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.

"The Word of Harmony"

God's Word:
Living and Active



Sunday, 24 January, 2016

Preaching program

New Year Sermon Series "God's Word: Living and Active"

As we follow the readings from the Lectionary in these opening weeks of the new year, a distinct focus on 'the Voice' or 'the Word' of God can be discerned. We will be focusing particular attention on the connections between the Gospel readings and those from the Psalms.

Jan 24	The Word of Harmony	Psalm 19 Luke 4:14-21
Jan 31	The Word of Refuge	Psalm 71:1-6 Luke 4:21-30
Feb 7	The Word of Glory	Psalm 99 Luke 9:28-36

Would you like to learn or improve your English?

English classes will start at church in February. There will be two classes: Beginner and Intermediate. The focus will be on conversation skills. Class times could be after church Sunday, or Monday/Tuesday mornings. If you (or someone you know) might be interested, please see Steve Mayhew at lunchtime today. If you would like to help in the classes, please contact Steve on 0419 992 249 or at stevemayhew1@hotmail.com

A new evening service will begin on February 14!

For various reasons, some people cannot make it to our morning services. We have decided to experiment with a new (1 hour) bi-lingual service on Sunday evening (6pm), followed by a meal. Please pray as we still plan.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Jan 26	Australia Day picnic at Kurnell
Sunday, Feb 7	Sunday School begins
Weds., Feb 10	Ash Wednesday (First Day of Lent)
Sunday, Feb 14	New evening service begins (6pm)

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Jan-24	Tina, Steve	Team 1- Joy, Bing, Sam, Ruevern, Lucy, Zoey, Michelle H., Millie		Kim	Geoff, Marilyn
Jan-31	Peter, Marilyn,	Team 2- Stephen, Bing, Aisen, Will, Lydia, Tina, Millie		Naomi	Marilyn, Cliff
Feb-07	Andrew C., Kim	Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sa- rah, Zoey, Karen, Amy	Holy Com- munion	Margaret	Cliff, Steve

Pray for Iran

The righteous perish, and no one takes it to heart; the devout are taken away, and no one understands that the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death. (Isaiah 57:1-2)

I was reading this scripture on January 19th, 1994, the day Bishop Haik Hovsepian-Mehr mysteriously disappeared en route to the airport in the capital of Iran. He had spoken out courageously against the persecution of Iranian Christians, and the closure of the Iranian Bible Society, as well as the closing of a number of churches across Iran. He had campaigned vigorously for the release of Rev. Mehdi Dibaj from prison, and had acted as substitute father for Mehdi's four children during his imprisonment, in addition to his own four children. Days later, his dead body with multiple stab wounds was identified.

Today's verses from the Bible gave me great encouragement as to the purpose of God in allowing martyrdom among His people. They rest in peace. But what about their families?

The death of Bishop Haik changed the life of his son, Andre, forever. He says, "As a pastor's son growing up in Iran, I got used to the fact that sometimes my dad would be gone for a day or two for interrogation. But then on that dreadful day in January '94, my father left the house and never came back." Looking back, Andre testifies that God used the love and support of the body of Christ to bring the Hovsepian family courage during the dark days following his father's murder. "It meant a lot to me that someone I didn't know from another country was praying for me and was caring for me."

Andre and his mother, Takoosh, now live in the United States, where they use their freedom to continue ministry to Iran via satellite. They produce programs, movies, teaching materials and music to air in all the Farsi-speaking nations like Iran, Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Andre and his family really value your prayers as, following in the footsteps of Haik himself, they work to advance the kingdom in those countries where still today faith costs the most.

He concludes, "I learned we are one big family in Christ—and I think that was the number one thing which gave us courage and helped us heal."

RESPONSE: Today I will accept the purposes of God in the martyrdom of His saints, and pray for courage and healing among the members of the families left behind.

PRAYER: Thank You, Lord, for the way you are using the Hovsepian family in ministry back to their original homeland and region. May their efforts greatly expand Your kingdom.