

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.

"Decision Making and the Will of God"

TODAY: *God's Sovereign Will and
our Responsibility*



Sunday, 7 August, 2016



Next Sermon Series: **“Decision Making and the Will of God”**
 Are you confused about God’s will for your life? Do you find it hard to make important decisions? Perhaps this sermon series will help!

Aug 7	God’s Sovereign Will and our Responsibility	Romans 12:1-8 John 11:38-44
Aug 14	A Biblical Model of Guidance	Romans 15:20-29 John 18:1-11
Aug 21	God’s Guidance is Personal	2 Cor 5:1-10 John 21:15-25

Our annual Mission Month will be approaching very soon. At Monday night’s meeting, the Parish Council decided to change the way we will raise funds for missions this year.

Instead of one day-long ‘Market Day’, we will have two separate events:
 First, we will “Walk to Water” (from our church to the Oatley Baths) as a way of raising funds to dig more wells in Africa.
 Second, we will hold a “Concert” fund-raising event that evening.
 Please consider joining in both these events to make this year’s Mission fund-raising campaign a great success.
 All proceeds will go to support the Persecuted Church in Africa and Iraq.

Bart has been invited to attend a leadership conference in the USA through the month of September, sponsored by the Anglican Church in North America.
 Delegates for this conference will be coming from 11 different nations!

Following the conference, Bart will fly to Las Vegas, Nevada and join Kim to celebrate the wedding of his nephew on October 8th.
 Bart will be back in Sydney on October 14th.

For our annual Church Camp this November, we are preparing a series of workshops on prayer. Pray for the organisers as we design a weekend that stimulates us all in this essential aspect of the Christian life!



Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Aug-07	Peter, Andrew U	Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy	Holy Com-munion	Robyn	Doris, Geoff
2022-14	Andrew C., Marilyn	Team 5- Emily, Byron, David, Aisen, Bart, Shirley, Li Sun, Gaye, Louise		David	Geoff, [2] [2] [2] [2]
2022-21	Selina, Geoff	[2] [2] [2] [2] Joy, Bing, Sam, Ruevern, Lucy, Zoey, Millie	Holy Com-munion	Kim	Merilyn, Cliff

Sat., August 13	Bushwalk with John Oakes
Sept. 3 to Oct. 14	Bart in USA. Ted Potter and David Watkins will be locums.
Oct 16 to Nov 13	Missions Month
Sat., November 5	"Walk to Water" and Fund-raising Concert for Open Doors
Nov. 18-20	Church camp at Telford Lodge in the Royal National Park

Pray for Christians in Guandong, China

Recent reports indicate that restrictions on unregistered churches in Guangdong, China are tightening. Some churches have been asked to move out of their venues (commercial buildings), on the grounds that they are not registered religious venues. Some of these churches have congregations of 100-300 members.

The increasing restrictions are making some landlords unwilling to rent property to unregistered churches to avoid any potential troubles with the authorities. Some churches have reached out to human right lawyers for help, which may result in elevated conflicts between the churches and the authorities.

A local contact of Open Doors said the authorities invited him for a "tea meeting" and subtly advised him to limit his congregation size to less than 50 members. For more than a decade now, a congregation size of about 100 (or even more in some regions) has generally been considered "acceptable" in China. At least one of the local pastors plans to split the church into several new churches so that each does not exceed 50 believers. He is also considering renting residential apartments for the smaller church group meetings.

Some local contacts observed that the religious restrictions in Guangdong have been tightening since the "Occupy Central Movement" in Hong Kong in 2014. The Chinese government views the "Occupy Central Movement" as a political movement related to churches in Hong Kong. Over the past several decades, churches in Guangdong and Hong Kong have been closely related and the former has received extensive support from the latter. Occasional reports also continue to surface of individual cases of official interference with Christian activities in other regions of China. Though each case is cause for concern, the number of cases represents a comparatively small percentage of the hundreds of thousands of churches in China.

Please pray that local churches in Guangdong will have wisdom and courage to interact with local authorities, and that churches throughout China will continue to witness for Christ and grow in maturity amidst the uncertainty surrounding a potential increase in religious restrictions.

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 & Kim VandenHengel	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/weekly
Gaye Bishop	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Marilyn Mayhew	Tuesday / 7:30pm/ weekly
Megan & Jeff Powys	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Wednesday/ 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)



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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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