

## 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
Meryllyn 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)



## 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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## 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 Parables of Luke's Gospel



Today: "The Sower"



Sunday, 25 September, 2016

**The Parables of Jesus** (preacher: Ted Potter)

Sept 25	<b>The Sower</b>	Isaiah 55:6-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Oct 2	<b>Wheat and Weeds</b>	Deuteronomy 32:36-41 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-41
Oct 9	<b>Workers in the Vineyard</b>	Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Matt 20:1-16

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* (ACNA). Following the conference, Bart will fly to Las Vegas, Nevada and join Kim to celebrate the wedding of his nephew on October 8th. Thanks to **Ted Potter** for preaching while he's away.

Our annual **Mission Month fund raising** will take place on **Saturday, Nov. 5th**.  
 The Parish Council has decided that instead of our annual 'Market Day', we will have two separate fund-raising events:

- **First**, we will **"Walk to Water"** (from our church to the Como marina, across the Georges' River Railway Bridge).  
 This walk will raise money for **the Persecuted Church in Africa**.
- **Then**, on Saturday evening, we will hold a special **"Evening of Worship, Prayer and Fund-raising for the Persecuted Church in Iraq."**

**Please join us in both these events to make our day a success!**

**Hurstville Museum & Gallery** (14 McMahan St.) is now showing a display about our church! Go and have a look, take your friends.. and pray that God will use it to let people in the area know who we are.

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Sep-25	Phil, Kim	Team 1- Joy, Bing, Sam, Ruevern, Lucy, Zoey, Millie		Bing	Doris, Cliff
Oct-02	Andrew C., Andrew U	Team 2- Stephen, Bing, Aisen, Will, Lydia, Tina, Millie	Holy Communion	Carolyn	Cliff, Marilyn
Oct-09	Geoff, Selina,	Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy		Naomi	Marilyn, Geoff

Sept. 3 to Oct. 14	<b>Bart in USA.</b> Ted Potter will be locum
Sun., October 2	<b>Daylight Savings begins!</b> Please move your clocks ahead one hour.
Oct 16 to Nov 13	<b>Missions Month</b>
Sat., November 5	<b>"Walk to Water" and Fund-raising Concert</b> for Open Doors
Nov. 18-20	<b>Church camp at Telford Lodge</b> in the Royal National Park

**Pray for the Anglican Church Worldwide**

Every day this past week, Bart has been privileged to sit under the teaching of **Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali** (pictured). Here is brief resume of his background.

Michael Nazir-Ali was born in Karachi, Pakistan. Although his father had converted from Islam to Christianity, Michael began identifying as a Christian at the age of 15. He studied economics, Islamic history and sociology at the University of Karachi. He went on to study Theology at Cambridge, Oxford, and Harvard. He was ordained as an Anglican priest in Pakistan and later became the first Bishop of West Punjab. When his life was endangered in 1986 for speaking out against the Islamic blasphemy laws, the Archbishop of Canterbury arranged for his refuge in England. He became General Secretary of the Church Mission Society. Later, he was appointed Bishop of Rochester. He was one of the final two candidates for Archbishop of Canterbury. Since 2009, he has been president of Oxford Centre for Training, Research, Advocacy and Dialogue (Oxtrad), building up church leadership in countries where Christians are persecuted such as Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Syria and Nigeria, as well as working in advocacy and human rights. He recently went to Syria to meet with the President and advocate for the persecuted Church in that nation.



**What did he teach us about?** Principally, he shared his concerns about the internal collapse of the Anglican Communion as two major factions, one controlled by a liberal agenda and the other seeking to hold firm to the orthodox Biblical faith, wrestle over the leadership of the Anglican Church. In his view, the future of the Anglican Church and her historic mission of Gospel proclamation has been seriously jeopardised by the liberal agenda and risks bringing irreparable damage to the worldwide Communion. (Our brothers and sisters representing the North American and African churches agreed wholeheartedly.)

He also shared his social views. He argues that the decline of Christianity and the rise of secular values in the UK during the 1960s has created a moral vacuum with aggressive secularism and radical Islam filling the gap. He has criticised the British government's social policies as "an agenda which still lacks the underpinning of a moral and spiritual vision", and asked that the government make a public affirmation of the "Christian roots of British society". At the same time, he has become a prominent spokesman for an engagement between Christianity and Islam and has been involved in a number of important dialogues with Muslims.