

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)



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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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.

What is

Advent?

"Advent as scandal"



Sunday, 4 December, 2016

What is Advent?

The weeks leading up to Christmas are known as **Advent** (literally, 'the coming') marking the time for Christians to prepare themselves for the coming of Jesus into the world on Christmas morning. **But could it mean even more than this?**

Dec. 4	Advent as Scandal	Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38
Dec. 11	Advent as a New Imagination	Isaiah 2:2-5 Luke 1:39-45
Dec. 18	Advent as Subversion	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 1:46-55



Newcomers Lunch

After our 10:30am service, those who are newcomers to our church are invited to come to the hall for lunch. Bart and Aisen will present the history and the vision of our church.

2016 National Church Life Survey

Today, our church will be amongst thousands of churches throughout Australia that complete the 2016 **National Church Life Survey (NCLS)**.

The purpose of the NCLS is to help churches to be more vital and effective. Through the survey our churchgoers will be able to give their thoughts, opinions and experiences of church life. It will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Dec-04	Peter, Andrew U	Team 1- Joy , Bart, Michael, Ruevern, Lucy, Zoey, Nancy, Gaye		Andrew	Cliff, Marilyn
Dec-11	Andrew C., Kim	Team 3- Rueves & Kat , Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy	Holy Communion	Bing	Marilyn, Geoff
Dec-18	Geoff, Selina,	Team 4- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Michael, Hua, Catherine, Nancy Lee, Tina		Carolyn	Geoff, Doris

Sun., Dec. 4	National Church Life Survey (all services)
Sun., Dec. 18	Sunday School performance and Christmas party
Sat., Dec. 24	Christmas Carolling (8pm) followed by Christmas Eve service (9pm)
Sun., Dec 25	Christmas Day - one combined church service (9am)

Pray for the National Church Life Survey

Lord of the Church,

We thank you for all the ways you guide, correct and bless your Church, and we pray that you will use this Church Life Survey to keep us accountable to our high calling.

We thank you for the research skills and technical expertise of NCLS staff, and for the contributions of all the people from many churches who have shaped this year's survey.

We pray for each congregation

which is opening itself to learning by taking part in the survey.

We pray for each worshipper who will ponder, pray and complete a survey form.

We pray for all the clergy and lay leaders

who will provide information about their congregations.

We pray for this community [parish, congregation, school, group...],

as we complete the survey,

adding our piece to the picture of church life in Australia.

We pray for the NCLS staff

who will process, interpret and distribute the information that is collected.

Through the survey, teach us

to be honest about our own faith practices and observant about our collective culture.

Open up for us fresh opportunities

to discuss and clarify our ministry models and leadership styles, our mission priorities and membership changes.

Give us thankful hearts for the areas of our church life where your grace is overflowing.

Give us courage to recognise and act on the areas of our church life where change is needed.

May we use the NCLS to equip and encourage every member of your Church for our mission to embody and proclaim your love for the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.