

## 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	Sunday/12:30-2 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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*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.*



**Sunday, 8 January, 2017**

**New series:**

**“Psalms of Encouragement for the New Year”**

As we enter this new year, we hope that this selection of Psalms from the Lectionary proves to be an encouragement for us all.

Jan 8	<b><i>The Voice of the Lord</i></b>	Psalm 29 Matthew 3:13-17
Jan 22	<b><i>Light and Salvation</i></b>	Psalm 27:1-9 Matthew 4:12-23
Jan 29	<b><i>Holy Hands</i></b>	Psalm 15 Matthew 5:1-12



On Sunday, January 15th, Bob Mendelsohn, national director of **Jews for Jesus Australia**, will come and share from the Scriptures and from the richness of his Jewish heritage, about Yeshua, the Saviour of the world.

The public is invited to this event so please feel free to invite your friends. He will speak at both the 8am and 10:30am services.

A free-will offering will be received from believers for the ongoing evangelistic ministry of Jews for Jesus. Materials including books, DVDs and CDs, about the Bible, Jewish people, testimonies and other information will be available on the day.

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Jan-08	Merilyn, Margaret	Team 3- <b>Rueves &amp; Kat</b> , Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy	Holy Communion	Robyn	Merilyn, Geoff
Jan-15	Tina, Steve	Team 4- Bart, Andrew, Michael, Hua, Catherine, <b>Nancy Lee, Tina</b>		Kim	Geoff, Cliff
Jan-22	Peter, Andrew U	Team 5- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Li Sun, Gaye,	Holy Communion	Millie	Cliff, Merilyn

Sun., January 15	<b>'Jews for Jesus'</b> guest preacher, Bob Mendelsohn
Sun., February 5	<b>Newcomer's lunch</b>
Sun., February 12	<b>Youth Group kick-off</b> (12:30-2pm)

**Pray for those going through storms of persecution**

*A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"*  
Mark 4:37-38

Many times storms can make it seem like Jesus doesn't care. In this story Jesus' humanity is evident. He was so tired he was sleeping through a storm which caused the disciples to fear for their lives.

Without warning, Muslim background believers, Gulshan and Latifa, found themselves caught in a dangerous storm of opposition from local police—all because they had accepted an invitation to a Christian woman's home to meet with several women who were not believers. While they were drinking tea and chatting, the police arrived and searched the house. When they could find no incriminating materials, the officers left. But a short time later, other policemen started filming all the ladies. Accusing the two Christian ladies of holding a religious meeting, the police took them into custody. They escorted them to a police station where they were pressured to admit involvement in "illegal missionary activities." When they refused to sign, police detained and abused them for six hours. Gulshan was beaten so badly that she suffered a concussion. Only after their pastor intervened did the police let them receive treatment for their injuries.

Though it seemed at first that Jesus did not care for or about them, those who were the hands and feet for Jesus came to the rescue and the storm was weathered with encouragement resulting in more boldness.

**RESPONSE**— Today I will live in the awareness and peace that Jesus is in the storm with me. His presence doesn't guarantee comfort, but it builds faith that He will ultimately calm the storm.

**PRAYER**— Pray that all those feeling that Jesus doesn't care about their storm will realize the power and comfort His presence can bring.