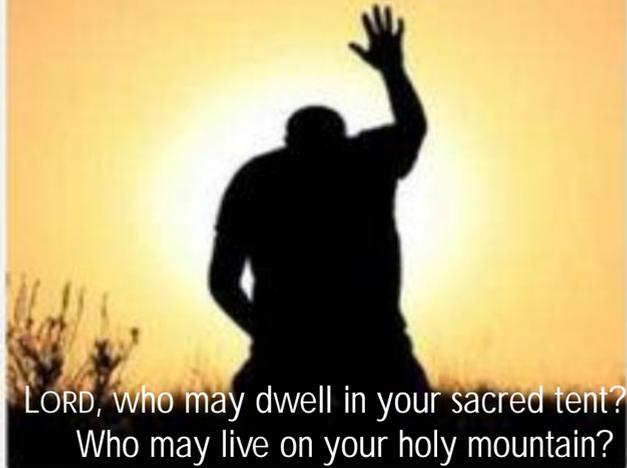


Penshurst Anglican Church

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.

Psalm 15



LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?
Who may live on your holy mountain?



Sunday, 29 January, 2017



Sermon series:
 “Psalms of Encouragement for the New Year”

Jan 29	Holy Hands	Psalm 15 Matthew 5:1-12
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Next Sermon Series:

“The Church in all its Glory!” - Studies in 1 Corinthians

Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians is filled with wonderful insights regarding the church of Jesus Christ. If we expect our church to be filled with the glory of the Triune God, then this letter is be an essential guide for us all!

Feb 5	Perfectly united in mind and thought	1 Corinthians 1:1-17 Matthew 5:13-20
Feb 12	The foolishness of God	1 Corinthians 1:18– 2:5 Matthew 5:21-37

Two important meetings are scheduled for today:

- 12:30pm- Youth Group Parents Information Meeting— to inform parents of new format.
 1:00pm- Music Team meeting— to organise new teams and arrange singing lessons

Our next Newcomers Luncheon is scheduled for next Sunday at 12:15pm. If you are a newcomer to our church, we invite you to join us to hear more about our vision and ministry opportunities.

Parents!

Until Sunday School begins again on February 5, you are responsible for making sure your children are supervised during the morning service.

You have 2 choices: Either they stay with you through the service (you can bring things to keep them occupied) or, as a group of parents, you can organise some supervised activities for them (an adult must be present!)



Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Jan-29	Andrew C., Kim	Team 1- Joy, Bing, Sam, Ruevern, Lucy, Zoey, Millie, Bart	Cliff	☐ ☐☐☐☐☐	☐ ☐☐☐☐☐ Geoff
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Sun., January 29	Youth Group Parents Information Meeting (12:30pm)
Sun., January 29	Music Team meeting (1pm)
Sun., February 5	Sunday School resumes
Sun., February 5	Newcomers lunch (12:15pm)
Sun., February 12	Youth Group kick-off (12:30-2pm)

Pray for the Persecuted Church in Northern Nigeria

Anxiety is high among Christian communities in Nigeria's northern state of Jigawa after authorities began demolishing church buildings in Dutse, the state capital. On 11 January, bulldozers, escorted by security forces, reduced to rubble the Redeem Christian Church of God and the Lord Chosen Church. The police blocked all the entrances to prevent church members from entering the premises. The bulldozers first removed the fence. They then demolished a small building inside the premises, before destroying the main church building.

The authorities said they carried out the demolition because the church buildings had been built without obtaining permission as required by law. But Rev. Yakubu Musa, chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria in Jigawa State, rejected the claims, saying that the Lord Chosen Church had been standing for 17 years and the Redeem Christian Church of God eight years. Moreover, all the churches in Dutse have papers proving ownership, which directly emanate from the original indigenous owners, who were given customary rights to use their land freely.

Situated in northern Nigeria, Jigawa is among the 12 states which adopted Sharia in the 2000s. Christians living in Sharia states say they are treated as second-class citizens and denied basic rights, such as access to education or certain jobs. Access to land and building permission are very restricted or denied. Land, school or health services belonging to churches are often confiscated by state authorities without any compensation. "We feel we are equally citizens of this country and we have the rights to be allowed to practise our religion. But this demolition was done out of injustice and discrimination," said Rev. Musa. He said that for the last 10 years the governor of Jigawa had closed his door to Christians and rejected the chance to meet with church leadership.

"From all our 36 churches in Dutse, none of them has got building permission because they are not responding to our applications, though we have several copies of our applications seeking permission to build churches. They don't permit (us to build) because they do not expect churches to be established there."

Six more churches have been earmarked for demolition: The Deeper Life Bible Church; the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Ministry; the Methodist Church; the Presbyterian Church; the Redeem Church II and the Baptist Church.

Despite this persecution, churches in Jigawa have witnessed significant growth and most have reached their capacities, while some are overcrowded. The two (demolished) churches will now hold their Sunday services and other weekly programs in the open air.

(Article courtesy World Watch Monitor)

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 service, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Tina Ung (in upper hall classroom 1)
- Ages 6-10 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in basement of hall)
- Years 11-12+ Coordinator: George Chan (in upper hall classroom 2)



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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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