

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)



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.



Sunday, 5 February, 2017

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 5:13-16
Feb 12	The foolishness of God	1 Corinthians 1:18– 2:5 Matthew 5:21-37

Our next **Newcomers Luncheon** is scheduled for today 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.

Sunday School begins today

All parents must escort their children to their classrooms and sign them in. This one-off permission for your child to attend Sunday School this year is required by law. Thank you!

Are you interested in training to become a volunteer chaplain at St George Hospital?

The St George Hospital chaplains’ team is offering training for new volunteer chaplains this year. With our team of trained volunteers we provide pastoral care support to patients, families and staff across the hospital. The initial training will be in two parts of five days each— with the first unit of five days in April, followed by a short break, and then the second unit of five days in May-June.

If you’re interested in training to join the chaplains’ team, please contact us by Friday 24th February. You can contact us by phone (9113 2189) or email (david.lakos@health.nsw.gov.au).

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Feb-05	Geoff, Selina,	Team 3- Rueves & Kat , Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy	Holy Communion	Andrew	Geoff, Doris
Feb-12	Phil, Kim	Team 4- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Michael, Hua, Catherine, Nancy Lee, Tina	Geoff	Bing	Doris, Cliff
Feb-19	Millie, Naomi	Team 5- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Li Sun, Gaye, Louise	Holy Communion	Carolyn	Cliff, Marilyn

Sun., February 5	Sunday School resumes
Sun., February 5	Newcomers lunch (12:15pm)
Sun., February 12	Youth Group kick-off (12:30-2pm)
Sun., February 12	Music team vocal training (12:30pm)

Pray for Humility

Ever since the Garden of Eden, Satan has promulgated The Great Lie: "You will be like God" (Genesis 3:5b). We all must learn to overcome pride, which was Satan's own initial sin and which is his pervasive and repetitive tactic against us.

In Proverbs 6:17, "haughty eyes" are first on the list of the seven things that are an "abomination" to God. Christ spoke of pride in Luke 18:14 when He instructs, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Over and over again, we are reminded in the Bible of God's utter disdain for a prideful spirit.

Why does God have so much to say about this issue? Because, ultimately, a prideful person is saying, "I don't need God. I can do it on my own." As our Creator and Sustainer, God has the perfect plan laid out before us. Attempting to "go it alone" will only lead us down a path of self-destruction. No one knows that better than God—He has seen pride destroy the lives of His creations throughout time.

In the New Testament, the Pharisees, filled with self-righteousness, denied the work of Christ, even as He stood before them. The Apostle Paul warned the Corinthians to "not take pride in one man over against another" (1 Corinthians 4:6). Peter repeats the warning about pride from Proverbs 3:34.

Pride is so devastating because of its deceptiveness. C. S. Lewis said, "A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you're looking down, you can't see something that's above you." We may easily point out pride in the life of someone else, completely oblivious to the stranglehold that pride may have in our own lives. Pride causes us to focus solely on being "better" than someone else. Don't compare yourself to others; compare yourself to Christ. Remember where you came from, and recall what God has saved you from.

When all else fails, God may allow adversity into our lives. Nothing gets our attention better than going through a difficult time. He allows these experiences in order to filter out pride, causing us to return our focus on Him. As much as our prideful spirit may disagree, we cannot live a fulfilling life without God. Simply put, when God is out, pride is in!

PRAYER Lord, I need Your help to keep focused on You and avoid pride's stranglehold.