

## 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 Praying Life

#### Part One: Prayer as Contemplation



**Today: "Pray without ceasing"**



**Sunday, 25 June, 2017**

## New Sermon Series: "A Praying Life"

Are you disappointed with your prayer life? This new sermon series is designed to lift you up, not weigh you down! There are three key aspects of *the praying life* that we will be examining: 'Prayer as Contemplation', 'Prayer as Participation' and 'Prayer as Mission'.

May you be refreshed and encouraged by a new vision of prayer.

June 25	<b>Part One: Prayer as Contemplation</b> <i>"Pray without Ceasing"</i>	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 16:12-15
July 2	<i>Like a Little Child</i>	1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 7:7-11
July 9	<i>Worshipful Prayer</i>	Psalm 8 Matthew 6:25-34

### Mark Your Diaries

A '**Confirmation**' Service of all those who have been baptised in our church over the last 10 years will be held on **July 23rd** with **Bishop Peter Lin**.

Testimonies, celebrations and a picnic will follow.

#### **Today, at 12:30pm...**

*All team leaders* are requested to meet together so that we can all get a better understanding and overview of how the teams are functioning. We hope that each team can share a short report of their activities to date.

Later today, both the *Communications Team* and the *Missions/Evangelism Team* will be meeting.

**SIMWorld** is SIM Australia's annual conference, to be held on **Saturday, July 29th**.

This year's speaker will be SIM Australia's National Director, Dr Omar Djoeandy, who will be speaking on the topic of '**Risk Taking with Jesus**'.

**Venue:** Sydney Missionary Bible College (SMBC), Roberts Dale Campus, Croydon Park

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Jun-25	Sylvio, Tina	Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Catherine	Geoff	Kim	Cliff, Marilyn
Jul-02	Phil, Shiela	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Holy Communion	Millie	Marilyn, Geoff
Jul-09	Andrew U, Selina	Team 3- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Allan Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Gaye	Naomi	Geoff, Doris

Sunday, June 25	<b>Team Leaders Meeting</b> (12:30pm)
Sunday, June 25	<b>Communications Team Meeting (1:30pm)</b>
Sunday, June 25	<b>Missions/Evangelism Team Meeting (3pm)</b>
Sunday, July 23	<b>'Confirmation Service' and celebrations</b>
Saturday, July 29	<b>SIMWORLD</b> at SMBC, Croydon Park

## Pray for Michael Duckett and the MacArthur Indigenous Church

**Michael's Studies:** Ten years ago, during my employment interview, Al Stewart (previous Bishop) encouraged me to do further biblical studies to enhance my ministry skills and knowledge. I was reluctant but agreed to do it with the support of the Bishop. I now rejoice as I have finally obtained a **Master of Arts in Theology** from Sydney Missionary & Bible College. I give thanks to God for working through the Wollongong Anglican Regional Office to assist me to continue to develop my skills to correctly handle the word of God.

**National Reconciliation Week** (NRW) runs annually from 27 May –3 June. The 2017 theme was 'Let's Take the Next Steps'. These dates mark two milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: 1) 50 years since the 1967 referendum where Aboriginal people were recognized; 2) 25 years since the historic Mabo decision. May God lead this country in the next steps of our nation's reconciliation journey, as we call all people and nations to be reconciled to God, so we then learn how to be reconciled to our neighbour. Our church is driven by God's call for all humankind to be reconciled to himself through his Son Jesus Christ.

**Preaching:** Early this year the Macarthur Indigenous Church began following the same sermon series as Campbelltown Anglican Church to strengthen the unity between the two churches and enhance reconciliation between the two. It also enables the whole ministry team to support each other with back up preaching which has already benefited the Aboriginal church while Michael was away.

### PRAYER POINTS

- ◆ We thank God for the increase over the years and how we now have more men than women in church.
- ◆ We rejoice and thank God for the privilege of allowing our church opportunities to demonstrate the reality of reconciliation in our community.
- ◆ We thank God for working through the Wollongong Anglican Regional Office for supporting Pastor Michael Duckett to obtain a Master of Arts in Theology.
- ◆ Pray with us as we continue to trust God for the provisions needed for the ministry as he has always done; even though we keep falling short, God has always provided.
- ◆ With the considerable reduction of funding available from the Sydney Anglican Indigenous People's Ministry Committee, we now have a ministry shortfall of approx. \$30,000. Raising this \$30,000 is a significant challenge and places pressure on our 2017 budget but as always we walk by faith thanking God for his provisions and faithfulness.

# 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
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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