

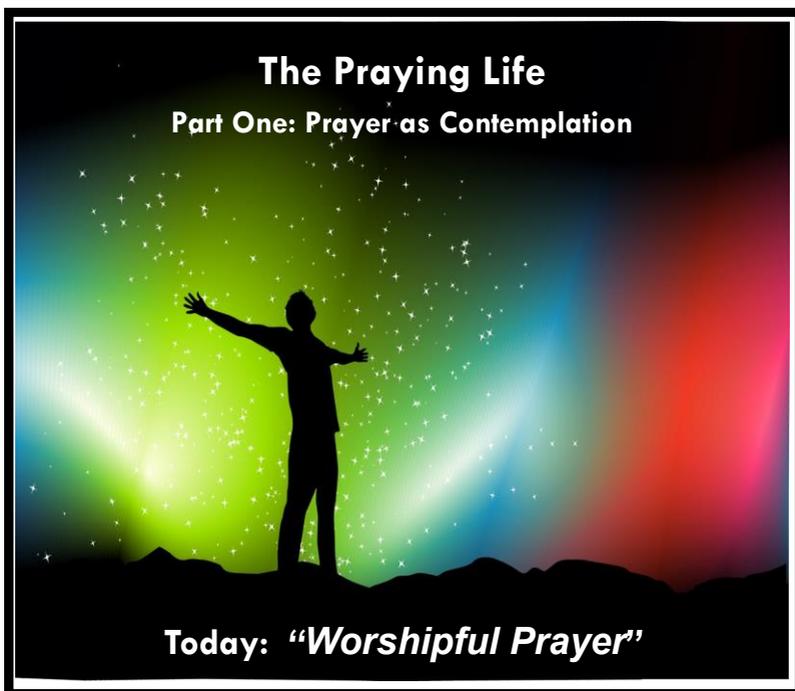
# The Voice

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: **“Worshipful Prayer”**



Sunday, 9 July, 2017

# Preaching program

## 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.

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|---------|---|---------------------------------|
| July 9  | (Part One: Prayer as Contemplation)<br><b>Worshipful Prayer</b>             | Psalms 8<br>Matthew 6:25-34     |
| July 16 | (Part Two: Prayer as Participation)<br><b>Repentance, Baptism and Faith</b> | Acts 2:29-41<br>Matthew 7:13-27 |
| July 23 | (Confirmation)  | TBA                             |

## Confirmation

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.

### **For all those who are being confirmed:**

We hope that, after lunch on July 23rd, many of you might be able to give a short testimony of your life in Christ since your baptism. This will take place in the hall.

**Please come prepared to share your story with us!**

**Mothers Union** gives out grants to employ a female worker in local churches for 10 hours a week for 2 years. Should we apply? What for?

(A women's mental health worker? Help with Sunday School?

Establishing a play group?) We are forming a work group—would you like to be involved? See Aisen, or Naomi, or Merilyn.

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

| Date   | Welcome          | Music Team   | Prayer         | Bible Reader | Counters       |
|--------|------------------|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Jul-09 | Andrew U, Selina | Team 3- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Allan Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.      | Gaye           | Naomi        | Geoff, Doris   |
| Jul-16 | Geoff, Doris     | Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua              | Holy Communion | Kathie       | Doris, Cliff   |
| Jul-23 | Marina, Ronny    | Team 1- Brian, Andrew, Aisen, Bart, Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Catherine | N/A            | Andrew       | Cliff, Merilyn |

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Sunday, July 9    | <b><i>Bart away on holiday</i></b>                    |
| Sunday, July 16   | <b><i>Aisen away on retreat</i></b>                   |
| Sunday, July 16   | <b><i>Sunday School Teachers Meeting</i></b>          |
| Sunday, July 23   | <b><i>'Confirmation Service' and celebrations</i></b> |
| Saturday, July 29 | <b><i>SIMWORLD at SMBC, Croydon Park</i></b>          |

## Pray for Christians in Eritrea

In Eritrea, the government restricts the freedom of religion of faith groups. The only groupings permitted are the Eritrean Orthodox Church, Roman Catholic Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church and Islam. Everyone who is caught at a meeting of believers outside these four official religious groups, even in a private house, can be arrested, tortured and put under pressure to renounce his faith.

Thousands of Christians are being held at police stations, in containers, at military bases and in prisons. Even though many of them have been held for years, none of them has had a trial. In many cases, Christians are also beaten or abused in some other way.

Isaac is one of these prisoners. He heard about God's love from soldiers in the military unit in which he was fighting during the war with Ethiopia. On the basis of their testimony, he decided to become a Christian and was secretly slipped a Bible. He buried it in the sand and when he had the opportunity, he read the Word of God somewhere outside the army camp. He tried to do so as inconspicuously as possible, but one day he was discovered.

Almost from his first day as a Christian, he was persecuted. He was tortured and even left out in the burning sun, but he refused to renounce his faith. God's love and God's Word had become too important for him. In the end, he was locked up, just like other Christian prisoners in Eritrea. He has become a living legend, because he has held on to his faith.

A number of Christian prisoners, who are being held in containers, have been given Bibles in secret. They have divided them into portions, and in this way, each believer has a small part of the Bible. When the container is closed, it is too dark to read. But as soon as the doors are opened to let in some air or to hand out food, something amazing happens. The prisoners do not immediately run outside for fresh air or to eat. First they inconspicuously hold their portions of the Bible to the light in order quickly to be able to read a few verses and to be strengthened by God's Word.

### PRAYER

**Lord, I pray Your Spirit of Peace upon my brothers and sisters in prison today in Eritrea. May they be encouraged by Your Word!**

# 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

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**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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