

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 Highs and Lows of Being a Christian

Today:

***Blindness
and Decay***



Sunday, 24 September, 2017



Sermon Series: “The Highs and Lows of Being a Christian”

Today, we continue a series of sermons based in Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians. Unlike his first letter, this letter offers many insights into Paul’s personal life. Paul wrote 2 Corinthians at a very vulnerable time in his life, when personal suffering had almost become unbearable. As such, this letter resonates with anyone who is facing personal struggles. Maybe you are such a person?

Sept 24	Blindness and Decay (Gaye Bishop)	2 Corinthians 4:1-18
Oct. 1	A New Creation in Christ (Megan Powys & Naomi Zrno)	2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Missions Month is Coming!

Starting October 8, we will be focusing our attention on the African nation of **Nigeria**. Nigeria is often referred to as the "Giant of Africa", owing to its large population and economy. With approximately 188 million inhabitants, it is the most populous country in Africa and the seventh most populous country in the world. Nigeria also has one of the largest populations of youth in the world. The country is inhabited by over 500 ethnic groups with over 500 different languages and is divided roughly in half between Christians (living mostly in the south) and Muslims (living mostly in the north).

Visit to MacArthur Indigenous Church.

One Sunday in October, we are planning to send a delegation from our church to visit Michael Duckett’s church in Campbelltown. Please let Naomi Zrno know if you are interested in joining this team.



Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Sept. 24	Naomi, Andrew C.	Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart, Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Catherine	Merilyn	Andrew U.	Geoff, Doris
Oct. 1	Andrew U., Sylvio	Team 3- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Allan Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Holy Com- munion	Joy	Doris, Cliff

Sept 18 to Oct 4	<i>Bart away on holidays</i>
Oct. 8 to Nov 5	<i>Missions Month— focus on Nigeria</i>
Sat., Nov 4	<i>'Stand up for Nigeria' (evening of prayer and worship—7pm)</i>
Sun., Nov. 5	<i>"Walk to Water" (walk to Como, starting at 10:30am)</i>

Prayers for Peace from War and Tragedy

**Compassionate God and Father of all,
we are horrified at violence
in so many parts of the world.
It seems that none are safe, and some are terrified.**

**Hold back the hands that kill and maim;
turn around the hearts that hate.
Grant instead your strong Spirit of Peace -
peace that passes our understanding
but changes lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**We pray for all whose lives
have been touched by tragedy,
whether by accident
or a deliberate act.
For those who mourn,
immerse them in your love
and lead them through this darkness
into your arms, and light.
For those who comfort,
be in both the words they use
and all that's left unspoken;
fill each heart with love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
whose own suffering brought us life,**

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
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Wednesday/ 8:00pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	TBA
Megan & Jeff Powys	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ 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: Tina Ung (in basement of hall)
- Ages 6-7 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in hall classroom 1)
- Ages 8-10 Coordinator: Andrew Ung (in hall classroom 2)
- Years 11-12+ Coordinator: George Chan (in office area classroom)



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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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