

WELCOME TO PENSURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

May 13, 2018

Exodus: **God of Grace, God of Glory**



Today: **Jethro's Advice**



The Exodus Revisited— Today, we go back to the story of Israel's escape from Egypt and their beginning as God's new nation!

13 May	Jethro's Advice	Exodus 18:1-27 Matthew 9:35- 10:1
20 May	At the Mountain of God	Exodus 19:1-25
27 May	The Ten Words	Exodus 20:1-26

Happy **Mother's Day** to all the women in our church!

Infant baptisms today! During the 10:30am service today, we will be baptising a number of our youngest children. Baptism is one of God's **covenant signs** by which the faith of the parents covers these children until they are of an age to confess it for themselves.

New routine for Sunday School— From now on, the children will go out a bit earlier than the adults, gathering in the hall for a 10-minute **"Kid's Church"**. We are hoping that this new activity can open up new avenues for more parents to get involved with their children.

Pentecost Evening Service— Next Sunday is Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit gave birth to the church. We will celebrate at **6pm** with a special gathering of local churches here at PAC. Please come and join together as **'One in Christ'!**

Gardening Group, Saturday, May 26th. — we have decided to cancel the church working bee, but will have a gardening bee instead. Please come and help tidy up the church gardens!

Music Team Meeting— 12noon Sunday, May 27th- It's time again for all our singers and musicians to meet together to evaluate our music ministry. Anyone who is interested in joining a music team is invited to come!

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
May-13	Marina, Ronny	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Merilyn	Millie	Merilyn, Phil
May-20	Geoff, Selina,	Team 3- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Allan Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Holy Communion	Chris	Phil, Kwame
May-27	Phil, Merilyn	Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Cliff	Kim	Kwame, Cliff

Sun., May 13	Mother's Day!
Sun., May 20	Pentecost Evening Service (6pm)
Sat., May 26	Gardening Group (9am to 11am)
Sun., May 27	Music Team meeting for all singers and musicians (12 noon)
Sept 14-16	Church Camp at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

Pray for Our Mothers

Mother's Day can bring a mix of emotions for many women. There are those anticipating the birth of their first child, step-moms wondering what their place is, those who have lost their mother and are faced with grieving on Mother's Day, there are moms who encounter feelings of hurt because their children have turned from God, and those overwhelmed with pain from the loss of a child. No matter what you face this Mother's Day, you can turn to God and experience peace and healing through prayer.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mum with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mum gives for her children.

We thank you for the gift of energy and time that mums give for their kids; whether it's stay-at-home mums, working mums, and mums who have some combination of the two. We thank you for their flexibility, their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion. We pray you give each mum strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home.

We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mother who never had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives. We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children.

We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home. Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb.

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)	Thursday/ 8:00pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/7:30-9:30pm/ 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 service, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age and year at school:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Tina Ung (in basement of hall)
- Years 1-3 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in upper hall classroom 2)
- Years 4-6 Coordinator: Andrew Ung (Upper hall classroom 1)
- Years 7+ Coordinator: John Oakes (in Library)



Penshurst Anglican Church

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Senior Pastor: Bart VandenHengel

Assistant Pastor: Aisen Ju

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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