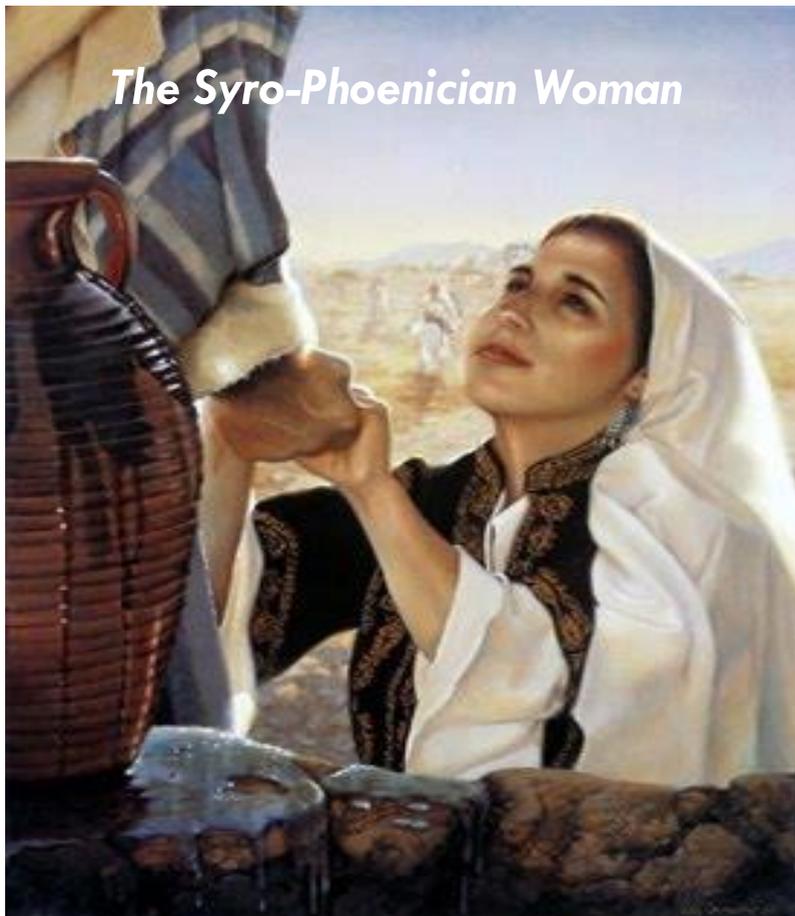


WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

July 22, 2018



Exodus, part three– “At the Mountain of God”,

Today, we start *Part Three* of the Exodus Story. As the new nation of Israel sets up camp at the foot of Mount Sinai, Moses is invited to climb up and meet with God there. Here, **“At the Mountain of God”**, God will attempt to teach His chosen people more about His character and His plans for them as His priesthood to the world.

22 July	(The Syro-Phoenician Woman) Ted Potter	Psalms 68:1-6 Mark 7:24-37
29 July	God, the Ever-Present Lord	Exodus 29:35-46

From Bart and Aisen:

All team leaders will meet next Sunday at 9:15am to discuss the Church Camp.

From the Children’s Ministry Team:

There will be a Sunday School Teachers Meeting next Sunday at 12:30pm. We will be reviewing the past term and organising for the term ahead. New teachers are always needed!

From the Wardens:

A Building Committee is being created to review existing plans and propose new ideas. Naomi would especially like to hear from women/mothers on how to accommodate mums and bubs better. Please see Naomi to express your ideas.

Church Camp

Church Camp booklets, brochures and application forms are available at the back of church. Please see **Nancy Lee** and **Kathie Johnson** for registration.

From the Missions/ Outreach Team:

Reach Out’ Missions Convention,

8-9th September 2018, Katoomba.

<https://reachoutmissions.com.au/#reachout>

SIM 125th Anniversary Dinner - \$40 buffet.

Sat. 22 September 2018

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Mortdale Community Centre

<https://www.sim.org.au/>



Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
22-Jul	Marina, Ronny	Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Cliff	Kathie	Cliff, Michelle

July 9 to 23	Bart away on holidays
Sun., July 29	Team Leaders Meeting (9:15am-10:15am)
Sun., July 29	Sunday School Teachers Meeting (12:30pm)
Sun., August 5	8am Service goes Bi-lingual!
Sept 14-16	Church Camp at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops

Pray for Refugees and Asylum Seekers

I find a lot of “*They broke the law...Send them back*” claims in the immigration debate. The claim that we should send undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers back simply because they break the law is a red herring—a misleading and distracting argument. The question is not whether someone breaks the law or not, but whether the law that is broken is good and just.

The American colonialists who broke the British law by claiming independence certainly believed they had just cause. Dr. Martin Luther King’s civil disobedience efforts to end segregation and related injustices may have been deemed illegal, but King placed himself under a higher law.

Then there is Jesus, who broke the law repeatedly by healing people on the Sabbath and in other contexts. (Listen to Jesus’ logic in Mark 3. “*Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.*”) Jesus made his case to the ruling authorities that mercy trumps laws that harm or hinder people’s well-being at every turn. The New Testament and early church community’s refusal to worship Caesar was also an act of rebellion against Roman rule. Rome required Caesar worship to keep the Roman Peace (*Pax Romana*). Thus, Jesus as the Christ must die on a cross—the form of capital punishment reserved for rebels. After all, Jesus was a king, and as such, was no friend of Caesar’s rule, as Jesus’ enemies rightly argued (John 19:12). Similarly, while Paul and the Christian community did seek to live in such a manner that they could be salt and light in the Roman empire, they broke the law when a higher law was at stake. Caring for orphans, widows and aliens in their distress always wins out biblically.

We fail to realize with our privatized version of the gospel that when Jesus told Pilate his kingdom is not of this world, he was not arguing that his kingdom was irrelevant to this world, but that **it is of a different order, operates by different and higher principles while intersecting it at every turn, and ultimately brings this world order to account before God** (John 18:36; 19:11).

With that biblical point in mind, instead of letting people shut down the immigration debate by claiming undocumented people break the law and must be sent home, we must open up the discussion and ask if the laws that presently exist **support life or harm life**, not simply for this or that nation state or empire, but for all people. After all, Christians believe that our kingdom is not ultimately of this world system. (Dr. Paul Louis Metzger)

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

2 Carrington St, Penshurst, NSW 2222

Senior Pastor: Bart VandenHengel

Assistant Pastor: Aisen Ju

Sunday Services: 8am Prayer Book Service with 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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