

WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

September 2, 2018

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Why your life on earth really matters to God.



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“Leaving a legacy! Why your life on earth really matters to God.”

Why are you alive? What purpose do you have in the bigger scheme of things?

What difference will your life have made after you are gone?

This next series of sermons seeks to answer those important questions.

2 Sept.	A legacy of Hope	1 Thessalonians 4:13– 5:11 Matthew 24:42-44
9 Sept.	A legacy of Love	1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
16 Sept	Final Words on Leaving a Legacy	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Happy FATHER'S DAY

Building Sub-Committee— meet today at 9:15am. Our aim is to revitalise spaces around the church, including the kitchen, classrooms and creches.

All Music Teams— we will meet today at 12:30pm to discuss worship for the church camp and a new re-arrangement of our music teams.

Today is the last day to sign up for Church Camp- After today, NO changes can be made and NO REFUND. Please see Nancy or Kathie to register.

This year's **Missions Month** is being organised by the **Missions Team**. Our focus will be on **“Evangelism— 4 Ways of Sharing the Good News”**. Three events are being organised: (1) A Mid-Autumn Festival Outreach on Sept 29, (2) A Fund Raiser for Christian Literature on Oct 13, & (3) Walk to Water on Oct 28.

Return and Earn— Recycle your plastic bottles and aluminium cans and help raise money for our Sunday School. A collection container is placed near the BBQ set.



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Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
2- Sep	Marina, Ronny	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Holy Com- munion	Bing	Kwame, Cliff
9- Sep	Saw See, Merilyn	Team 3- Shirley, Gordon, Sam, Allan, Bart, Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Merilyn	Andrew	Cliff, Michelle
Church Cmp		Church Camp			

Sun., Sept. 2	Building Sub-Committee Meeting (9:15am)
Sun., Sept. 2	Music Team Meeting (12:30pm)
Sun., Sept 9	Wardens Meeting (12:30pm)
Sept 14-16	Church Camp at the Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops
Sat., Sept. 22	SIM 125th anniversary dinner (Mortdale)
Sat., Sept. 29	Mid -Autumn Festival Outreach
Oct 7 to Oct 28	Missions Month

Prayer for Hope

I've often wished I had never heard the words, "Your husband has cancer." They are hope-sucking words. Those four words were the ones Xylon and I heard a few months after marriage. And then two more times in the years since. Each time the doctor has spoken them I've felt God whisper into the dark corners of heart time-and-again: "Just trust me."

I don't think anyone likes hearing the phrase, "Just trust me." But sometimes that is just what God requires of us. When I'm worried about what is going to happen next, when I'm stressed out over what the doctors results will say, or when I feel like I have no hope because I can't see my dreams ever being reality that's when I hear it, quiet, firm, "Just trust me."

They are the same words that Jesus spoke to Jairus in Mark 5:35. *While he was still talking, some people came from the leader's house and told him, "Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher any more?" Jesus overheard what they were talking about and said to the leader, "Don't listen to them; just trust me."*

I can't imagine how I would feel if I had just been told that my daughter had died. I'm pretty sure I would have felt like the words, "Don't listen to them; just trust me," wouldn't fix anything. I would have wondered if Jesus really understood my pain. And at the same time I would have known that Jesus was my only hope.

One thing I've learned in the almost four years since Xylon's cancer diagnosis is that when the rest of the world is saying there's no hope, Jesus is standing there saying, "They're wrong." When everyone else is questioning if Jesus really cares about the hard things we're going through, I listen for his voice declaring, "Don't listen to them; just trust me."

When everyone else is saying, "You have no hope!" Jesus is saying, "I am your hope!"

Prayer:

Lord, help me to hear you saying, "I am your hope" over all the other voices. Lord, your word says, you are the hope for hopeless so I'm running to you with both hands stretched out and grabbing on to you. Fill me up with hope and give me a tangible reminder today that hope is an unbreakable spiritual lifeline (Hebrews 6:19-20). God, you know those things in my heart that I barely dare to hope for, today I give them to you, I trust them to you, and ask that you because I know that you can do more than I could ever guess, imagine or request in wildest dreams (Eph 3:20). God, you are my hope and I trust you. Amen.

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 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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