

# WELCOME TO PENSURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

November 4, 2018

***"In Christ": The Power of Our New Identity***

(Studies in Ephesians)



**GRACE**  
AND  
PEACE



# Preaching program

Upcoming Sermon Series:

## *In Christ: The Power of Our New Identity* (Ephesians)

4 Nov	<b><i>In Christ, we have grace and peace</i></b>	Ephesians 1:1-2, 2:1-5 John 1:9-17
11 Nov	<b><i>In Christ, we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms</i></b>	Ephesians 1:3, 2:6-9
18 Nov	<b><i>In Christ, we were chosen and predestined to be adopted as God's children.</i></b>	Ephesians 1:4-6, 11-12

### Baptisms

If you are interested in getting baptised, our next baptisms will be held at the Georges' River on

**Sunday, December 9th at 1pm.**

Please see Bart or Aisen if you are thinking about taking this important step in your Christian life.



### Mission Month Fund-raising Totals:

1. On Saturday, October 13, our **Prayer and Praise Night** raised \$5,185 for '**Chinese Christian Mission Australia**'!
2. On Sunday, October 28, our '**Walk to Water**' raised \$3713.50 for '**Open Doors**'.

### Godly Play Training Day

Starting in February 2019, Sunday School will be using a new curriculum called '**Godly Play**'. All teachers and helpers need to have this training to understand how it works. A special training day has been organised on **Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 9am.**

**We also need more teachers and helpers for next year to lighten the load for all!**



### 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
4-Nov	Marina, Ronny	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Holy Communion	Chris	Michelle, Geoff
11-Nov	Saw See, Geoff	Team 3- Shirley, Gordon, Sam, Allan, Bart, Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Gaye	Kim	Geoff, Marilyn
18-Nov	Kim, Naomi	Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Holy Communion	Andrew	Merilyn, Kwame

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., Nov 11	<b>Wardens Meeting</b> (12:30pm)
Sat., Nov 17	<b>'Godly Play' training day</b> (9am)
Sun., Nov 18	<b>Team Leaders Meeting</b> (9:15am)
Sun., Dec 9	<b>Baptisms</b> (1pm)
Sun., Dec 23	<b>Sunday School Party</b>
Mon., Dec 24	<b>Christmas Eve service</b> (9pm)
Tues., Dec	<b>Christmas Day service</b> (9am)

## Pray for North Korea

Kim Jong Un, the ruling chairman of North Korea, has continued many things started by his father and his grandfather, including specifically targeting Christians.

**So why does Kim Jong Un hate Christians?** People who follow Jesus are people who follow a greater King; they practice radical love for each other and for Jesus, and, therefore, won't so easily follow him and the lies of his regime. This is why Christians continue to be seen as "dangerous". This means that anyone who is known to be a follower of Jesus is immediately assumed to be a hostile political figure. For this reason, ownership of Bibles or other religious materials is reportedly illegal and punishable by imprisonment and severe punishment, including, in some cases, execution. As one former prison guard testified, **'Christians were reactionaries and there were lots of instructions . . . to wipe out the seed of reactionaries'**.

Open Doors estimates there are at least 50,000 Christians in camps, restricted villages, or otherwise imprisoned, many of whom are suffering under unthinkable conditions. Christians are treated with the same hostility that the Kim regime wields against those it deems as political, revolutionary or cultural threats. One woman, Hannah (not her real name), and her family had escaped to China but were discovered and repatriated back to a North Korean prison camp. She describes what it was like to be a Christian there: *"Prisoners in solitary confinement were badly beaten up. Nobody dared to resist because you'd only make the torture worse. But my husband was different. The more they tortured him, the harder he defended his faith. He yelled at them: 'If believing in God is a sin, I'd rather die! Just kill me! It's my mission to live according to God's will!'"* [After our release], my husband suggested that I take my daughter first and go back to China. I did what he said and reached China with our daughter. One month went by. No word from my husband. Then, a second month, a third, a fourth ... I waited three years. Then I found out that he had died shortly after we left. He was never able to overcome the pain and illnesses from prison. My son was too young to help him. So he died slowly, in pain."

### PRAYING WITH NORTH KOREAN BELIEVERS

*On this **International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church**, please continue to join your brothers and sisters in North Korea in prayer. Pray for their strength in the face of a regime that views their faith as a special threat. Pray for God's grace in every situation. And pray for a change in the hearts of the regime, that they would see the love of Jesus as the road to truth and peace.*

# 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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