

PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

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From Rev Phill's Desk

Gathering as God's people: Shaped By God's Word

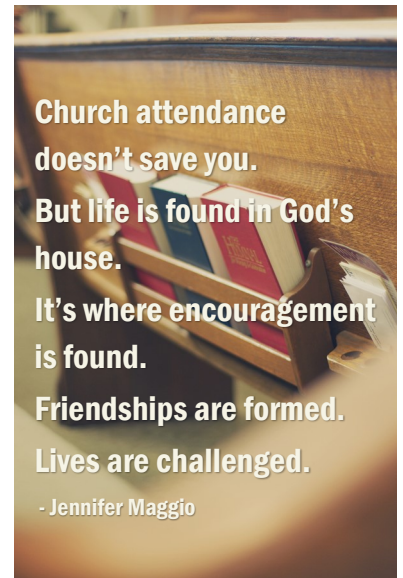
Community life requires a focus or something that binds the group together.

Some people place the style of the weekly gathering at the centre. Ethnicity or age can also be the focus. Some communities are united by a common desire to care for one another. These can all be understandable and even commendable bases. But for a group to remain united, then preserving this common focus will be paramount. Those who do not 'fit' or agree with the focus can find themselves excluded.

Bonhoeffer argues that Christ should be the centre of our community. He says that "life together under the Word will remain sound and healthy only where it does not form itself into a movement, an order, a society. A community shaped by God's word avoids the errors of tribalism, romanticism and idealism".

According to Bonhoeffer, if the word of God is at the centre, then our love will extend even as far as our enemies. We will not seek to exclude. Rather we will be pastoral, speaking the truth in love to one another.

The moment we shift our focus from God's word, we stop being a spiritual community and become like any other earthly society.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC

26 Mar

PAC Outreach with Moore College 9am—12pm

See Below for Details

27 Mar

Church Annual General Meeting 1:30pm

Church outreach- Moore College Mission

On Saturday 26 March at 9am, we will be joined by a team from Moore College. Together, we will be speaking with people outside Penshurst and Hurstville train stations. There will be leaflets to give out to passers by advertising PAC Playtime and Compact Youth.

Then at 12pm we will be having lunch together back at the church. Get involved, come along, have some fun with the Moore College students.





Julie & Andrew

- ◇ Give thanks for recent baptisms
- ◇ Pray for those who are currently considering baptism
- ◇ Pray for good health
- ◇ Pray for team unity

Moore College Mission Team

- ◇ Please pray for opportunities to connect with people on Saturday 26th March
- ◇ For positive responses to invitations given
- ◇ For connections in the community to lead to future opportunities to meet with people

Pray for Anglicare's team for the flood response

- ◇ Please pray for the volunteers working in evacuation and recovery centres around the Sydney region.
- ◇ Pray that God will give the volunteers wisdom for volunteers to care for peoples emotional and spiritual needs
- ◇ Continue to pray for Northern NSW and the clean-up effort. Pray particularly that God's people in that area would be able to show practical care and hold out the hope of the gospel in this time of upheaval.

Parish Annual General Meeting: 27 March



We need you.

Our church cannot function without a Parish Council. What do they do? They meet one evening a month to manage things like the maintenance of the church buildings, managing the church staff, help look after church finances and other organisational matters for the church. All the things that Rev. Phill, Pastor David and Pastor Tiny don't do.

During the last year, Parish Councillors, together with the wardens decided the timeframes for coming back to church, when to go online and implemented the Covid Safe Procedures. They also made decisions about the building renovations and put together church policies for Hall Hire.

Wardens (we have three) are responsible for the legal, financial and property matters for the Parish. They make sure church meetings are held, that the financial accounts are maintained properly by the treasurer and all bills are paid.

Nomination forms are at the back of the church and will be online soon. Please consider nominating for the role of Parish Councillor or Warden. We need people from all three congregations to represent us on Parish Council. Young adults are welcome. The more diverse the Parish Councillors and Wardens are, the more representative it will be.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 1:30pm after lunch at the Church. It is important that we all participate in this meeting to pass the financial accounts for last year and the budget for the forthcoming year.

Rosters

9am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters
20 Mar	Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu	Ken Sensus Romans 6:1-14		Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu
27 Mar	Marilyn Mayhew & Christine Blaser	Bing Ceballos Col 3:1-17		Marilyn Mayhew & Christine Blaser
3 April	Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu	Christine Blaser 2 Tim 3:1-9	Carolyn Moore	Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu

11am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters	Musicians	Godly Play
20 Mar	John Haynes & Kathie Johnson	Naomi Zrno Romans 6:1-14	Geoff Scrimmes	Jing Huang & Jinbo Shi	Shirley, Phill, Lucy, Hua & Miranda	Tiny Tse & Selina Kuok
27 Mar	Sophina Read & Lucy Yeung	Karen Fu Col 3:1-17	Marina Leung	Byron Chen & Susan Zhang	Joy, Phill, Andrew, Jennifer L., Amy & Bel	Gaye Bishop & Selina Kuok
3 April	Geoff Scrimmes & Kathie Johnson	Colette Read 2 Tim 3:1-9	Julia Zhu	Jinbo Shi & Belinda Wang	Joy, Phill, Joseph, Ray, Lucy & Amy	Naomi Zrno & Jing Huang

Online Banking

Please give your offertory by direct debit using the banking details below:

Westpac Bank, Mortdale
St Johns General Fund
BSB: 032167
Account No: 870821

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
 2 Corinthians 9:7

We use your offertory to pay for:

- ◆ The salaries of our paid ministry team;
- ◆ The costs of maintaining our Church and Hall buildings;
- ◆ The costs of our Youth Group and Children's Ministry

We give at least 10% of our income to our supported ministries and partners, here in Sydney and overseas. If you want further information please ask our Pastors and Church Wardens.

SMALL GROUPS

If you are interested in joining one of a small group please speak to Rev. Phill about which cell will fit you best.

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