



PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

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From Rev Phill's Desk

Gathering as God's people: It's importance

I am praying that 2022 will be the year that we thrive as God's people. I recently reread Dietrich Bonhoffer's Life Together. Over this month, I want to share some insights from this book.

Bonhoffer maintains that Christian community is spirit initiated. It is not a community of our own making. Our attempts fail in the wake of power struggles, desire for significance or self-gratification (James 3:13-18). But what is impossible for us, is entirely possible for Christ.

Christ gathers those who are scattered far away (Zechariah 10:8-9, Ephesians 2:17). Through his death and resurrection, his community is established (Titus 2:13-14). We are his bride in whom he delights, God's treasured possession that brings him glory (Revelation 21:1-3; 1 Peter 2:9). Christian community is an eternal family (Galatians 6:10, 1 Thessalonians 4:10).

Our community is clearly important to God. This means it should be important to us.

Gathering together is a natural part of belonging to God's family. We do not want to become estranged. And so, let me encourage you all to meet face to face once again and enjoy Christian community.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC



Bishop Lin will be with us this Sunday at the 11am service. He will be preaching and then officially opening the building renovations. Come gather with us as we hear God's word and celebrate the completion of the building works.

Thanks to all who came last Saturday and helped clean up. You all worked very hard. Particularly those who got so wet moving things into the skip bin and working outdoors. The church looks so much tidier.

Equipping Teachers & Leaders for Ministry in Malaysia

Pastor Wong is assisting Moore College to raise \$90,000 to fund the Rev. Wilston Trin to train at the college. Malaysia is a predominantly Muslim country. Christianity has a small presence in the country. This fund will continue to train people for ministry in Malaysia. To donate see:

<https://www.penshurstanglican.org/fundraising>



David Lakos—St George Hospital

- ◇ Give thanks that our chaplains can continue to visit hospitals.
- ◇ Pray for continuing cohesion in our chaplaincy team.
- ◇ Pray for our new chaplains-on-probation.
- ◇ Pray for opportunities to support and encourage hospital staff.
- ◇ Pray that God would provide us fruitful, meaningful encounters.



Prayer for Ukraine from Archbishop Raffel—24 Feb

Sovereign Lord, you observe all those who dwell on earth. Have mercy we pray on those who now suffer the miseries of a war not of their own making. Have compassion on the wounded and dying; comfort the broken-hearted; confound the hatred and madness of those who make war; guide our rulers, bring war to an end, bring peace across the world. Unite us all under the reign of your Son, the Prince of Peace, before whose judgement seat the rulers of the world will give account, and in whose name we pray. Amen.



Have you seen the boxes and boxes of documents in the room opposite the creche in the Hall?

These are church records dating back to the early 50s. We need to sort through and organise them. Then we will catalogue and archive them.

Would you be willing to volunteer one morning as part of a group to sort through them all? Naomi and Rev. Phill really need help to get through them all. Please speak to either of them if you can help.

Rosters

9am Service

| | Greeters | Bible reader | Prayer | Counters | Musicians |
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| 6 Mar | Selina Kuok & Cici Wu | William Guo John 14:15-31 | Carolyn Moore | Selina Kuok & Cici Wu | |
| 13 Mar | Cliff Seeto & Christine Blaser | Peter Chappell Rom 8:28-39 | Jeff Powys | Cliff Seeto & Christine Blaser | |
| 20 Mar | Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu | Ken Sensus Rom 6:1-14 | | Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu | |

11am Service

| | Greeters | Bible reader | Prayer | Counters | Musicians | Godly Play |
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| 6 March | Ronny & Marina Leung | Amy Zhu John 14:15-31 | Naomi Zrno | Byron Chen & Belinda Wang | Joy, Phill, Joseph, Michael, Lucy & Amy | Gaye Bishop & Jing Huang |
| 13 Mar | Geoff Scrimmes & Lucy Yeung | Belinda Wang Rom 8:28-39 | Julia Zhu | Susan Zhang & Kathie Johnson | Sophina, Phill, Leo, Eve & Gaye | Carolyn Moore & Jing Huang |
| 20 Mar | John Haynes & Kathie Johnson | Naomi Zrno Rom 6:1-14 | Geoff Scrimmes | Jing Huang & Jinbo Shi | Shirley, Phill, Lucy, Hua & Miranda | Tiny Tse & Selina Kuok |

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.



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.

If you are interested in joining one of these cells, you can talk directly to one of the group leaders or to Rev Phill for more guidance on which cell will fit you best.

SMALL GROUPS

| English-Speaking Cell Groups | Day/time/frequency |
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| Tuesday Night Cell | Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ weekly |
| Jeff & Megan Powys | Thursday/ 7:00pm/ weekly |
| ReCharge! (University+ group) | Thursday/ 8:00pm/ weekly |
| PAC Youth Group | Friday/ 7:30pm - 9:30pm/ weekly |
| Young Father's Group | Friday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly |
| Gaye Bishop / Joy Watkinson | 2nd and 4th Saturday/ 1:30pm / bimonthly |
| Mothers' Group | Saturday/3:00 ; Sunday/1:00 (Monthly) |

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