



PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

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From Rev Phill's Desk

ANZAC Spirit

Monday was ANZAC Day. Many people went out for the Dawn service or to the march. ANZAC Day is an important day on the calendar for Australians. Yet I don't think we reflect on why.

ANZAC Day doesn't glorify war. It should make us shudder at it.

In the past week we heard about the war in Ukraine. It is sad to hear about the attacks on cities but also the sinking of warships.

This last week we heard about possible military threats and the need for national security.

I think this misses the point of ANZAC Day.

ANZAC recalls those who served and died in wartime or peace keeping operations. We are reminded of the cost of war and why it must always be a last resort. Although it may be popular to show strength it is wiser to seek diplomatic solutions. The goal should be to work with other nations as neighbours rather than adversaries.

ANZAC Day tells us the price of war. There will be wars and rumours of wars until the end of the age (Mark 13:7). Universal peace will be elusive. But a day is coming when:

Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. (Isaiah 9:5-6)



ANZAC DAY
Lest We Forget

News

Thanks Naomi

Naomi has resigned as Parish Administrator. I am personally thankful for all the work that Naomi has done over the past 12 months. I enjoyed our meetings and Naomi's insights. She continues to be involved in various ministries such as Godly Play and Mother's Union.

Thanks everyone

Over the past 6 weeks we have raised over **\$6000** to support Wilston Trin. Thank you for everyone who has participated in both selling and purchasing the fruit and vegetables. It is wonderful the way the people at Penshurst Anglican are so generous.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC

7 Big Questions

Monday 2nd May at 7:30pm



There are some questions we want time to reflect on. For example:

Does life have purpose?

Why does God allow pain and suffering?

Is the Bible reliable?

This is a ZOOM meeting where we watch a short video and interact on the concepts which are raised. Please contact Rev. Phillip Read for more details 0401 539 736



Sunday 8 May is Mother's Day

This is an opportunity to invite your mother to come as we give thanks for the joy of families.

Archive Records

Rev. Phillip Read needs assistance with organising documents to send to the Diocesan archivist. He is looking for people who could spare 60-90 minutes after church on a Sunday in May. If you can assist please contact him on 0401 539 736.



Prayer

Compact Youth

- ◆ Give thanks for the KYCK conference last weekend. Pray that it would produce joy in the lives of the youth.
- ◆ Pray that God would bring younger youth into our Friday night group.

David Lakos

- ◆ Thank God for volunteer colleagues. Please pray for them in this time of adjusting to this role and seeking to grow in confidence.
- ◆ Pray for God to sustain and refresh us – particularly as patients share their sad situations.
- ◆ Pray for the day retreat on 20th May. Pray for rich friendship together and valuable learning.
- ◆ Please pray with us for opportunities to support and encourage hospital staff.
- ◆ Pray for fruitful, meaningful encounters.



Rosters

9am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters
1 May	Cliff Seeto	Ken Sensus John 1:1-18	Carolyn Moore	Cliff Seeto & Merylyn Mayhew
8 May	Wendy Zheng & Christine Blaser	Peter Chappell John 2:12-25	Jeff Powys	Wendy Zheng & Christine Blaser
15 May	Cici Wu	William Guo John 3:1-21	Merylyn Mayhew	Cici Wu &

11am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters	Musicians	Godly Play
1 May	Ronny Pak & Marina Leung	Karen Fu John 1:1-18	Naomi Zrno	Belinda Wang & Amy Zhu	Joy, Phill, Joseph, Lucy Yang & Amy	Naomi Zrno Jing Huang
8 May	Sophina Read & Lucy Yeung	Andrew Ung John 2:12-25	Marina Leung	Jinbo Shi & Jing Huang	Shirley, Phill, Leo, Eve, John Zhu & Phill	Naomi Zrno Jing Huang
15 May	John Haynes & Gaye Bishop	Colette Read John 3:1-21	Julia Zhu	Geoff Scrimmes & Andrew Wang	Sophina, Phill, Lucy, Ray, Hua & Miranda	Tiny Tse & Merylyn Mayhew

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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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