

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.

| Group name/leader | Day/time/frequency |
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| Trinity Forum | Meets monthly, last Monday of the month |
| Dorcas Fellowship | Meets 2nd & 4th Thurs at 9:45am |
| Chapel Bible Study | Meets each Weds of term, 9:30 am |
| Kathie Johnson | Meets fortnightly on Tues evenings |
| Gaye Bishop | Meets fortnightly on Tues evenings |
| Cliff Seeto | Meets fortnightly on Tues evenings |
| Megan & Jeff Powys | Meets weekly on Thurs evenings |
| Bart & Kim VandenHengel | Meets fortnightly on Thurs evenings |
| PAC Youth Group | Meets Friday eve, 7:30-9:30 pm |
| U-ni'd Jesus | Meets each Sun. of term, 1pm in library |

Sunday School:

Our Sunday School program runs during the 10:30am services, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Karen Fu & Michelle Lee (in basement of hall)
- Years 1-3 Coordinator: Nancy Feng (in upper hall classroom 1)
- Years 4-6 Coordinator: Kim VandenHengel (in upper hall classroom 2)
- Years 7-8 Coordinator: John Oakes (in library)



Penshurst Anglican Church

2 Carrington St, Penshurst, NSW 2222

Pastors: Bart VandenHengel (English speaking congregations)
Stewart Leung (Mandarin speaking congregation)

Sunday Services: (8am) Prayer Book Service w/ Holy Communion
(10:30am) Celebration services in English and Mandarin
(7pm) 'The Quiet Place'

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The Voice

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We welcome you to our celebrations this morning! If you are a visitor here today, we pray that the Triune God of grace will richly meet you where you are, in the fellowship of His people here at PAC. We also invite you to make yourself known to us through the visitor forms found in the pew holders.



Today is the
*International Day
of Prayer*
for persecuted Christians
worldwide.

Today, we will unite in prayer with tens of thousands of churches around the world in solidarity with Christ followers who share our faith but not our freedom. Today, we will pray and stand as **ONE WITH THEM** by hearing a few

of the stories about persecuted believers and why they consider it a privilege to face the hardships they do for Christ.

"And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually."

(1 Cor. 12:26-27)



Sunday, November 13, 2011

Preaching programme

"Forever": Maintaining an Eternal Perspective

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| Nov 13 | Suffering for 'Forever' | 1 Thess 2:1-20 Matt 24:9-14 |
| Nov 20 | (sermon by Aisen Ju) | Matthew 4:1-11 |
| Nov 27 | What's the point? | 1 Thess. 3:1-13 Matthew 24:15-25 |

10:30 Roster

| Date | Service Leading | Keys | Guitar | Drums | Vocals |
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| Nov-13 | Bart's cell | Greg | Bart | Joshua | Kat/Bart |
| Nov-20 | Gaye & Joy's cell | Joy | Bart | Michael | Gaye/Bart |
| Nov-27 | Youth cell | Terence | Gordon | Sam | Karen/Tina |

Baptisms— Nine people showed up last week to start baptism classes! As you can imagine, I am very excited for them as they prepare themselves to make a public declaration of their faith in Jesus Christ. I have asked each of them to name a 'godparent' for themselves, someone they can look to for spiritual help and inspiration.

The baptisms will be held in February 2012.

Christmas Hampers— Each year, Anglicare organises Christmas hampers for needy families. They also deliver food parcels. The program is called 'Toys N' Tucker' and we have a box at the back of the church for your contributions. Toys are to be new and not wrapped. Thank you.

Aisen Ju returns to speak next week. It is highly possible that he will be serving with us next year as Bart's Assistant, so please come and encourage him and his wife, Wendy.

Combined Cells Christmas Yum Cha! All the cell groups (English and Mandarin) are invited to attend a 'Combined cells Christmas Yum Cha' at Hurstville's Sunny Seafood Restaurant, Saturday Nov. 26th at 12 noon. Please see Bart to register.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Nov 13– Dec 4 | Stewart & Virginia on holidays |
| Sat, Nov. 26 | Combined Cells Christmas 'Yum Cha' |
| Sun, Dec. 11 | End of Year Combined Service |
| Sat, Dec 17 | Open House at Leung's (3pm to 5pm) |
| Sat, Dec 24 | Christmas Eve Service (9pm) |

Pray for the Persecuted Church

SRI LANKA – Recent attacks against Christians in south and west Sri Lanka have left several people injured and homes damaged. On July 19, a mob of about 50 people attacked the homes of five Christian families in Dehiwinna, Badulla district, with clubs and rocks. A grocery shop was also demolished. The attackers shouted threats, demanding that Christians leave the area. Evangelical Christians especially face violence and opposition in this Buddhist-majority nation.

PAKISTAN— Two Christian women are being detained for 'blasphemy' in Punjab. Sharing Life Ministry Pakistan (SLMP) reports that one of the two, Agnus Bibi, is in such poor health due to a lung condition that she has been transferred to Faisalabad Civil Hospital. Lack of medical care at Faisalabad District Jail where she has been awaiting trial for alleged blasphemy for six months meant that her health had deteriorated quickly. She has also reportedly suffered ill-treatment from Muslim prison staff – claims that the prison denies. 'Her failing health caused her great mental stress and depression,' reports SLMP.

ZANZIBAR – Pressure mounts on Zanzibar's Christian minority. Two churches serving the tiny Christian minority on Zanzibar island were burnt down in a week, amid mounting opposition to Christians on the archipelago. In fact, Islamist extremists reportedly burned down two churches on Zanzibar island, which is part of Tanzania, within a four-day period. The Evangelical Assemblies of God Tanzania Church in Fuoni was destroyed on July 30 and the Free Evangelical Pentecostal Church in Africa, in the village of Kianga, was destroyed on July 27. The congregations of both churches are said to be fearful and unsure now about where to meet. Tanzania's Zanzibar archipelago is 99.9 per cent Muslim and only 60 Christian congregations are said to meet on the islands.