

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
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.

Last year's giving (Annual budget shortfall of \$5,394)



Sunday, January 15, 2012

Preaching programme

Baptism: What's the point?

Jan 15	Baptism and Union with Christ	1 Cor. 10:1-4 Mark 10:35-40
Jan 22	Baptism and Salvation	Acts 2:36-42 Mark 16:14-18
Jan 29	Baptism and the Holy Spirit	Eph 4:1-6 John 14:15-20
Feb 5	Baptism and Infants	Col 2:8-15 Mark 10:13-16

10:30 Service Leading and Music Roster

Date	Service Leading	Keys	Guitar	Drums	Vocals
Jan-15	Bart's cell	Greg	Bart	Michael	Kat/Bart
Jan-22	Cliff's cell	Kat	Sun-Jae	Joshua	Sun-Jae/
Jan-29	Megan & Jeff's cell	Greg	Sue	Sam	Sue/

A Planning Day was held on Saturday with some great results. Sadly, the meeting was poorly communicated to the Mandarin congregation and only four people from that congregation showed up. I will meet with their congregation separately on the 29th of January.

One thing that was discussed was the feasibility of increasing our times together through more combined worship. We'll let you know what the decision is after the 29th.

A contract was drawn up by the Parish Council to employ Aisen Ju as our Assistant Minister starting on the first of March, 2012. Please pray for Aisen and Wendy as they begin to search for an apartment and eventually move to Penshurst to start ministry. An induction ceremony will be held for them on March 4th in a Combined Service. Pray for them.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun, Feb 12th	Baptisms in the Georges' River, Oatley (1pm)
Sun, Feb 19th	Farewell to Stewart and Virginia
Sun, March 4th	Aisen and Wendy Ju's first Sunday with us
Sun, March 11th	Annual General Meeting (1pm)
March 23-25	Church Camp in the Blue Mountains

Pray for the USA Primaries

The Church as an Alternative Society, by Brian Zahnd

Admittedly we live in a world where much is wrong. But what is most wrong with the world is not our politics or Congress or who lives in the White House. What is most wrong with the world is the nature of the human heart. Greed, lust and pride in the human heart is the epicenter of all that is wrong with our society. As followers of Jesus we are not called to campaign for a political solution, but to demonstrate an authentic Christian alternative. This is how we are salt and light. We are to model what it means to be Christlike in a Caesar-like world.

But instead of imitating Christ with his cross, we want to imitate Caesar with his sword. This approach always leads the church away from being a witness to the gospel. That the primary public witness of the American church for the past thirty years has been a political witness is an absolute tragedy. The amount of hope some Christians place in politics is nothing short of astonishing! Jesus commissioned twelve apostles, not twelve politicians. Jesus didn't call his disciples to campaign for a new Caesar, but to proclaim a new birth and demonstrate a new kingdom. Do we really think if we just get enough elephants or donkeys (or whatever mascot we cheer for) in Washington we will achieve righteousness? This is not the Jesus way. This is not the apostolic way. We're not called to follow an elephant or a donkey, we're called to follow a Lamb! (And that doesn't mean we should form a Lamb political party!) This means we should first model the way of the Lamb and then make disciples of both elephants and donkeys in the way of the Lamb—the way of extending radical forgiveness and considering others in self-sacrificing love.