

## 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 Weds 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: Naomi Zrno (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)  
Aisen Ju (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

Penshurst Anglican Church

*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.*



Isaiah 54:1-3

**"Sing, barren woman,  
you who never bore a child;  
burst into song, shout for joy,  
you who were never in labor;  
because more are the children of  
the desolate woman  
than of her who has a husband," says the LORD.**  
<sup>2</sup> **"Enlarge the place of your tent,  
stretch your tent curtains wide,  
do not hold back;  
lengthen your cords,  
strengthen your stakes.**  
<sup>3</sup> **For you will spread out to the right and to the left;  
your descendants will dispossess nations  
and settle in their desolate cities.**



Sunday, December 23, 2012

## Preaching program

Christmas Sermons: <b>Joy to the World, the Lord has Come!</b>		
Dec 23	<b>From Barren to Fruitful</b>	Isaiah 54:1-3 Matthew 1:18-25
Dec 25	<b>A Return to Paradise</b>	Isaiah 11:1-9 Luke 2:8-14
New Sermon Series: <b>Looking Unto Jesus</b>		
Dec 30	<b>Jesus is coming again</b>	2 Peter 3:3-13 Luke 1:1-4 & 21:25-31
Jan 6	<b>Jesus, the Perfecter of our Faith</b>	Hebrews 11:1-19 & 11:32- 12:3 John 15:1-11

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Keys	Guitar	Drums	Vocals	Bible	Chairs	Tech	Count
Dec-23	Andrew, Millie	Kat	Bart, Edwina	Sam	Sun-Jae, Selina, Lucy, Mina,	Naomi	Andrew, Yvonne	Doris	Cara, Steve
Dec-25	Steve, Kim	Ken Bean - Organ			Millie, Amy, George, Tony	Kim		Geoff	Geoff, Cliff
Dec-30	Naomi, Merilyn	Brian	Bing, Gordon	Aisen	Jennifer, George, Gaye, Nancy Lee	Selina	Michelle, Cliff	Cara	Geoff, Steve

## Carols in the Cul-de-Sac

Christmas Eve, from 8pm to 10pm



**Choir rehearsal starts today at 1pm!**

NEWS

**Distribution of Invitations!** Can several people hand out flyers this afternoon, advertising the Carols Singing?

**Christmas Cookies & Cold Drinks?** To make tomorrow's Carol Singing a success, it would great if many of you could prepare Christmas cookies to share with our neighbours. Cold drinks would also make the evening enjoy-

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Dec 9, 16, 23	<b>Choir rehearsals for Christmas Eve (1 pm)</b>
Monday, Dec 24	<b>Carols in the Cul-de-Sac (from 8pm)</b>
Tuesday, Dec 25	<b>Combined Christmas Service (9am)</b>
Dec 27—Jan 11	<b>Bart on holidays— Ken Churchward locum</b>

## Pray for Julie and Andrew Friend in Lombok

**Merry Christmas!** We hope you are well. Thank you so much for your prayers and support. This month we decided we might start to share our friends' stories, so that you may pray from them.

**Our Friend Siok-** The other day we were praying about who should be our househelper and we heard God say to both of our hearts, "Siok, 3 days a week." Siok's father, Amin (Amen) grew up in the village where we now live. He has a lot of insight into his own culture and thinks about things, which has led to interesting talks about Jesus. His words to us were, "It's OK for you to believe in Jesus, but I can't (meaning because he is a Muslim)." His first wife died and left him with a son, who works as a cleaner at my (Julie's) school. Then he married Sari, a woman whose first husband left her alone with a daughter named Nung. Nung married Andrew's best friend, Sis. Amin and Sari have 3 children together. The youngest was a student of mine and is a local surfer. It's amazing how God has intertwined our lives! Siok is their second daughter and has shown similar depth of insight as her father. Over the past month we have had many conversations about life, relationships and the word. She now has a copy of the Torah, but even more exciting is that I prayed for her the other day as she was feverish and aching. When I left she vomited; and then went to sleep and was better. Her mum (Sari) was there when I prayed and told Siok that she was healed because of my prayer! From this I was able to share that it is Jesus who heals, not us. We believe that Siok and her family are key for reaching this area and beyond. Pray for this family that they will see the Gospel clearly and believe boldly and without fear.

**EAST LOMBOK / DRIP IRRIGATION:** I (Andrew) have started working with a non-profit organization here that is involved in community development. I'm working in their Agricultural division coming up with ways to help poor farmers struggling with dry soil on the east part of the island. It's been great to be involved and start to network resources and talk to the people in these villages. Please lift up our friends Rio and Rina as they work and live with the local community on the east coast.

**TURKEY?** I (Andrew) was looking at the brochure for a prayer conference for Muslims in Turkey and immediately felt deep in my heart that God wanted me to go to that conference. I thought, "That's crazy!" Then, deciding to investigate a little bit more, I checked the dates and was shocked to see that it was exactly the time of our scheduled visa run. Coincidence? We don't think so, but we are praying to see what God wants us to do with this opportunity as it is expensive. Please pray with us.

**ISAAC'S UPDATE:** I'm nearly 4 months old now. This place is hot but I love A/C and bath time. Please pray that my tummy gets stronger so that I don't throw up all the time. I also want to become an American citizen, so I have to go to the consulate in Bali.

Love, The Friends