

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
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 weekly on Thurs evenings
PAC Youth Group	Meets Friday eve, 7:45-9:45 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 (in upper hall classroom 1)
- Years 1-3 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in basement of hall)
- Years 4-6 Coordinator: Naomi Zrno (in library)
- Years 7-8 Coordinator: George Chan (in upper hall classroom 2)



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 service in English and Mandarin
(7pm) 'The Quiet Place'

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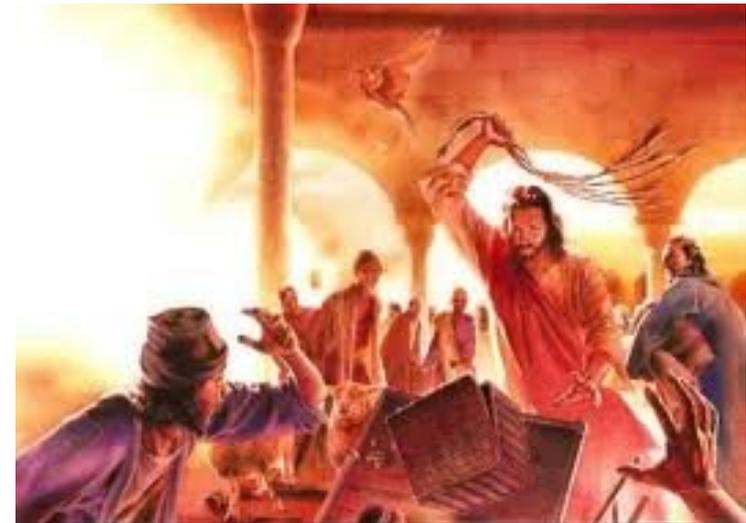
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The Voice

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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.

Act Four — Jesus Brings a Challenge to All



Sunday, March 24, 2013

Preaching program

Our new sermon series (started on Sunday, February 3) is entitled "The Bible: Our true story". In this series, we are attempting to give an overview of the entire Bible while also showing its relevancy by putting ourselves into the story.

New Sermon Series: The Bible: Our True Story		
March 24	Act Four— Jesus Brings a Challenge to All	2 Thessalonians 2:7-17 Matthew 21:1-22
March 29 (Good Friday)	Act Four continues— There is power in the blood	Revelation 12:7-12 John 12:27-33
March 31 (Easter Day)	Act Four completed— Up From the Grave He Arose!	1 Corinthians 15:12-19 Matthew 28:1-10

An Invitation to Study the Bible Together

Existing cell groups: To coincide with the new sermon series, we are inviting you to follow the sermons in more detail in your groups. (Study questions provided.) For those of you who are not in a cell group, Bart is holding a seminar on this material at his home (1 Carrington St) on Thursday evenings. Please join us.

Passover Meal 2013 Thursday evening, March 28, starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish (salad or main course) to serve 4 people.

Easter services:

9am— Good Friday (quiet reflection)

8am and 10:30am— Easter Day

Brass Cleaners needed! Volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 30th from 9am, to clean the brass vessels, stands, crosses and plaques around the church. See Margaret Hayward if you can assist. "Many hands make light work!"

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Keys	Guitar	Drums	Vocals	Bible	Chairs	Tech	Count
Mar-24	Andrew, Millie	Kat	Bart, Edwina	Sam	Millie, Kelsey, James, Tony	Louise Lin		Doris	Cara, Steve
Mar-31	Steve, Marilyn	Terence	Bart, Gordon	Aisen	Gaye, Nancy Lee, Jennifer, George,	Geoff		Geoff	Geoff, Cliff
Apr-07	Naomi, Kim	Brian	Bart, Bing	Michael	Amy, Selina, Jennifer, Helen	Kim	Michelle, Cliff	Cara	Geoff, Steve

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Thurs & Sat eves	10-week Bible Seminars- (7:30-9pm)
Thurs, 28 March	Passover Meal (7pm)
Fri, 29 March	Good Friday (9am)
Sun, 31 March	Easter Day (8am & 10:30am)
Mon., 1 April	Bushwalk in Royal National Park (meet at 9:45, Hurstville)
Sun, 7 April	End of Daylight Savings

Bushwalk— John Oakes is leading another one of his great bushwalks in the Royal national Park. Meet at Hurstville Station at 9:45 to go to Heathcote. Walk will end at Karloo Pool, a total distance of 5 kms.. Return to Hurstville by 4:30pm.

Pray for Syria (prayer points from Open Doors)

The United Nations has stated that more than 70,000 people have died during the past two years of unrest in Syria. It seems as if every day there are more and more casualties from this ongoing conflict. Many Christians become victims simply because of their faith.

"The violence in Syria continues to increase and Christians are becoming a target of many extremists," says Katia, a Syrian Christian. "A few years ago, we observed many of the same Christmas traditions that Christians in other parts of the world do. We would display our Christmas tree in the window, have a Christmas service on Christmas morning and would share the Christmas story with others on the street afterwards. This past year, if someone was fortunate enough to get a Christmas tree, they could not display it in the window of their home, as they knew it was not wise to bring attention to their household. Christians gathered together for only a short amount of time for the Christmas service, to avoid large gatherings."



Despite the violence and unrest, God is allowing miraculous events to unfold in Syria. "Many Christians have fled Syria because of the violence," Katia shares. "But there are many who have remained, as they feel God has called them to stay, "for such a time as this." God is using them in mighty ways! They have been using the churches as places to pass out food, water and other materials to Christians and non-Christians alike. There is often a sermon and an invitation to accept Jesus. Many have turned to Christ through this ministry. "The churches wanted to encourage the children of Syria during this time," Katia explains. "During the winter months, they needed something warm to wear, so they gave children who came to the church a sweater. They also provided them with a Children's Bible— as an encouraging gift to the Christian children and a gift to reach out to those who do not know Christ. Please pray that the gifts that the church gave will be a blessing to those who received them."

Katia also asks for prayers for the safety and strength of the Christians who have chosen to remain in Syria— that God would not only protect them, but would provide them with His never-failing strength.