

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.

English-Speaking Cell Groups/	Day/time/frequency
Bart VandenHengel	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/weekly
Gaye Bishop	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Cliff Seeto	Weds / 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Megan & Jeff Powys	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/ 7:30-9:30 pm/ weekly
'The Quiet Place' prayer meeting	Sunday/7pm/weekly

If you are interested in joining one of these cells, you can either talk directly to one of the group leaders or to Bart for more guidance on which cell will fit you best. You may even want to start your own!

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)
- Ages 6-7 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in basement of hall)
- Ages 8-10 Coordinator: Bart VandenHengel (in library)
- Years 11-12+ 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

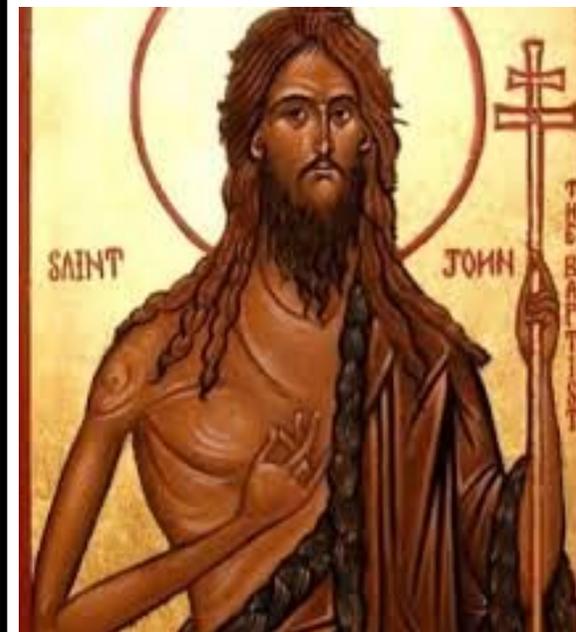
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The Voice

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.



Jesus and John the Baptist



Sunday, January 19, 2014

Preaching program

New Sermon Series in Matthew's Gospel —

In this new series, we seek to explore the life of Jesus as portrayed by Matthew. Even though the Apostle Matthew didn't write this Gospel, it was his recollections of the three years spent with Jesus that undoubtedly formed the basis of the text.

New Sermon Series: The Life of Jesus

January 19	Jesus and John the Baptist	Romans 6:1-11 Matthew 3:1-17
Jan 26	The Ministry of Jesus Begins	Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 4:12-25
Feb 2	Teaching on the Mountain: Who does God bless?	1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12

We still need Sunday School Teachers for 2014.

Ideally, we would like each age group to have 5 teachers so that each teacher would only have to teach 2 lessons per term. Could you help? Come to today's meeting!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., Jan 19	Sunday School Training for Term 1.
Sun., Jan 26	Australia Day
Sat., Feb 1	Chinese New Year dinner (6pm)
Sun, Feb 2	Sunday School resumes

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Keys	Guitar	Drums	Vocals	Bible	Count
Jan-19	Naomi, Marilyn	Brian	Bart, Byron	Sam	Kat, Amelia, Lucy, James	Michelle	Geoff, Marilyn
Jan-26	Selina, Geoff	Kat	Gordon, Phillip	Joshua	Sun-Jae, Kelsey, Hua, Sarah	Millie	Marilyn, Doris
Feb-02	Andrew U., Kim	Joy	Bart, Bing	Michael	Michelle L, Millie, Sarah, Cici	Kat	Doris, Steve

Pray for your communion with God

Communion With God

by Mike Brown

I remember first being introduced to the idea of communion with God during a three-day guided retreat. Sure, I had been praying to God and I knew Christianity was about being in a personal relationship with Jesus, but I don't ever recall hearing of communing with God.

The retreat "presenter" was the late Henri Nouwen, speaking on the passage from the gospel of Luke (6:12-17) where Jesus spent the night in prayer, chose His twelve disciples, and then together they ministered to the crowd. Nouwen pointed out that communion with God drives one into community with other believers who then together move into ministry to the world—the proper order of the Christian life, which Nouwen insisted is based on the example of Jesus.

By this time I had been a Christian for some years. I knew about the centrality of a personal relationship with Jesus but had never thought much about what such a relationship with Jesus might be like for me. Following the talk by Nouwen we were asked to imagine our relationship with Jesus, to think of some imagery that might represent how we most longed to be with Him. It was supposed to be an image that invoked passion within us, a passion so great that it would move us to change our lives to strive toward it.

There are probably as many images of communing with God as there are those who long for Jesus. One image which comes from Psalm 42 is of a deer panting for water (Psalm 42:1-2). But I have also heard one person speak of a vision of being led by Jesus on the dance floor, and another speak of floating on a river buoyed by Jesus. These images of being in relationship with God are deeply personal to the individual and often mean little to someone else.

If you, like me prior to that retreat many years ago, have never given much thought about what a intimate and personal relationship with Jesus (communion with God) might be like, I urge you to do so. Pray for God to give you an image of your longing for Him that will fill you with passion for Him and guide your life. Let Him tell you how He wants to be in relationship with you; it will capture your heart and mind.

However, first count the cost; it will very likely change the course of your life.