

## 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 & Kim VandenHengel	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/weekly
Gaye Bishop	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Marilyn Mayhew	Tuesday / 7:30pm/ weekly
Megan & Jeff Powys	Thursday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Thursday/ 8:00pm/ 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: Selina Kwok (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 congregations)

Sunday Services: (8am) Prayer Book Service w/ Holy Communion

(10:30am) Bi-lingual Celebration service in English and Mandarin

(6pm) Bi-lingual 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.

## The Book of Revelation:

# UNTIL **HE** RETURNS

## TODAY: The Gospel and Suffering



Sunday, 17 April, 2016

## Preaching program

### "Until He Returns!"

We continue our new series on the Book of Revelation.

Written by the Apostle John while he was imprisoned by the Romans on the Island of Patmos, his 'Revelation' may look like a complicated book to read. Our prayer is that, over the next 10 weeks, we will show you the things that will unlock the story and make this book come alive to modern readers.

April 17	<b><i>The Gospel and Suffering</i></b>	Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-2 John 15:18-25
April 24	<b><i>The Gospel of Redemption</i></b>	Revelation 7:1-17 Luke 9:1-6, 10:1-12
May 1	<b><i>The Gospel and Evangelism</i></b>	Revelation 11:1-13 Luke 10:17-24

School holidays have arrived. Please remember that it is our practice to give our Sunday School teachers a break for the next two Sundays.

Sunday School Teachers' Meeting. Our quarterly meeting of Sunday School teachers will be held on Sunday, April 24th, at 12:30pm in the hall.

A special ANZAC Service will be held at St. Mark's Anglican Church, South Hurstville, on Sunday afternoon, April 24th, at 2pm. Flyers for this event are available at the back of the church.

Are you interested in Learning Basic Mandarin? A new class is being considered for anyone interested in learning Mandarin. If you are interested, please see Bella or Selina.

English classes are on today at 1:30pm



Our new Bi-lingual evening service is on tonight (6pm)

## 10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Apr-17	Geoff, Selina,	Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy	Holy Communion	Kim	Cliff, Steve
Apr-24	Kim, Andrew C.	Team 4- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Michael, Hua, Catherine, Nancy Lee, Amelia		Naomi	Steve, Doris
May-01	Peter, Steve	Team 5- Emily, Byron, David, Aisen, Bart, Shirley, Li Sun, Gaye, Louise	Holy Communion	Kathie	Doris, Geoff

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., Apr 17 & 24	School holidays– no Sunday School
Sun., April 17	ANZAC Memorial Service (8am)
Sun., April 24	Sunday School Teachers' meeting (1pm in hall)
Mon., April 25	ANZAC Day
Sun., May 1st	ACT Childrens' Ministry Training (Mortdale Anglican)

## Pray for the Persecuted Church

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall...famine?" (Romans 8:35d)

The question asked in the verse above is a personal one. Not "what" can separate us but "who"? The inference is that our enemy, Satan, tries every tactic he can garner to make us think we can be separated from Christ's love. Today we look at his tactic, "famine."

Wilson Chen from spent five years in a harsh and primitive Vietnamese re-education camp. He was forced to spend long hours of hard, backbreaking work clearing jungles for farmland, cutting trees for lumber and farming the fields. The camp food was barely enough to keep him alive. "The constant brutality attacked our minds and spirits; the malnutrition attacked our bodies," he recalls. The constant hunger drove them to eat anything. He would search the ground with other prisoners for rats, toads, worms, snakes, insects and birds to supplement their diet and keep them alive and to simply ease the feeling of constant hunger.

Wilson remembers companions who went insane from the pressure of hunger. Others committed suicide. Many died from diseases caused by malnutrition. Every night they were subjected to mental torture and political indoctrination. Always in their minds were thoughts of escape. "But it was hope in the Lord Jesus that kept me alive," says Wilson. "I fed this hope by secretly reading the Scriptures..."

While being held in the camp, Wilson promised the Lord that he would serve him if he ever received the opportunity. The Holy Spirit whispered to him, "You have opportunities right here!" Very soon, three fellow prisoners came to know the Lord. Camp experiences helped him reflect on the significance of the sufferings of Jesus. In that context, he found refreshment and exhilaration in his own weakness. His own words put it best: "Jesus gave me peace in the midst of tribulation."

RESPONSE I will live this day aware that famines can never separate me from Christ's love.

PRAYER Thank you, Lord, that You give peace in the midst of tribulations.