

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)	Wednesday/ 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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Acct BSB- 704998

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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 the Millenium



Sunday, 5 June, 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 12 weeks, we will show you the things that unlock the story and make this book come alive to modern readers.

June 5	<i>The Gospel and 'the Millenium'</i>	Revelation 20:1-6 Luke 11:14-26
June 12	<i>The Gospel and 'Armeggedon'</i>	Rev. 11:15-19, 16:16-21, 19:19-21, 20:7-10 Luke 17:20-30
June 19	<i>The Gospel and the Bride</i>	Revelation 19:1-10 Luke 14:15-24

Open Doors will hold a meeting on Sat., June 11th at St. Paul's Anglican, Oatley. Starting at 5pm with a Middle Eastern dinner (people will be asked to make a contribution to the cost) we will then hear stories of the difficulties faced by those who convert to Christianity from a Muslim background. We will also hear from those currently working as missionaries amongst Muslims. RSVP by using the Facebook event: (<https://www.facebook.com/events/477395485787293/>)

Working Bee

The Parish Council is organising a working bee for Saturday, June 25. There is a lot of cleaning and tidying up to do around the church, so please join in! We will be starting at 9am.

Basic Mandarin classes are now offered at 12:30pm each Sunday. Talk to Bella or Selina for details.

English classes are on today at 1:30pm. See Steve Mayhew

10:30 Combined Worship Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Jun-05	Peter, Andrew C	Team 5- Emily, Byron, David, Aisen, Bart, Shirley, Li Sun, Gaye, Louise	Holy Communion	Michelle	Doris, Geoff
Jun-12	Andrew C., Kim	Team 1- Joy, Bing, Sam, Ruevern, Lucy, Zoey, Millie		Millie	Geoff, Cliff
Jun-19	Geoff, Selina,	Team 2- Stephen, Bing, Aisen, Will, Lydia, Tina, Millie	Holy Communion	Chris Wu	Cliff, Doris

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun., June 19	Sunday School Presentation
Sat., June 25	Church Working Bee (9am to 12pm)
Sun., July 24	Bishop Peter Lin visits

Pray for Christians in Malaysia

About 27 years ago, Paulus* left a profitable career in the telecommunications industry to follow the Lord's call to serve among the native tribes of west Malaysia. When Paulus began preaching the Good News among the animistic aboriginals, God performed many miraculous healings. As a result, many came to believe in Jesus Christ and a church was birthed.

As the church grew in numbers, Paulus built his first church building for the locals in 1991 in a remote, small village. Two days later, the authorities came and demolished the building even though he had showed a church permit given by the land owner and village head.

Paulus knew rebuilding the church would be costly, but asking members for money was out of the question. As targets of Islamization by the government, the aboriginals are denied special privileges which are reserved for the 'sons of the land'—unless they embrace Islam. Hence, many live in poverty.

Thus began Paulus' journey to seek justice. Christian NGOs rejected him. His appeal letters to government officers and the media bore no fruits. The only publication that was willing to release his story was dissolved by the government. *"I finally wrote to the Prime Minister of Malaysia,"* he says. Instead of an answer, he received a visit from officers of the Police's Special Branch, along with threats and intimidations.

Instead of retreating, he grew bolder. He decided to sue the government for demolishing his church building. *"I took the case to court with the help of a Christian lawyer,"* he explains. Paulus won the case and was rewarded with a compensation of \$5,500. However, the government refused to pay. He was advised not to push for the payment. He had received what he wanted—justice. *"Since then, my every move is watched, especially when ministering to the locals,"* he adds. Yet he remains faithful to his Master's call.

Today, he has built 13 churches and is preparing 12 local Christians for full-time ministry work. *"Obedience is better than sacrifice. When we obey God, even in persecution, we can totally depend on Him to get us through,"* the bold man shares.

(* Paulus is not his real name)