

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.

"Decision Making and the Will of God"

TODAY: The Personal Will of God



Sunday, 21 August, 2016



Next Sermon Series: **“Decision Making and the Will of God”**
 Are you confused about God’s will for your life? Do you find it hard to make important decisions? Perhaps this sermon series will help!

Aug 21	<i>The Personal Will of God</i>	2 Cor 5:1-10 John 21:15-25
Aug 28	<i>The Way of Wisdom</i>	James 1:1-18 Luke 14:25-35

St Mark’s Anglican Church, South Hurstville, will be holding a concert to raise money for the construction of a Pygmy Child Care in the Dem. Rep. of Congo. Come support the project on Sunday August 28, from 2 - 3.30pm.

Calling all Garden Girlies and Garden Guys!
 Join us this Saturday 9:00 - 11:00am to work in the church gardens.
 Any questions, ask Merilyn 0409 310 613.



Bart has been invited to attend a leadership conference in the USA through the month of September, sponsored by the Anglican Church in North America. Delegates will be coming from 11 different nations! Following the conference, Bart will fly to Las Vegas, Nevada and join Kim to celebrate the wedding of his nephew on October 8th.

Interested in studying the Bible in more depth? Would you like to study in a group? Join us as we study Genesis -Deuteronomy through the Moore College PTC course. Dates: Sept 11, 25; Oct 9, 23; Nov 6, 13 Time: 3-5pm Venue: Oatley West Anglican Info: Stuart Maze (stuart@churcha@hepeak.org.au)

Our annual Mission Month fund raising will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Instead of our annual ‘Market Day’, we will have two separate fund-raising events: First, we will “Walk to Water” (from our church to the Como marina, across the Georges’ River Railway Bridge). Then, in the evening, we will hold a special “Concert for Iraq”. Both events intend to raise funds for the Persecuted Church in Africa and Iraq.



Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
8-21	Geoff, Selina,	8-21-21 Brian, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Shirley, Li Sun, Gaye, Louise	Holy Communion	Kim	Merilyn, Cliff
8-28	Peter, Andrew C	Team 2- Stephen, Bing, Aisen, Will, Lydia, Tina, Millie		Millie	Cliff, Merilyn
9-04	Millie, Naomi	Team 3- Rueves & Kat, Gordon, Josh, Sarah, Zoey, Karen, Amy	Holy Communion	Chris Wu	Doris, Merilyn

Sat., August 27	Gardening Bee
Sun., August 28	Concert for Pygmy Child Care at St Mark's, S. Hurstville 2pm
Sept. 3 to Oct. 14	Bart in USA. Ted Potter and David Watkins will be locums.
Sept 11– Nov 13	PTC course—Genesis to Deuteronomy (See Bart for details)
Oct 16 to Nov 13	Missions Month
Sat., November 5	"Walk to Water" and Fund-raising Concert for Open Doors
Nov. 18-20	Church camp at Telford Lodge in the Royal National Park

Pray for Christians in Pakistan

Injustice against Christians abounds around the world. When false information about Christians is disseminated long enough, no one will help when that group or person when troubles arise. Discrimination relegates Christians to second-class citizenship with inferior legal, social, political and economic status. Once discrimination takes place, few will dare intervene when mistreatment comes. As it was for Jesus when facing trial before His crucifixion, a guilty verdict is often predetermined.

Christians in Pakistan are a small minority amongst a large Muslim majority and often face such discrimination. The problem is compounded by the fact that many Christians are illiterate and poor. One Christian teacher at a centre training Christian women recently said, "We face discrimination because we live in the midst of people who don't want us to move forward; people who keep trying to push us down so that we will always be in slavery."

But there is one repeated scene of horrific injustice against Christians that occurs in Pakistan which involves young Christian girls. Muslim women must marry Muslim men but Muslim men are allowed to marry any woman they wish with the proviso that any children must be raised as Muslim. Consequently, there are Muslim men who often desire some a young Christian girl in the community but realize there is no way their Christian families will agree to marriage. So these men resort to abduction. The Christian father's only option is to go to court where the judge—usually a Muslim—hears the case and pronounces to the Christian father, "Your daughter voluntarily converted to Islam and voluntarily married this Muslim man so you are to have no more contact with her."

Discrimination happens regularly in the workplace. When one new Christian was discovered reading a Christian pamphlet at work, his boss reported him to the police. Later that night the police visited him and searched his entire home. They found more Christian literature, movies and a New Testament. "It was clear to them that I had become a Christian. My boss fired me."

RESPONSE: Today I will advocate for justice for Christians worldwide.

PRAYER: Lord, be with those experiencing discrimination in Pakistan today because they love and serve You.

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)



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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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