

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 foolishness of God



"For...God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe." (1 Cor. 1:21)



Sunday, 12 February, 2017

Next Sermon Series:

“The Church in all its Glory!” Studies in 1 Corinthians

Paul's first letter to the Corinthians is filled with wonderful insights regarding the church of Jesus Christ. If we expect our church to be filled with the glory of the Triune God, then this letter is be an essential guide for us all!

Feb 12	<i>The foolishness of God</i>	1 Corinthians 1:18– 2:5 Matthew 18:1-4
Feb 19	<i>What God has freely given</i>	1 Corinthians 2:6-16 Matthew 5:38-48

Youth Group begins again today! 12:30pm in the hall.

Vocal lessons will be offered today at 12:30pm in the upstairs sanctuary.

Sunday School

Parents: If you have not done so yet, please escort your child/ children to their classroom and sign them in. The church must have your one-off permission for your child to attend Sunday School this year. This is required by law. Thank you!

Are you interested in training to become a volunteer chaplain at St George Hospital?

The St George Hospital chaplains' team is offering training for new volunteer chaplains this year. With our team of trained volunteers we provide pastoral care support to patients, families and staff across the hospital. The initial training will be in two parts of five days each— with the first unit of five days in April, followed by a short break, and then the second unit of five days in May-June.

If you're interested in training to join the chaplains' team, please contact us by Friday 24th February. You can contact us by phone (9113 2189) or email (david.lakos@health.nsw.gov.au).

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Feb-12	Phil	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Geoff	[REDACTED]	Marilyn, Cliff
[REDACTED]-19	Kim, Naomi	Team 3- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Lucy Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Holy Com-munion	Carolyn	Cliff, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]-26	Marilyn, Margaret	Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Marilyn	Kim	Marilyn, Geoff

Sun., February 12	Youth Group kick-off (12:30-2pm)
Sun., February 12	Music team vocal training (12:30pm)
Sun., February 12	Celebration Dinner at 'Rhinedorf' - (6:30pm)
Sun., February 26	Commissioning service for Carolyn Moore (10:30am)

Pray for

I sought the Lord and he answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.
(Psalm 34:4)

The one positive fear that the Bible endorses is the fear of God – loving, obedient worship! Wise Solomon said fearing God is the beginning of wisdom. It was Oswald Chambers who added, “The remarkable thing about fearing God is that, when you fear God, you fear nothing else; whereas, if you do not fear God, you fear everything else.”

In Eritrea, Helen Berhane was frequently tortured during her almost three years in the shipping container prison. In spite of that she had no fear. Once when interrogated for teaching the Bible to the guards outside her cell, she replied: “I am always looking for opportunities to talk about my faith and to spread the news about Jesus. I am not ashamed of the gospel and I will talk to anyone and to everyone. Jesus does not just want me to tell the prisoners about him, he wants me to tell the guards too. Even if the president were to visit the prison, I would tell him about the gospel. I am not afraid of you. You can do what you want to me, but ultimately all you can do is kill my body, you cannot touch my soul. You cannot even kill me unless it is God’s will that I should die.” Her persecutors had no answer and returned her to her shipping container.

Karim from Algeria lived with fear all his life in spite of his great accomplishments. He says: By the time I was 28 years old, I had achieved everything a man could desire. But my heart was crying out, “What is the meaning of life.” So I prayed a simple prayer to God...and I said, “You, my God who created me... today I make you responsible for the outcome of my life. I will give you 15 days, and if in that time you don’t change my life, I will kill myself and you will be responsible.” At exactly midnight I woke up sweating. I was afraid. A man grabbed me by the left shoulder. He said to me, “Karim, do not fear...I am here...The Karim from this morning is dead. You are a new Karim now.” And as he finished speaking, I realized it was Jesus. I was overwhelmed by a peace I cannot describe. It was a new birth for me. God is with us and His promises are stronger than fear!

Prayer: Lord, help me to live in the fear of God alone so that I will not fear anything or anyone else. May all Christians in fearful situations today have the attitude of trust in the Lord and not fear for their lives.

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	Sunday/12:30-2 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 service, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Tina Ung (in upper hall classroom 1)
- Ages 6-10 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in basement of hall)
- 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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