

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.

“A Praying Life”

Part Three: Prayer as Mission



Sunday, 27 August, 2017

Sermon Series: "A Praying Life"

Are you disappointed with your prayer life? This sermon series is designed to lift you up, not weigh you down! There are three key aspects of *the praying life* that we will be examining: 'Prayer as Contemplation', 'Prayer as Participation' and 'Prayer as Mission'.

May you be refreshed and encouraged by a new vision of prayer.

Aug 27	Prayer as Mission <i>Intercession</i>	Philippians 1:3-11
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A Special Guest from OPEN DOORS will be sharing with us today.

As a field director who has spent 30 years with this ministry, he has travelled to most regions of the world where the Persecuted Church is found, giving him a huge understanding of their suffering, joy and endurance.

He will be speaking to us about the importance of ***Intercessory Prayer***.

Our next sermon series will focus on ***Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians***.

Unlike his first letter, this letter offers many insights into Paul's personal life that are not found in any of his letters. Indeed, Paul wrote 2 Corinthians at a very vulnerable time in his life, when personal suffering had almost become unbearable.

No doubt, this letter will resonate with all of us who are also facing personal struggles.

Sept 3	<i>Comfort in our Suffering</i>	2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Sept 10	<i>The Fragrance of Christ</i>	2 Corinthians 1:23- 2:17

What has God Joined Together?

The Diocesan booklet entitled *What has God Joined Together?* is available at the back of the church. It explains God's pattern for marriage, why it is best for society as a whole, and the negative consequences of same-sex marriage.

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Aug-27	Shiela, Kim	Team 3- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Allan Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Geoff	Kathie	Geoff, Doris
Sep-03	Geoff, Selina	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne		Andrew	Doris, Cliff
Sep-10	Marina, Ronny	Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Gaye	Bing	Cliff, Merilyn

Sunday, August 27	Guest Speaker from Open Doors . (A special combined service is prepared.)
Sunday, August 27	Communication Team (12:30pm) Mission/Evangelism Team (2pm)
Sunday, Sept. 10	Newcomers Lunch
Oct 8– Nov 5	Missions Month
Sat., Nov 4	'Walk to Water' (9am) and 'Stand up for Nigeria' (7pm)
Sun., Nov 5	International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Pray for the Persecuted Church in 5 Hotbeds of the World

NORTH KOREA- North Korea, under the brutal rule of the Kim family, is ranked as the most oppressive country in the world for Christians. Christianity is outlawed there and anyone caught worshipping God, praying or reading a smuggled Bible is sent to prison camps. **Pray:** That God would continue to stir up an underground church and protect His church. May God's Kingdom and justice come to North Korea.

SYRIA- Syria is the sixth most oppressive country in the world for a Christian to live. Because Christians tend to live together in geographic pockets and are (perceived) to be pro-government, they are an extremely vulnerable target. **Pray:** For the Christians who are living out their faith at a heavy cost.

SUDAN- Not only is South Sudan experiencing one of the worst famines in history, the country as a whole continues to be one of the most hostile nations to Christianity on the planet. Arrests, attacks and murders plague all the Christian villages in the country, particularly those in the Nuba mountain region. **Pray:** Pray for peace and reconciliation among all people groups in the country, and for aid groups to be free to provide food to those who need it. May God establish just leaders in the country.

IRAQ- There has been a Christian presence in Iraq for nearly two millennia, but it currently sits on the verge of extinction due to the invasion of ISIS in 2014 and the continued oppression by Muslim extremists in the region. **Pray:** Pray first and foremost that in the face of persecution, the Christian church would not just survive, but explode in power, transforming the communities they live in. Secondly, pray for the Islamic extremist groups, that God would miraculously change their hearts.

IRAN- Christianity in Iran is seen as a sign of Western influence. As the government struggles to retain control of its people, it has increased its pressure on Christians. **Pray:** Iran, more than other countries, is teetering on the edge of a change in leadership. Pray that God would bring justice and peace to this nation and would raise up people in Iran committed to religious freedom. Pray for boldness among Christians in Iran who are often treated as second-class citizens and persecuted for sharing their faith.

*Ultimately, we know that our fight in this world isn't against corrupt governments or horrifying terrorist groups. There is an Enemy intent on razing this world to the ground, destroying the shalom (fully-realized peace) God intended. All of our prayers then ultimately trace back to the prayer Jesus taught his disciples: **Father, May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done. AMEN.***

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
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 and year at school:

- Ages 3-5 Coordinators: Tina Ung (in basement of hall)
- Years 1-3 Coordinator: Hua (Nancy) Feng (in upper hall classroom 1)
- Years 4-6 Coordinator: Andrew Ung (Upper hall classroom2)
- Years 7+ Coordinator: George Chan (in upper hall classroom 2)



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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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