

## 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 Highs and Lows of Being a Christian*



Today: **The Testimony of Suffering**



**Sunday, 3 September, 2017**



## **Sermon Series: "The Highs and Lows of Being a Christian"**

Today, we begin a new series of sermons based in  
**Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.**

Unlike his first letter, this letter offers many insights into Paul's personal life. Paul wrote 2 Corinthians at a very vulnerable time in his life, when personal suffering had almost become unbearable. As such, this letter resonates with anyone who is facing personal struggles. Maybe you are such a person?

Sept 3	<b><i>The Testimony of Suffering</i></b>	John 15:1-8 2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Sept 10	<b><i>The Fragrance of Christ</i></b>	2 Corinthians 1:23- 2:17
Sept 17	<b><i>The Glory of the New Covenant</i></b>	2 Corinthians 3:7-18

### **Newcomers Lunch next Sunday**

If you are new to our church and would like to hear all about who we are, what we do, and how you belong, grab lunch after church and join us in the hall.

### **Regarding the Postal Vote About Same-sex Marriage:**

**First**, this is a SECRET ballot. You don't have to tell anyone what you intend to vote. In any church, there will be people of various political persuasions and who have differing views on ethical issues. Ultimately, our message and mandate are from another place; we are citizens of heaven and called to be ambassadors who bring heaven to earth. Disunity occurs when we fail to recognise this.

**Second**, this is not merely a debate about an issue. This is a debate about people; people whom God loves. As such, any discussions have to be tempered with grace, understanding, and respect and include the Christian qualities of tolerance, kindness and patience because that reflects the nature of God.



Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
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
Sep-17	Doris, Kim	Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart, Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Catherine		Kim	Merilyn, Geoff

Sunday, Sept. 3	<b><i>Father's Day</i></b>
Monday, Sept. 4	<b><i>Wardens Meeting</i></b> (7:30pm)
Sunday, Sept. 10	<b><i>Newcomers Lunch</i></b> (12:15pm)
Oct 8– Nov 5	<b><i>Missions Month</i></b> —focus on Nigeria
Sat., Nov 4	<b>'Walk to Water'</b> (9am) and <b>'Stand up for Nigeria'</b> (7pm)
Sun., Nov 5	<b><i>International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church</i></b>

## Pray for Fathers

We give our thanks, Creator God,  
for the fathers in our lives.

Fatherhood does not come with a manual,  
and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail.

We ask for Your blessings for them all  
and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for  
their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift  
children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when  
fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and  
cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face  
of the task of parenting.

Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You.

In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

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)



## 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  
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### Contact details:

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