

## 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.*

### **Our Common Missionary Calling**



Today:  
***“Building Unity Through Generosity”***



**Sunday, 22 October, 2017**

**Missions Month Sermon Series:**  
**“Our Common Missionary Calling”**

Whether we like it or not, God has called us all to be missionaries!  
 To better understand what God asks of us as a ‘missional’ community,  
 we continue our studies in **Paul’s 2nd Letter to the Corinthians**.

Oct 22	<b><i>Building Unity Through Generosity</i></b>	2 Corinthians 8:1-15 Matthew 6:19-21
Oct 29	<b><i>Preaching the Gospel Free of Charge</i></b>	2 Corinthians 11:7-15
Nov 5	<b><i>Boasting in Our Weakness</i></b>	2 Corinthians 11:30– 12:10

**Visit to MacArthur Indigenous Church.**

**Today,** a delegation from our church of about 50 people is visiting *MacArthur Indigenous Fellowship*, Michael Duckett’s church in Campbelltown. Our Mandarin Choir is going to contribute some specially-prepared songs for worship. We are grateful for the unity between our churches!

**Stand up for Nigeria!**

On Saturday evening, November 4th, we will be praying, joining in worship and fund-raising to support **the Persecuted Church in Nigeria**. Please be prepared to join your heart and your wallet for this important cause!



**Walk to Water, Sunday, November 5**

This project will provide water and basic supplies to Christian communities who are denied access to basic needs like clean water because they choose to follow Jesus.

**We will walk from Penshurst to Como, leaving at 10:30 sharp!**

(Note: There will still be an 8am service held on that day. If you can’t walk with us, come then!)

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Oct-22	Geoff, Selina,	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Geoff	Bing	Marilyn, Doris
Oct-29	Marina, Ronny	Team 3- Shirley, Byron, Aisen, Bart, Allan Gaye, Suganya, Li Sun, Lucy Z.	Gaye		Doris, Cliff
Nov-05		<b>“Walk to Water”</b>			

Oct 8 to Nov 5	<b>Missions Month</b> —focus on Nigeria
Sunday, Oct 22	Delegation from PAC visits <b>MacArthur Indigenous Fellowship</b>
Sunday, Oct 29	<b>Visit from David Lakos</b> (Anglicare chaplain at St. George Public Hospital)
Sunday, Oct 29	<b>Film showing— ‘The Shack’</b> (1pm) Gold coin donation.
Sat., Nov 4	<b>‘Stand up for Nigeria’</b> (evening of prayer and worship—7pm)
Sun., Nov 5	<b>‘Walk to Water’</b> (10:30am)

## Pray for the famine in NIGERIA

**You've probably heard about the famine sweeping across Nigeria, South Sudan, Somalia and Yemen.**

This is the worst humanitarian crisis since World War II and Christians in Nigeria are among those suffering the most. But the famine in Nigeria isn't caused by a natural disaster or drought—it's caused by war.

Northern Nigeria has been torn apart by conflict since 2009, when the Islamic extremist group 'Boko Haram' tried to take over. Churches were destroyed, businesses shut down and many Christians were abducted - including the 276 Chibok girls. Thousands were forced to flee their homes and now live in make-shift camps. Families haven't been able to farm for three years, and now their food reserves have run out.

Many Christians are being excluded from receiving emergency relief, simply because of their faith in Jesus. Outside the camps Christians experience persecution from Islamic extremists. Inside the camps they face daily pressure and isolation. Corruption in Nigeria has meant that a lot of government aid has gone missing and never arrived for those in need. Laraba, a local Christian, told us, *"There are some things the government used to bring to help the people, but we Christians don't receive it."*

**Through our 'Mission Month' fundraising efforts we will be supporting the work of Open Doors** in their efforts to give food packs to 15,000 families - that's 75,000 people! Each family will receive a 50kg bag of beans, 100kg of maize, and money for rent, oil and soap.

Even just delivering aid to such a large number of people poses a massive logistical challenge. Controlling crowds of desperate and hungry people is hard, and many have to wait in line for hours. Women faint in the heat and there is the constant threat of another Boko Haram attack. The rainy season also arrived early and forced our local partners to get the food under shelter.

But despite the challenges, there is still hope.

**All this is done through the local church, because we believe we are not the answer—Jesus is.**

# 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  
(6pm) Bi-lingual Celebration service in English and Mandarin

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