

WELCOME TO PENSURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018



Galatians: The Plain Truth of the Gospel

Today: **Christ Has Set Us Free**





Paul's Letter to the church in Galatia was spurred on by the fact that, although many people claimed to be believers in Christ, few of them (including the Apostle Peter) had a clear grasp of the Gospel! Here, in our church, the same thing may be true. Despite our regular attendance at church services and bible studies, it's possible that many of us are still unsure or confused about the essentials of the Christian faith. We may also find it difficult to explain the uniqueness of Christianity in today's pluralistic world. Our prayer is that this 12 week series through the Book of Galatians will renew our understanding of **"The plain truth of the Gospel"**.

1 April	(Easter Sunday) Christ Has Set Us Free	Galatians 5:1-12 John 8:31-36
8 April	Under the Influence	Galatians 5:13-26
15 April	True Spirituality	Galatians 6:1-10



Baptisms will be held today at the Oatley Baths on the Georges' River at 1pm. We will meet at the riverside, directly down from the 'Castle'.

Please pray for the 5 people being baptised:

Amy, Andrew, Wendy, Suzanne, Mary and Savanna

Sydney Easter Parade

On Easter Monday, starting at 11:30am, Christians from all over the city will be marching together through the streets around Hyde Park.

Come along and join the crowd to show Sydney our unity in Christ.



Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Apr-01	Geoff, Selina,	Team 4- Kat, Subash, Rueves, Joshua, Lucy, Karen, Amy, Sarah, Hua	Holy Com- munion	Millie	Merylyn, Kwame
Apr-08	Phil, Kim	Team 1- Brian, Gordon, Andrew, Aisen, Bart Nancy Lee, Michelle H., Wei Wei, Catherine	Nancy	Andrew	Kwame, Cliff
Apr-15	Saw See, Merilyn	Team 2- Joy, Bing, Michael, Ruevern, Joseph, Millie, Tina, Lucy, Vivienne	Holy Com- munion	Joy	Cliff, Michelle

Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday (8am & 10:30am only– no 6pm service)
Sunday, April 1	Baptisms at Oatley baths (1 pm)
Sept 14 to 16	Church Camp at Stanwell Tops

Give Thanks for Iraq

For the first time since ISIS drove all the Christians from Iraq's Nineveh Plain in 2014, the Christian town of Qaraqosh celebrates Palm Sunday after many of its families have returned. Thousands of Iraqi Christians walked through the streets of the ancient town, waving palm and olive branches; praying, singing and remembering the triumphant entry of Jesus Christ. Their chorus: "King of kings and Lord of Lords. Glory! Hallelujah!"

Amidst all this, we spoke with a 25-year-old teacher named Andraws. His message to Christians around the world was clear: "Please do not lose



hope. Two and a half years we were displaced and we almost lost hope to ever return here. But today, we are here again, because of Jesus; because we had hope in Him," he said. Standing amidst the thousands of Christians, Andraws adds: "As you can see: the Christians have returned to Qaraqosh!" Andraws and his family joined the march that ended with an open air service on the square of Qaraqosh' St. John's Church. The roof of the church

served as a pulpit for the Church leaders, proclaiming the gospel, reading the Bible and leading the crowd gathered in the square into worship and singing *Hosanna*.

After renovating their house last spring, Andraws and his family moved back to Qaraqosh. In their freshly painted living room, his father shows us a video from his first visit to the house after the town was liberated from ISIS. Everything of value was gone or completely destroyed—ISIS fighters had ransacked and looted the place completely. He shares how Palm Sunday is traditionally a huge celebration in Qaraqosh, drawing Christians from all over the region to join. "You can go anywhere in the world and you'll not find Palm Sunday celebrated like here."

He is glad that Christians all over the world will be following the Christians in Qaraqosh celebrating Easter this year. "Because of this, I feel that we are connected with each other. Please have hope because you never know what the future will bring to us. Today we are here again, because of Jesus."



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)	Thursday/ 8:00pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/7:30-9:30pm/ 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 2)
- Years 4-6 Coordinator: Andrew Ung (Upper hall classroom 1)
- Years 7+ Coordinator: John Oakes (in Library)



Penshurst Anglican Church

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Senior Pastor: Bart VandenHengel

Assistant Pastor: Aisen Ju

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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