

# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

## April Edition



## Preaching Program: Generosity

2 April	<b>Why Did Jesus Die?</b>	Luke 23:26-49
4 April	<b>Why Did Jesus Rise?</b>	1 Corinthians 15:1-28
11 April	<b>God's Generosity (E) The Inherent Problem (M)</b>	2 Cor 8:1-9 (E) Deut 1:1-2, 26-46 (M)
18 April	<b>Our Generosity (E) Love the Lord (M)</b>	2 Cor 9:6-13 (E) Deut 6 (M)
25 April	<b>Gospel Generosity (E) Remember the Lord (M)</b>	Phil 4:10-20 (E) Deut 8 (M)

From 11 April there will be two separate sermon series. The English services will be looking at Generosity. Rev Phill will lead this series. The Mandarin service will be looking at Deuteronomy under Pastor David. From the beginning of May, Pastor David will preach the Deuteronomy series to the English service and Rev Phill the Generosity series to the Mandarin service. For this reason there are different bible readings for the two services.

## Message from Rev Phill Read

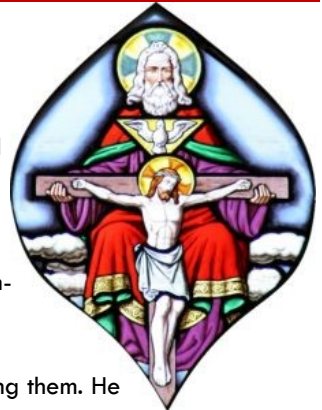
If there is one trait that is true of our age it's the quest to discover who we really are. We seek to define our identity and what gives us significance.

What makes it so difficult is that we are told we can be and do anything. So follow your passion.

What if God defined your life and gave it significance?

Easter is where Jesus redeems us from a life of self-determination. More importantly, he gives our life purpose. We now know who we are (children of God who will inherit God's kingdom). Our lives have significance because God is shaping them. He has given us the Holy Spirit and is transforming us to be like Jesus: truly human. In Christ I bring delight to the Father and will receive His approval on the last day.

Easter sets aside the worries of whether I have done enough with my life. I no longer live with regret about what I did or should have done. Instead I'm thankful for the new start Jesus has given me. I thankful that he shows me who I really am.



## Upcoming Events

2 April	Good Friday Service 9:00 am Bi-lingual Service
4 April	Easter Sunday Service 9:00am and 11:00am service
13 April	Mothers Union Meeting 10:30am —12pm
17 April	Gardening morning at 20 Dardanelles St, Mortdale. 9:00am – 11:00am
18 April	Sunday School/Godly Play teachers meeting
24 April	Garden Working Bee at the church 9:00am—11:00am

## Gather Round



### 10am Morning Tea Gathering

Morning Tea is being served again after the **9am** service with Tea, John Oakes' famous Coffee brew and a selection of Biscuits.

Feel free to come to Church early if coming for the 11am service and take the time to catch up with others from the 9am service.

### Lunch

From 11 April lunch will be served after the 11am service finishes. Remember to bring your coins to pay for your lunch. It will be lovely to sit around and share a meal together again before heading home on a Sunday.

## Calling all Green Thumbs

On the last Saturday of each month, we are calling for volunteers to help with gardening around the Church. It goes from 9:00 - 11:00am. Any questions? See Merilyn. This month it is on 24 April.

Saturday 17 April, 9:00 - 11:00am.

Working bee at Phill and Colette's place: 20 Dardanelles St, Mortdale.

Merilyn would like a few people to help dig holes and plant camellias, and plant up the front garden. There is lots of weeding also available! Bring shovels, trowels, gloves and kneeling mats if you have them.

Please let Merilyn know if you can come.



## 9:00am English Service Roster

Date	Welcome	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
2 April	Eve Zhang Leo Xu	Naomi Zrno, Jennifer Chan	Collette Read, Jian Huang	Belinda Yu Michael Lin
4 April	Meryl Mayhew Gaye Bishop	Gaye Bishop	Peter Chappell	Millie Ceballos Li Sun
11 April	Selena Kuok Steven Kuok	Carolyn Moore	William Guo	Meryl Mayhew Bing Ceballos
18 April	Christine Weir Caroline Mammett	Jeff Powys	Ken Sensus	Millie Ceballos Li Sun
25 April	William Li Li Sun	Carolyn Moore	Margaret Haywood	Meryl Mayhew Bing Ceballos

## 11:00am Sunday Service Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
2 April	-	-	-	-	-
4 April	Yen Yen Chai Susan Zhang	Shirley, Gordon, Joseph, Lucy, Amy & Tiny	Geoff Scrimmes (E) William Lin (M)	Belinda Wang (E) Eve Zhang (M)	Byron Chen Jing Huang
11 April	Suzy Zhou Frank Ge	Brian, Andrew, Leo, Eve and Jennifer Lee [Bel & Rev Phill – Hall]	Naomi Zrno (E) Susan Zhang (M)	Amy Zhu (E) Jennifer Chan (M)	Lucy Yang Jinbo Shi
18 April	Geoff Scrimmes Lucy Yang	Shirley, Gordon, Lucy Yeung, Hua & Amy [Joy – Hall]	Marina Leung (E) Jennifer Chan (M)	Naomi Zrno (E) Jian Huang (M)	Michael Lin Kathie Johnson
25 April	Eve Zhang Leo Xu	Brian, Andrew, Sarah Lin & Jennifer Lee [Bel – Hall]	Gordon Fu (E) William Lin (M)	Amy Zhu (E) Jing Huang (M)	Susan Zhang Geoff Scrimmes

\*\* If you are unable to serve on your rostered day, please arrange a swap with others on the roster list and let Naomi Zrno know.

# PAC Annual General Meeting



Our Annual General Meeting was held on 28 March. Thank you to all who attended and participated.

Rev Phill presented a report on church happenings since he was appointed in December 2020. Rev Phill also provided an update on the Building Committee's plans for the renovations in the kitchen and foyer area.

Our Treasurer, Jeff Powys, presented a budget for the next 12 months. Last year significant updating renovations were conducted at the Dardanelles St property before the Read family moved in. Similarly, the Carrington St property has been repainted, carpeted and now leased to tenants. Due to these costs and the fact that the Carrington St property was vacant for 2 months, it is anticipated that there will be a budget deficit of \$36,907 this year. Fortunately, there was a surplus of \$26,398 last year to soften the deficit. The budget will be reviewed again in September.

Of note, the building works are funded by monies invested for this purpose. When the plans have been drawn, Rev Phill will present them at church services. He will then call a special meeting of Church Members to vote on the plans.

## Parish Council

The following people were appointed:

**Rector's Warden:** Hua Feng

Please pray for our new wardens and parish councillors.

**Warden:** Geoff Scrimmes

They will have some difficult decisions to make in terms of the budget and ongoing building works this year.

**Warden:** Gaye Bishop

**Parish Councillor:** John Haynes

**Parish Councillor:** Kathie Johnson

Thank you Michael Lin and Marilyn Mayhew for your service to the Parish Council since the last AGM.

**Parish Councillor:** Yen Yen Chai

The Wardens and Parish Councillors need your help to look after our Church. They are your representatives. If you have any suggestions, feedback, or notice something that needs repairing, please let them know.

Each Sunday, teams of volunteers work to present the services to you. They need more help! The different roles are welcoming people to the service, leading prayers, bible reading, playing music and singing, serving morning tea and lunch and counting the offertory.

Would you please consider getting involved in one of these roles? If we all took on one job, you would only need to be rostered on every few weeks. Interested? Speak to Naomi, Rev Phill, Pastor David or Pastor Tiny.



## Prayer at PAC

### For our Church:

- ◇ Many different organisations use our Hall during the week. Please pray that all who use the Hall will be blessed. Ask God to reveal himself to all who enter.
- ◇ Please continue to pray for Rev Phill, Pastor David and Pastor Tiny as they make decisions to lead our church. Pray that Pastor David's Discipleship series and the Leadership training is fruitful and people's eyes of their hearts are open to the message.
- ◇ We ask for God's blessing on Jennifer, Rev Phill and Tiny as they continue to teach Scripture in our schools.
- ◇ Give thanks for the growth in the Youth Group. Ask for continued blessing on this ministry.



### For our Missionaries:

From Andrew and Julie:

- Their house church is growing and members keen to know God's word and reach out. Pray for God's growth and protection as they share the Word.
- Opportunities growing with those who are illiterate. Seeds planted needing water. Others are moving toward the Father but hesitating. Pray against fear and confusion in the people that Andrew and Julie minister to.

David Lakos:

- Volunteer chaplains are permitted back at St. George hospital after Covid restrictions lifted. Pray for David to have opportunities to share Jesus' love with the sick.
- ◇ Pray for Jason and Maria as they prepare for ministry.
- ◇ Would you ask God to bless Elizabeth McDougall's ministry at the schools?

### For Ourselves:

Dear Lord, I want to let Your Truth sink deep down into my heart and soul today. Help me stay focused on You. And I pray for the many who will understand for the first time this Easter Sunday that You are risen. Wash over every soul with fresh hope and overwhelming joy. Bring new life as only You can. In Jesus' Name, Amen. - *Lysa Terkeurst*

## Abundant Life

The Abundant Life, also known as "Life to the Full" is a Bible study series of 18 lessons on the basic foundations of the Christian life and how to live the "Abundant Life" offered by the Lord. The material is ideal for discipling new believers or reinforcing basic teaching with more mature believers. The course has been used with much blessing by tens of thousands of students from different denominations in many countries around the world. Abundant Life has been translated into more than 70 languages.

The Abundant Life studies will be starting in May. It will be led by Pastor David.

# Parish Council Report

## Summary from Parish Council March 10 meeting,

The parish council met on March 10 and our work focused on a number of priorities.

Building project: An overall plan for the kitchen, classroom and foyer area has been presented to parish council. The value of this plan is a professionally completed and multipurpose use of this area of the church which will enhance our community and accommodate the vision of church growth both in membership and spiritual life. A special meeting of church members will be called to showcase the design and to present final costings.

Missions/outreach: The parish council has agreed to the recommendation from the missions/outreach committee, to support Macarthur indigenous churches, Wedderburn Aboriginal Ministry Centre project. Funds will be gifted to purchase a tractor to support the project. Further surplus funds are also being recommended to support African bible college students.

2021 budget: We are thankful to Jeff Powys for his work with the draft budget for 2021. The budget has been passed and we ask you to pray with us for God's continued provision and leading in the implementation of this budget.

Morning tea is back and everyone is excited to share in this time together. Remember to keep Covid safe during these precious community times. We look forward to having lunch in the new kitchen in the not-too-distant future.

Thank you to all who helped at the Working Bee. Considerable rubbish was removed. There is always more to be done so we look forward to the next working bee.

We are thankful the church admin position has been filled and Naomi appointed as admin officer for 1 day per week. Please pray for Naomi as she settles in to this role.

## Mothers Union



The Peakhurst Mortdale branch of Mothers Union meets here in Peakhurst on the first Tuesday of the month. Mothers Union is part of a worldwide movement promoting all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

Despite its name, Mothers Union is open to all whether you are a mother or not. You may have seen their shop in Town Hall arcade. Our local branch supports the shop and conducts Hospital visits to new mothers. Margaret Hayward has been coordinating this before Covid 19 restrictions intervened. This is just a small part of the work that Mothers Union does.

At our branch we hold bible studies, have guest speakers, craft events and food. Margaret Hayward, Selina Kuok and Naomi Zrno can give you more information.

**Come and join us on Tuesday 13 April at 10:30am.**

## 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
Tuesday Night Cell	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ weekly
Jeff & Megan Powys	Thursday/ 7:00pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Thursday/ 8:00pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/ 7:30pm - 9:30pm/ weekly
Young Father's Group	Friday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Gaye Bishop / Joy Watkinson	2nd and 4th Saturday/ 1:30pm / monthly



JOIN A  
CELL  
GROUP

If you are interested in joining one of these cells, you can talk directly to one of the group leaders or to Rev Phill for more guidance on which cell will fit you best.

"The Quiet Place" prayer meeting—Sunday 7pm weekly



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### Our Pastors

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### PAC Online Banking

Please give your offertory by direct debit using the banking details below:

**Westpac Bank, Mortdale**

**St Johns General Fund**

**BSB: 032167**

**Account No: 870821**

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. "

2 Corinthians 9:7