

PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

27 March 2022

From Rev Phill's Desk

Gathering as God's people: Unity

"God hates visionary dreaming; it makes the dreamer proud and pretentious. The man who fashions a visionary ideal of community demands that it be realized by God, by others, and by himself. He enters the community of Christians with his demands, sets up his own law, and judges the brethren and God Himself accordingly." (Bonhoffer)

In our minds we have an ideal of what the church community should be like. The question is: How do we move what we currently have towards what we should be? OR How do we create unity?

The answer is that we don't create unity.

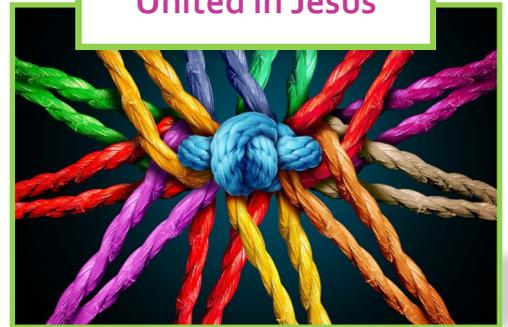
We are united in Christ. The barriers that were previously there are removed by Jesus (Ephesian 2:12-21).

This is important. If we CREATE unity then we must lay down the rules and regulations that people must follow. The goal then is for things to be UNIFORM. Sadly for the sake creating unity we nullify grace.

If we are united in Christ, then we are called to put on compassion, kindness, humility, patience and gentleness. (Colossians 3:12-14). This is done to other Christians regardless of their maturity or reciprocation.

It is not the experience of Christian brotherhood, but solid and certain faith in brotherhood that holds us together. (Bonhoffer)

United in Jesus



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC

27 Mar

Church Annual General Meeting 1:30pm

15 April

Good Friday Service 10am

17 April

Easter Sunday Services 9am & 11am

Fruit & Vegetable Market 9:30am

Did you see Pastor David selling fruit and vegetables between the 9am and 11am services last Sunday? He is raising funds for Equipping Teachers and Leaders for Ministry in Malaysia stall for the next 5 Sundays, 27 March—24 April 2022.

Bring some cash, grab a bargain, get healthy and support ministry in Malaysia.





Michael Duckett—Macarthur Indigenous Church

- ◇ May God use and guide the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples Ministry Committee as we help steer and grow Aboriginal ministries within the diocese whilst looking to the future.
- ◇ The Macarthur Indigenous Church is asking God to raise up a trainee minister to join the ministry team to free up Michael to invest in the training of Aboriginal people for ministry
- ◇ We wait patiently as we look forward to God to raise up a minister to lead the Shoalhaven Aboriginal Church and provide their own meeting place to invite their community.

- ◇ Be prayerful for Mt Druitt Aboriginal church as they seek a suitable meeting place to better enable them to minister to the highest population of Aboriginal people in NSW.

Moore College Mission Team

- ◇ Please pray for opportunities to connect with people on Saturday 26th March
- ◇ For positive responses to invitations given
- ◇ For connections in the community to lead to future opportunities to meet with people

Pray for our church

- ◇ Give thanks for the wonderful work of our Wardens and Parish Council during 2021 given the difficulties of Covid and building renovations.
- ◇ Pray for the incoming Wardens and Parish Council. Pray particularly that they will work together effectively to take care of our church.

Parish Annual General Meeting: 27 March 1:30pm



We need you.

Our church cannot function without a Parish Council. What do they do? They meet one evening a month to manage things like the maintenance of the church buildings, managing the church staff, help look after church finances and other organisational matters for the church. Wardens (we have three) are responsible for the legal, financial and property matters for the Parish.

The reports for each ministry are now on the Church website. The Nomination forms are also on the website. Please consider nominating for the role of Parish Councillor or Warden. We need people from all three congregations to represent us on Parish Council. Young adults are welcome. The more diverse the Parish Councillors and Wardens are, the more representative it will be.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at **1:30pm** after lunch at the Church. It is important that we all participate in this meeting to pass the financial accounts for last year and the budget for the forthcoming year.

More information is on the PAC Website: <https://www.penshurstanglican.org/agm>

Rosters

9am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters
27 Mar	Merilyn Mayhew & Christine Blaser	Bing Ceballos Col 3:1-17	Carolyn Moore	Merilyn Mayhew & Christine Blaser
3 April	Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu	Christine Blaser 2 Tim 3:1-9	Tiny Tse	Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu
10 April	Selina Kuok & Merilyn Mayhew	Cliff Seeto 1 John 2:15-25	Jeff Powys	Selina Kuok & Merilyn Mayhew

11am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters	Musicians	Godly Play
27 Mar	Sophina Read & Lucy Yeung	Karen Fu Col 3:1-17	Marina Leung	Byron Chen & Susan Zhang	Joy, Phill, Andrew, Jennifer L., Amy & Bel	Gaye Bishop & Selina Kuok
3 April	Geoff Scrimmes & Kathie Johnson	Colette Read 2 Tim 3:1-9	Julia Zhu	Jinbo Shi & Belinda Wang	Joy, Phill, Joseph, Ricky, Lucy & Amy	Naomi Zrno & Jing Huang
10 April	Sophina Read & Lucy Yeung	Joy Watkinson 1 John 2:15-25	Geoff Scrimmes	Amy Zhu & Byron Chen		Naomi Zrno & Jing Huang

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

We use your offertory to pay for:

- ◆ The salaries of our paid ministry team;
- ◆ The costs of maintaining our Church and Hall buildings;
- ◆ The costs of our Youth Group and Children's Ministry

We give at least 10% of our income to our supported ministries and partners, here in Sydney and overseas. If you want further information please ask our Pastors and Church Wardens.

SMALL GROUPS

If you are interested in joining one of a small group please speak to Rev. Phill about which cell will fit you best.

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