



# PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

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## From Rev Phill's Desk

### The Church in China

On Sunday I participated in a webinar. The presenters provided a picture of what is happening in China in general. They then discussed what is happening in the church and the persecution that they are experiencing. They showed the house of one pastor which has police outside throughout the day.

It was wonderful to hear our brothers and sister in Christ witness to Christ.

It was encouraging to learn of their commitment to share the gospel despite the difficulties this brings.

Please pray God would use the faithful witness of Christians in China to bring many more into the kingdom.

## News



### Thrive

This is the year that we want to thrive in our spiritual life. We want our love for God to be deepened, greater understanding of his purposes and our faith in action evident to all. That's what the Alive in Christ series is all about. So let me ask:

How are you going in your spiritual life?

How are you going in your spiritual practices?

How can I assist you?

Please feel free to ask me at any time for help to develop your Christian walk.

### National Church Life Survey Data

At the beginning of the year many of us completed a survey for the NCLS. The results have come back.

Please e-mail Rev. Phill if you would like to see the complete results. Otherwise we'll share them over the coming month.

Here are some results in an infographic.



#### Most value:



**56%** Small prayer, discussion or Bible study groups



**41%** Sermons, preaching or Bible teaching



**32%** Openness to social or cultural diversity



**31%** Sharing in Holy Communion/the Eucharist/Lord's Supper

# WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC



## Sunday 8 May is Mother's Day

Celebrate Mother's Day with us

This Sunday we want to celebrate mothers and the wonderful contribution that women make.

Tiny is organising a surprise.

Why not invite your mother to join us?

## Day Conference

It's been a while but we will have a day parish conference next month.

Mark in your diary **Saturday 25th June 9am—3pm.**

Dr Ed Loane will speak on Christian Unity. We will have an opportunity to spend time together and to think about how we promote grace relationships at Penshurst.

More details to come.

## Godly Play



It is wonderful that every Sunday we have on average 10 children attending our Godly Play program.

We would love to open this up to 3 year old's but there are currently too many for 1 class. So the goal is to start a second class.

To do this we are looking for people who can be doorpersons. If you are interested or would like to find out more about what is involved you can speak with Tiny, Marilyn, Naomi or Selina.

## Prayer

### Michael Duckett

- ♦ Give thanks for the Men's Breakfast
- ♦ Pray that the Appin Massacre Memorial service (last Sunday) would promote reconciliation
- ♦ Give thanks for the fellowship at Mount Druitt recently.
- ♦ Pray for wisdom as Michael leads the Aboriginal ministry in Sydney.
- ♦ Pray for the God to raise up leaders to engage in gospel ministry.
- ♦ Pray for the resources needed to see indigenous ministry thrive.



## Diocesan News

Archdeacon Kara Hartley has written an article on advancing women's ministry. You can find it on the sydneyanglicans website or use the link below:

<https://sydneyanglicans.net/news/advancing-the-ministries-of-women/52246>



## Rosters

### 9am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters
<b>8 May</b>	Wendy Zheng & Christine Blaser	Peter Chappell John 2:12-25	Jeff Powys	Wendy Wang & Christine Blaser
<b>15 May</b>	Cici Wu	William Guo John 3:1-21	Jeff Powys	Cici Wu &
<b>22 May</b>	Ian Chappell & Caroline Mammatt	Jeff Powys John 4:1-26	Megan Powys	Ian Chappell & Caroline Mammatt

### 11am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters	Musicians	Godly Play
<b>8 May</b>	Karen Fu	Andrew Wang John 2: 12-25	Julia Zhu	Jinbo Shi & Jing Huang	Shirley, Phill, Leo, Eve, John Zhu & Phill	Naomi Zrno Jing Huang
<b>15 May</b>		Colette Read John 3:1-21	Naomi Zrno	Geoff Scrimmes & Andrew Ung	Sophina, Phill, Lucy, Ray, Hua & Miranda	Tiny Tse & Marilyn Mayhew
<b>22 May</b>	John Haynes & Gaye Bishop	Joy Watkinson John 4: 1-26	Marina Leung	Ralph Chen & Susan Zhang	Candace, Phill, Jennifer Lee, Sarah, Amy & Bel	Gaye Bishop &

## Online Banking

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**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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