

WELCOME TO  
PENS Hurst  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

January, 2021

Monthly Edition



## Preaching Program

Sermons from our Pastors - **Rev Phill Read and Rev Canon David Wong**

Jan 03	<b><i>"Give God the glory"</i></b> (Rev. Phill Read) Combined Service	Isaiah 42:8-13 Romans 8:17-21
Jan 10	<b><i>"Jesus the Son of God"</i></b> (Rev. Canon David Wong) Combined Service	Isaiah 40:1-5 Mark 1
Jan 17	<b><i>"God's kindness"</i></b>	Ruth 1 Ruth 2
Jan 24	<b><i>"God's amazing plan"</i></b>	Ruth 3 Ruth 4
Jan 31	<b><i>"We are God's people"</i></b>	Eph 2:11-22 Heb 12:18-24

## 'Covid-Safe' Sunday Services

**Two new church services are now being run on Sunday mornings:**

- ♦ From **9:00am - 10:00am**, an **English-only** service of Holy Communion.
- ♦ From **11:00am - 12:00pm**, a **bi-lingual** service with Communion served once a month. For families, 2021 Sunday School will start on 31 January. The children will enjoy Godly Play presented in a Covid-safe manner.

**From 17 January, the 11am service will be separated into English and Chinese after the news announcements.** We will start with bi-lingual worship, prayer and news announcements together. After the news announcements, the English congregation will go to the hall and the Chinese congregation will remain in the church. Phill and David will each share the Bible and their teaching.

**Booking your seat:** Due to 4m2 rule for social distancing, our church can only hold **52 people**. To control numbers and ensure contact tracing **everyone must 'book' their seat in advance for the service you choose.** Please arrive early.

**\*\*Please note: Wearing a mask is strongly recommended.**

A **'live-streaming'** of our two services is also available on **YouTube** - 9:00am English-only and from 17 January, 11:00am Chinese-only. Please see our website ([www.penshurstanglican.org](http://www.penshurstanglican.org)) for further instructions.

## Register at the foyer

To maintain the Covid-Safe procedures, people entering the church buildings outside the church service hours are required to check in using the QR code displayed on each glass door at the foyer entrance.

This will help us to keep a record on who was at the church and when. If there is an outbreak, the NSW health department is then able to contact those people who were at the church.



## 9:00am English Service Roster

Date	Welcome	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Jan 03	William Lin, Geoff Scrimmes	Jeff Powys	Bing Cellabos	Millie Cellabos, Kathie Johnson
Jan 10	Cliff Seeto, Kathie Johnson	Geoff Scrimmes	Margaret Haywood	Li Sun & Cliff Seeto
Jan 17	Selina Kuok, Steven Kuok	Carolyn Moore	Peter Chappell	Bing Cellabos, Marilyn Mayhew
Jan 24	Marilyn Mayhew, Gaye Bishop	Marilyn Mayhew	Jeff Powys	Millie Cellabos, Kathie Johnson
Jan 31	William Lin, Geoff Scrimmes	Jeff Powys	Marilyn Mayhew	Li Sun & Cliff Seeto

## 11:00am Sunday Service Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
Jan 03	Eve, Leo	Team 1 - Brian, Joesph, Nancy L, Lucy Yang	Susan Z	Gaye, Susan Z	Jinbo Shi, Amy Zhu
Jan 10	Yen Yen, Susan Z	Team 2 - Shirley, Gordon, Hua, Amy	William L	Naomi Zrno, Jennifer Chan	Jing Haynes, Hua Feng
Jan 17	Suzu, Frank	Team 1 - Brian, Eve, Leo, Joesph/Lucy Yeung	Gordon Fu	Selina Kuok, Jian Huang	Amy Zhu, Susan Zhang
Jan 24	Michael, Lucy Yang	Team 2 - Shirley, Gordon, Amy, Hua/Lucy Yang	Naomi Zrno	Belinda Yu, Peter Zhang	Doris Chan, Susan Zhang
Jan 31	Eve, Leo	Team 1 - Brian, Eve, Leo, Joesph/Lucy Yeung	Gordon Fu	Joy Watkinson, Jing Haynes	Jinbo Shi, Amy Zhu

## Volunteers Needed



As we are moving to a new year, we are calling volunteers to do the **Bible Reading**, **Prayer** and **Offertory Counting** for both 9am and 11am Sunday Services each week. We will be putting the roster in place for 2021. We are also calling **Musicians** and **Singers** for the 11am service. Please put your name down on Sunday with Naomi or Doris. The more volunteers, the easier it is for us all:

*"Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ."*

1 Corinthians 12:12

*"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."*

1 Corinthians 12:27

## Upcoming Events

Dec 30 - Jan 19	Pastor Tiny on annual leave
Sunday, Jan 10	Rev Canon David Wong's first Sunday
Sunday, Jan 24	Sunday School Teachers' meeting
Sunday, Jan 31	First Sunday School 2021 (11:00am)

## Message from the Senior Minister - Rev Phill Read

2020 is over. Many people hope that 2021 will be better.

Our optimism though is not in a new year starting but in the God who controls history. Our hope is in Jesus, the Lord of heaven and earth. Our confidence is that a day is coming when suffering, disease and death will disappear and we will be with the Lord forever.

As we enter 2021 let's focus our hearts and minds on Jesus and living for Him. When anxious we'll pray. When uncertain we'll reflect on God's word. When needing encouragement we'll meet with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

2021 is another opportunity to live each day for the glory of God.

## Our New Assistant Minister

We are delighted to welcome **Rev. Canon David Wong** to the pastoral team at PAC in January 2021.

David and his wife Magdalene have two adult children and a 2-year young granddaughter.

David graduated with Bachelor of Divinity at Theological Seminary of Malaysia in 1986 and MA (Th) at SMBC in 2009. He was a minister and missionary in the Diocese of West Malaysia, involved in parish ministries, church planting among the native people, prison ministry, orphanages, and church planting in Indonesia.

David and his family moved to Sydney in 2003. He was the Mandarin Minister of the West Sydney Chinese Christian Church (2003-2010) and the Rector of St Mark's Anglican Church Granville (2010-2020). David is a member of the Archbishop Advisory to the Chinese Ministry and the Vice-Chairman of the Chinese Christian Mission Australia. For the past 17 years in Sydney, David had assisted churches and parishes planted about 10 Chinese congregations and Bible study groups or fellowships.

David and Magdalene love camping and motor homing. David loves carpentry and Magdalene gardening.

We look forward to his first service on **10 January 2021**.



## January Newsletter

In January 2021, our newsletter - The Voice will be issued as a monthly edition.

### Please pray!

#### Pray for our new Rector

Now that Phill and Collette have arrived, we ask that God would prepare the way and that the transition to Penshurst is easy and all goes well. We thank Father God that He has provided us with a new ministry team so quickly. We give thanks for the new beginnings that this brings us. May we embrace the Read family as a church with open arms and open hearts.

Please pray for the Read family as they move homes this month. Pray that the move will be a time of blessing, a time of coming together as a family. We pray that there will be times of rest and peace among the busyness for Phill and Collette.

#### Pray for our new Assistant Minister

Please pray for Rev. Canon David Wong as he joins Phill in ministering at Penshurst. Pray for relationships to be established and opportunities to open in our surrounding community for ministry. Pray that the working relationships between Phill, David and Tiny will be established so that they might fulfil God's plans for our Church.

#### Pray for our Family and Children's Pastor

Please pray for Tiny and her family as she takes 3 weeks annual leave. Please pray that this will be a time of blessing, rest and spiritual renewal. Pray that God will reveal His vision for her ministry in 2021.

#### Pray for our local community in Penshurst

Pray for a time of refreshing and renewal within our local community. That all families will be able to spend enjoyable time together during the school holidays, that people will travel safely on the roads and be aware of the dangers around water.

We ask that you pray for Sydney during this latest Covid 19 outbreak, particularly for those in aged care homes and disability facilities. Pray also for those in hospitals that are unable to receive visitors. Please pray for the staff in these places, that they will have time to share a moment, a smile or a cuppa with their residents and patients, to ease the loneliness.

*"In my distress I called on the Lord and He answered me."* Psalm 120:1

#### Pray for our Church

Please pray that God will reveal his plans and purposes for our Church in 2021. This is a time of massive change within our Church, two new leaders and a relatively new Parish Council. Pray that God will guide our leaders and that they will be faithful to his call.

Please pray for enough volunteers to keep our Church services operating well. We need volunteers for the welcoming team, leading prayer time, bible reading, counting, Music Team and Sunday School. Ask God to show you what you can do differently to share His Hope in 2021.

## 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
Gaye Bishop / Joy Watkinson	Tuesday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Jeff & Megan Powys	Thursday/ 7:00pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Thursday/ 8:00pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/ 7:30pm - 9:30pm/ weekly
'The Quiet Place' prayer meeting	Sunday/ 7:00pm/ weekly online



**JOIN A  
CELL  
GROUP**

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



## Penshurst Anglican Church

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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**  
**Account 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