

PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

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From Rev Phill's Desk

Yesterday I went for a walk as the sun was about to rise. I was on a bridge where I could see a full moon and a deep blue sky around it. On the other side of the bridge were an array of colours across the horizon. Above were clouds that were thinly stretched yet able to capture the pastel magic below.

I stood in awe. This canvas I had seen before but each time I feel a need to stop and marvel. Then **Psalm 19** came to mind:

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.*

An awe inspiring moment lifts my mind and affections to the one who created such beauty. So often people end the thought there. I decided to reflect on the rest of the Psalm:

*The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.*

*The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.*

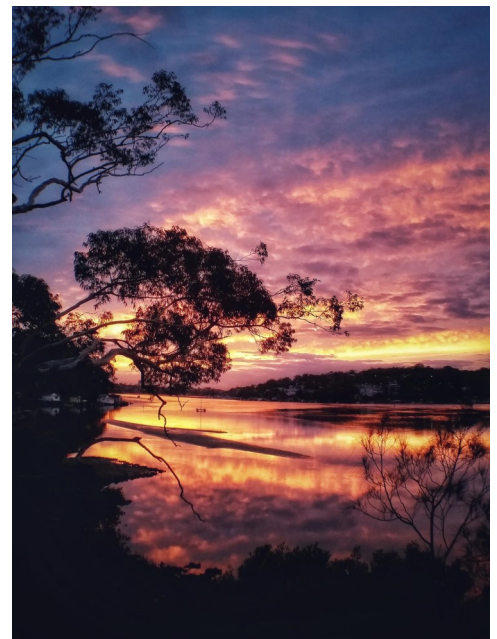
I don't just marvel at the creator's handiwork. I want to know Him also. So I open the Bible. I listen to His word about how to live in His world. Then I noticed how personally the Psalm ends:

*Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.*

*Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.*

*May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my
heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

We live in an amazing part of the world. Our thanks and praise goes to our amazing God. So too does our worship as we let God's word shape how we live.



Sunrise at Neverfail Bay from
Como Bridge



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC

7 Big Questions

Monday 2nd May at 7:30pm.

This is a ZOOM meeting where we watch a short video and interact on the concepts which are raised.

Please contact Rev. Phillip Read for more details 0401 539 736



8 May

We hope that you'll join us as we give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of families and in particular our mothers

Prayers for Peace



With the commemoration of ANZAC Day tomorrow, please pray:

- ◆ For peace throughout the world, particularly Ukraine, Yemen, West Bank, Sudan & Ethiopia;
- ◆ For all who serve in Defence Forces and Police Forces in this land, give them courage and comfort in danger, patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of force.
- ◆ For those who suffer the trauma from war service or as civilian casualties of war, reach out to them in your love that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit through Jesus;
- ◆ For all chaplains who serve in the Defence forces, guide their conversations, give them grace to serve and faith worth sharing.
- ◆ For all those injured in war service, particularly the Australian veterans for Afghanistan, we pray that you would intervene to prevent further suicides. May the present inquiry be fruitful in recommendations that assist veterans in their psychological recovery. May Veterans' Affairs be more effective in serving the needs of our veterans.

A General Prayer for Peace Throughout the World

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world.

Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Rosters

9am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters
24 April	Ian Whatman & Cliff Seeto	William Guo Nehemiah 8	Peter Chappell	Ian Whatman & Cliff Seeto
1 May	Cliff Seeto	Ken Sensus John 1:1-18	Carolyn Moore	Cliff Seeto & Marilyn Mayhew
8 May	Wendy Zeng & Christine Blaser	Peter Chappell John 1: 35-51	Jeff Powys	Wendy Zeng & Christine Blaser

11am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters	Musicians	Godly Play
24 April	Sophina Read & Lucy Yeung	Karen Fu Nehemiah 8	Gordon Fu	Geoff Scrimmes & Kathie Johnson	Candace, Joy, Jennifer, Sarah, Tiny & Bel	
1 May	Ronny Pak & Marina Leung	Karen Fu John 1:1-18	Naomi Zrno	Belinda Wang & Amy Zhu	Joy, Phill, Joseph, Lucy Yang & Amy	TBA
8 May	Sophina Read & Lucy Yeung	Andrew Ung John 1: 35-51	Marina Leung	Jinbo Shi & Jing Huang	Shirley, Phill, Leo, Eve & John Zhu	TBA

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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