

PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

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From Rev Phill's Desk

PRAYER IS NOT A RITUAL

Prayer is supernatural and expresses our relationship with God. What is sad is when this becomes routine. Even worse is when it is a mere ritual. When it comes to prayer we want to engage our minds. I spoke last time against mysticism where we shut down thinking and wait for something to happen. Worse still is the idea of speaking in tongues without any connection to your mind (1 Cor 14:13-14). To approach God with praise, thanksgiving and petition requires minds that are engaged.

We want our hearts to be engaged. In Philippians we constantly called to rejoice in the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 joy and thanksgiving are an essential part of God's will. Calvin states that true prayer should pour out the whole soul and every inward feeling before him. (3.20.44)

Prayer should raise our concerns. Rather than thinking are stresses and anxieties are out of place we bring them before God knowing that he is holy, good and powerful. As we approach through Jesus we experience the peace of God which passes all understanding.

Prayer is not an activity to complete. Prayer is the bringing of our whole selves before the throne of God to experience His mercy.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC



Good Friday Combined Service 10am

A time for quiet reflection.



Easter Sunday 9am a& 11am

Celebrate the resurrection. He Lives!



Wilston Trin



- ◆ Pray for perseverance and endurance in my studies. The learning curve is quite steep and I do feel inadequate at times, especially when dealing with the NT Greek text for my Thessalonian subject.
- ◆ Pray for a fruitful ministry experience at Penshurst Anglican Church. Pray that my time there will be beneficial for God's people as well as myself.
- ◆ Pray for God's financial provision for my studies and living expenses here in Sydney

Introducing Wilston Trin

Hopefully by now you have met Wilston. He is coming to our 11am service on Sundays.

Wilston Trin is an Assistant Minister at St. Peter's Anglican Church Saratok, a church under the Anglican Diocese of Kuching. He graduated with a B. Div. from Seminari Theoloji, Malaysia and currently in a transition to do his MA (Theol.) at Moore Theological College, Sydney.



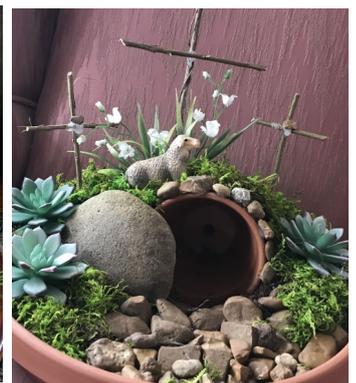
Wilston has a pastoral heart and a desire to train and equip others for ministry. Wilston has joined us as a student minister for 2022. You will have the opportunity to hear Wilston on Sunday 24th April.

Make a Resurrection Garden

There are many ways of thinking about Easter, contemplating just what it means. Here is a fun activity that you can do on your own, or involve your children and grandchildren.

Some of the kids in Godly Play last week made models of the empty tomb. You can take that one step further and make a resurrection garden. You don't need many supplies. It can be as detailed or as simple as you want. Just a small pot, a shallow dish or planter, some rocks, moss or grass seeds, some sticks for a cross if you wish and some soil.

You can even add a plant or two, Here are some examples to get you started. We would love to see your results. Share on our Facebook page.



Rosters

9am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters
15 April Gd Fri	Geoff Scrimmes & Kathie Johnson	Andrew Wang John 19:16b-30	Gaye Bishop	Susan Zhang & Jinbo Shi
17 April	Christine Blaser & Marilyn Mayhew	Ken Sensus John 20:24-31	Merilyn Mayhew	Christine Blaser & Merilyn Mayhew
24 April	Ian Whatman & Cliff Seeto	William Guo John 1:1-18	Peter Chappell	Ian Whatman & Cliff Seeto

11am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters	Musicians	Godly Play
15 April Gd Fri	Geoff Scrimmes & Kathie Johnson	Andrew Wang John 19:16b-30	Gaye Bishop	Susan Zhang & Jinbo Shi	Hua, Gaye, Lucy, Joy & Phill	
17 April	John Haynes & Jing Huang	Belinda Wang John 20:24-31	Geoff Scrimmes	Amy Zhu & Jing Huang	Sophina, Phill, Lucy, Ray, Hua & Miranda	
24 April	Sophina Read & Lucy Yeung	Karen Fu John 1:1-18	Gordon Fu	Geoff Scrimmes & Kathie Johnson	Candace, Phill, Jennifer, Amy & Belinda	

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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