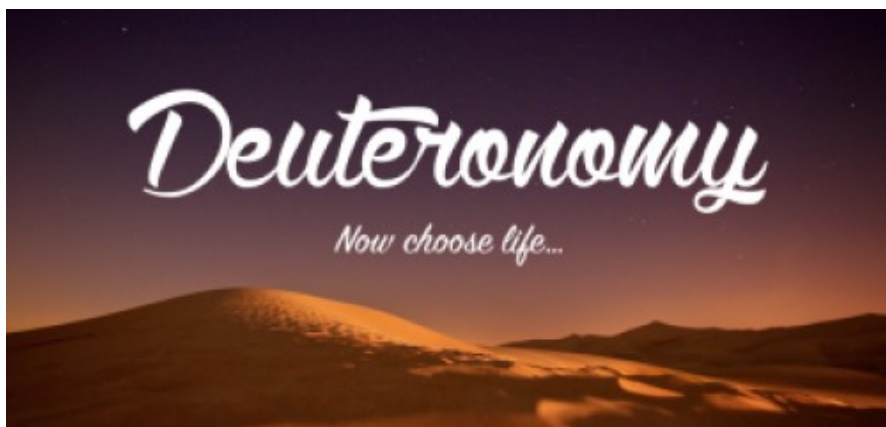


**WELCOME TO
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May Edition



Choose Life



Preaching Program: Generosity

2 May	The Inherent Problem (E) God's Generosity (E)	Deut 1:1-2, 6-8, 26-46 (E)
9 May	Love the Lord (E) Our Generosity (M)	Deut 6:1-9 (E) 2 Cor 9:6-13 (M)
16 May	Remember the Lord (E) Gospel Generosity (M)	Deut 8:1-20 (E) Phil 4:10-20 (M)
23 May	It's Not Because of You	Deut 9:1-6
30 May	True Worship	Deut 12:1-14

In May we are continuing the two separate sermon series. The English services will be looking at Deuteronomy with Rev David. The Mandarin service will be looking at Generosity under Rev Phill. We align again on 23 May.

Message from Rev Phill Read

Building Renovations

It has been exciting to see people return to our Sunday services. We are all enjoying more time to fellowship as we share lunch once again.

I think our gatherings will be even better once the kitchen renovations are complete. With that in mind, here is the update on our progress so far.

The building committee has submitted architectural drafts to the parish council. They include the following features:

- a fully functional kitchen
- greater natural light in the kitchen area
- cupboards in both the kitchen and foyer
- polished floors in the kitchen
- carpet tiles in the foyer

The parish council has approved these plans. The Sydney Diocese has also given its support.

Rev Phill's report continued:

The building committee is now in the process of obtaining quotes in order to present the full cost to the parish. The money for these renovations will come from our church's building account.

Once quotes have been received, a general meeting of the parish will be held. At this meeting, the parish will be asked to vote on a motion to proceed with the renovation.

We are thankful to God for this opportunity and for the generosity of His people. I encourage you to commit these plans to our Lord in prayer

Upcoming Events

2 May	Catechism Class and Abundant Life courses in Mandarin begin after lunch
4 May	Mothers Union from 10:30am
3—7 May	Archbishop elections
15 May	Family Fun Day 10:00am - 2:00pm
29 May	Garden Working Bee at the church 9:00am—11:00am
30 May	Church Picnic at Jubilee Park after 11 am service.
2—4 Oct	Church Camp, Bent's Basin camp ground

Church Picnic

Join us after church on **30 May** from **12.30pm** at Jubilee Park, Mortdale.

We will gather together and have lunch and then let the children play while the adults relax. There is an adventure playground for the big kids and a soft play area for the little ones. There are swings, flying foxes, climbing frames and of course the giant slide. Challenge the youth on the half court basketball and netball courts. There is even a small riding path with traffic signs for the little ones so bring a scooter and a helmet.



Now that we can gather together lets have a picnic.

The address is **2b Boundary Road, Mortdale**, right next to the Community Centre. There is some seating available but it might be a good idea to pack a camp chair or your picnic rug.

9:00am English Service Roster

Date	Welcome	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
2 May	Selina Kuok Christine Weir	Jeff Powys	Carolyn Moore	Cliff Seeto Li Sun
9 May	Meryl Mayhew Caroline Mammatt	Carolyn Moore	Christine Weir	Li Sun Bing Ceballos
16 May	Christine Weir Gaye Bishop	Gaye Bishop	William Guo	Meryl Mayhew Millie Ceballos
23 May	William Lin Li Sun	Meryl Mayhew	Jeff Powys	Meryl Mayhew Millie Ceballos
30 May	Meryl Mayhew Gaye Bishop	Jeff Powys	Ken Sensus	Caroline Mammatt Bing Ceballos

11:00am Sunday Service Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
2 May	Yen Yen Chai Susan Zhang	Shirley, Gordon, Joseph, Michael, Lucy Yang, Amy & Joy	Marina Leung (E) Vanessa Kong (M)	Colette Read (E) Leo Xu (M)	Byron Chen Amy Zhu
9 May	Suzy Zhou Frank Ge	Brian, Andrew, Leo, Eve, Gay, Bel	Gordon Fu (E) Yen Yen Chai (M)	Joy Watkinson (E) Peter Zhang (M)	Lucy Yang Jinbo Shi
16 May	Geoff Scrimmes Lucy Yang	Sophina, Gordon, Lucy Yeung, Ray, Hua, Amy, Miranda	Geoff Scrimmes (E) Jian Huang (M)	Amy Zhu (E) Wendy Wang (M)	Kathie Johnson Michael Lin
23 May	Eve Zhang Leo Xu	Brian, Phill, Sarah Lin, Jennifer L, Gaye	Marina Leung (E) Susan Zhang (M)	Geoff Scrimmes (E) Christine Xia (M)	Jing Huang Byron Chen
30 May	Yen Yen Chai Susan Zhang	Shirley, Gordon, Joseph, Michael, Lucy Yeung, Amy & Joy	Naomi Zrno (E) Jennifer Chan (M)	Kathie Johnson (E) Jian Huang (M)	Belinda Yu Amy Zhu

** If you are unable to serve on your rostered day, please arrange a swap with others on the roster list and let Naomi Zrno know.

David Lakos — Chaplain St George Hospital

Dear faithful prayer partners,

There are a few current things for which I wanted to give you an update for your prayers.

Praise God – volunteer chaplains are back! – Yes, from early March my volunteer chaplain colleagues were able to start returning to their ministry in the hospital – almost exactly a year after they were “stood down” because of COVID! It has been wonderful to have them back; and they have been warmly welcomed by the staff in the wards where they visit week by week.



But we are also finding that this is a time of...

Transition and loss – This year three members of our team have decided to ‘retire’ from their chaplaincy involvement (in addition to the three who we farewelled at the end of last year). So we are feeling the loss of these valued colleagues! Just as happened so much for everyone during 2020, we are seeking to navigate this time of transition. Please pray with us as we seek to press ahead in our hospital ministry while adjusting to change and loss in our team.

Training course coming up – After a year of waiting, we are about to start our orientation course for potential new volunteers to join our chaplaincy team! We have seven people from local churches who have signed up for the course, which will run over five Mondays (starting 26th April). We would greatly value your prayers for the course – and especially for our seven ‘students’ as we seek to discern with them whether hospital chaplaincy is the right ‘fit’ for their personality, gifts and interests.

Please always feel free to call or email with any questions about the chaplaincy ministry at St George.

Church Camp



SAVE THE DATE: 3— 5 OCTOBER

Church camp is back bigger and better than ever. Rev David is organising the camp this year and we are off to Bents Basin Camping Ground, located near Greendale on the outer edge of Sydney. It’s a beautiful spot, on the Nepean River.

Imagine waking up to the birds calling, the sound of the river gurgling by, the breeze in the trees, no traffic noises, just nature all around. Take the opportunity to draw close to God and see some wildlife in it’s native setting.

Rev David is looking for volunteers to help with organising the camp, from registration, , music team, devotions and bible talks, games and food.

Prayer at PAC

For our Church:

- † Pray for the election of a new archbishop for our Diocese and the Synod being conducted 3—7 May. Rev Phill, Rev David and 2 others from our parish will be attending. Pray that God directs the decisions made at Synod on our behalf.
- † Give thanks that Youth Group and Godly Play are expanding. Pray for additional Godly Play doorkeepers so we can have 2 classes.
- † Pray for those doing the Abundant Life course that they may have the eyes of their hearts opened to what God has to say to them. Pray for Rev David as he leads this course.

For our Missionaries:

- † Pray for Rev David Lakos in his role at St George Hospital. See his prayer points above.
- † Pray for Michael Duckett and the Macarthur Indigenous Church. They are building up a rural property to use in the ministry. Ask God to bless them with all the resources they need as they support financially disadvantaged communities in the Macarthur area.

For Ourselves:

- † This is the season of Pentecost when we remember God's gift of the Holy Spirit and his spiritual gifts. Take some time to consider your gifting and how it can be put to better use for God's glory.
- † Generosity—praise God for his glorious generosity to us, from the life of Jesus to his daily care for us each day. Have you been challenged by God to be more generous? Talk to God about it and be intentional in your generosity.
- † Ponder our choices: "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live 20 and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him." Deut 30:19-20

Church Directory

It has been 3 years since we last put together our church directory. It is time to update it again.

Grab a form from the back tables of the church and fill it in.

Giving your details to the church administration team helps us to communicate with you better and keep you up to date with what is happening.

If you don't want your information published, that's fine, just tick the No box to that question. We still need your information so that Rev Phill and Rev David can contact you if needed.



Godly Play

This month in Godly Play, the children will be looking at “Knowing Jesus in a New Way”. These stories focus on Jesus’ appearances after Easter. They are new stories and we are excited to tell them over the next 7 weeks.

After the children have gathered together in a circle and heard the story, they are invited to work on their own. We allow the children to respond to the story in their own way, trusting that God’s spirit is moving in them. The children are encouraged to work quietly on their own. They may work with some of the items that form the stories, like the wooden Holy Family or Noah’s Ark, they may do some art or colour in or they may choose to read a book.

It has been wonderful to see so many children joining us in Godly Play each week. We are now getting 10 to 14 children regularly. This means it will soon be time to divide into 2 classes. We have the space, we have the materials however we don’t have enough helpers.

We are on the lookout for more assistants who can be trained as doorkeepers. You will help set up the room before church, bring the children into the room, assist any child as needed, help as needed during the children’s work time, serve the feast, talk with the children, assist in returning children to their parents and pack up the room afterwards.

Being a doorkeeper is a lovely way of getting to know our children. You will be amazed at what they come up with during our time together. If you are interested, please speak with Merilyn or Tiny. We really do need more parents to be involved.



Here Brigitte is working with the desert bag. She is telling the story of Jesus’ baptism with the corks and wooden people. It was lovely to see her response to the story.



Mothers Union



This month Mothers Union will be hearing from Rev David. We have invited him to share about his time in Malaysia as a missionary and the other work that he has done building Chinese church congregations in Sydney. If you would like to hear what Rev David has to share, please **come and join us on Tuesday 4 May at 10:30am.**

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
Jeff & Megan Powys	Thursday/ 7:00pm/ weekly
ReCharge! (University+ group)	Thursday/ 8:00pm/ weekly
PAC Youth Group	Friday/ 7:30pm - 9:30pm/ weekly
Young Father's Group	Friday/ 7:30pm/ fortnightly
Gaye Bishop / Joy Watkinson	2nd and 4th Saturday/ 1:30pm / monthly



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

"The Quiet Place" prayer meeting—Sunday 7pm weekly



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2 Corinthians 9:7