



PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

13 March 2022

From Rev Phill's Desk

Gathering as God's people: Unity

"God hates visionary dreaming; it makes the dreamer proud and pretentious. The man who fashions a visionary ideal of community, demands that it be realized by God, by others, and by himself. He enters the community of Christians with his demands, sets up his own law, and judges the brethren and God Himself accordingly." (Bonhoffer)

In our minds, we can have the picture of the perfect church community. The question is, how can we turn our current church into this perfect church? How can we "create" unity?

The answer is – we can't. Unity is Jesus' work. We are united in him. He is the one who removes all barriers between people (Ephesian 2:12-21).

Too often, our attempts at unity apart from God rely upon rules and regulations. Unity starts to look more like uniformity and certainly isn't based upon grace.

If we are united in Christ, then we can be diverse yet have the same love, the same purpose. This requires compassion, kindness, humility, patience and gentleness without the expectation of reciprocation (Colossians 3:12-14).



Jesus
Unites
Us

WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC

Church Annual General Meeting

1:30pm

27 Mar

Parish Councillors and Wardens are needed to serve on the 2022 Parish Council. Could you serve? Do you have someone to nominate? Please consider who you think should represent us this year .

Plan to come along to the AGM.

Equipping Teachers & Leaders for Ministry in Malaysia

Pastor Wong is assisting Moore College to raise \$90,000 to fund the Rev. Wilston Trin to train at the college. Malaysia is a predominantly Muslim country. Christianity has a small presence in the country. This fund will continue to train people for ministry in Malaysia. To donate see:

<https://www.penshurstanglican.org/fundraising>





SRE teacher (Andrew Lingley having moved out to south western Sydney).

Church Renovations

Give thanks

- ◇ For the celebrations last Sunday with Bishop Peter Lin.
- ◇ For God's gracious provision in all areas of the building works.
- ◇ For all who worked on the renovations, the volunteers, paid contractors and those that helped clean (numerous times).

Pray

- ◇ That we would use these areas to help people follow Christ.
- ◇ That the new spaces provided by the renovations would promote fellowship through our lunches together.
- ◇ That more Abundant Life groups would start.

Elizabeth MacDougall (Penshurst Girls High School)

- ◇ Give thanks that SRE is back with classes as normal and that Elizabeth's classes have a nice vibe.
- ◇ Pray for Elizabeth as the Year 7 numbers have taken quite a hit- only 5 students (across 4 classes- i.e. 1 in most classes) compared to the usual 20-25.
- ◇ Please pray as the Hurstville board are looking for a new

Bishop Lin's Visit



Have you seen the boxes and boxes of documents in the room opposite the creche in the Hall?

These are church records dating back to the early 50s. We need to sort through and organise them. Then we will catalogue and archive them.

Would you be willing to volunteer one morning as part of a group to sort through them all? Naomi and Rev. Phill really need help to get through them all. Please speak to either of them if you can help.

Rosters

9am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters
13 Mar	Cliff Seeto & Christine Blaser	Peter Chappell Rom 8:28-39	Peter Chappell	Cliff Seeto & Christine Blaser
20 Mar	Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu	Ken Sensus Romans 6:1-14		Cliff Seeto & Cici Wu
27 Mar	Merilyn Mayhew & Christine Blaser	Bing Ceballos Col 3:1-17		Merilyn Mayhew & Christine Blaser

11am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters	Musicians	Godly Play
13 Mar	Geoff Scrimmes & Lucy Yeung	Amy Zhu Romans 8: 28-39	Julia Zhu	Susan Zhang & Kathie Johnson	Sophina, Phill, Leo, Eve & Gaye	Carolyn Moore & Jing Huang
20 Mar	John Haynes & Kathie Johnson	Naomi Zrno Romans 6:1-14	Geoff Scrimmes	Jing Huang & Jinbo Shi	Shirley, Phill, Lucy, Hua & Miranda	Tiny Tse & Selina Kuok
27 Mar	Sophina Read & Lucy Yeung	Karen Fu Col 3:1-17	Marina Leung	Byron Chen & Susan Zhang	Joy, Phill, Andrew, Jennifer L., Amy & Bel	Gaye Bishop & Selina Kuok

Online Banking

Please give your offertory by direct debit using the banking details below:

Westpac Bank, Mortdale

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

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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