

PAC Pulse

The Newsletter of the Penshurst Anglican Church

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From Rev Phill's Desk

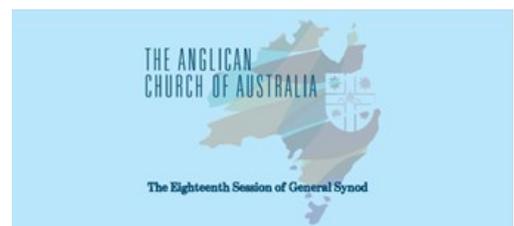
During the week you may have read about the General Synod and discussion around the church's position on marriage. Let me explain what has happened.

In 2020 the Appellate Tribunal (church legal body) ruled that blessing same-sex marriages was not inconsistent with the Fundamental Declarations of the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia. However, it is up to the General Synod to determine Church practice.

A motion was presented to affirm the traditional position of the church on marriage. The motion was passed by both the lay and clergy houses. It was vetoed by the house of bishops. Our Archbishop said he was "deeply disappointed that a majority of Bishops voted against making a clear statement. A valuable moment for clarity has been lost."

So what does that mean? Firstly, there is no change to the doctrine of marriage which was affirmed by the Synod in 2017. Secondly, the blessing of same-sex marriages contravenes what the General Synod has agreed upon. It is not the Sydney Diocese who is out of step in this regard.

Please continue to pray for our Archbishop and Bishops as they interact and engage on such issues with other Dioceses.



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Day Conference 25 June (Saturday)

Let's spend some extended time together at the end of June. The day conference will focus on Christian Unity.

Dr Ed Loane will speak to us in the morning. In the afternoon we will think through how we can cultivate unity at PAC.

The conference is 9am-3pm and will cost \$40 per adult.

There is a children's program that will run during the sessions.



WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING @ PAC

Safe Ministry

We want to provide a safe space at PAC for all people, but in particular children. That's why there is Safe Ministry Training. We want as many people as possible to complete the training as possible.

It is 5 hours of video training followed by a 1 hour webinar. You can do the training on your own or you can join the group training in July.



Gardening



28 May 9:00 - 11:00am (Saturday)

The gardens need our help!

We need some men to move two big shrubs - bring spades.

And we need many hands to tackle the weeds - bring trowels, gloves and kneeling pads.

Please join us if you can. Ask Merylyn on 0409 310 613 if you want to know more about this.

Prayer

Andrew and Julie

- ◆ Pray for Norman. Please pray that he could share freely and that his friends and family would follow Jesus.
- ◆ Give thanks for how the Father touched Andrew recently. Please pray that he can continue to grow in sonship.
- ◆ Pray for camping trip Andrew will have with the boys. Please pray that everyone will be safe and have a great time.
- ◆ Pray for Julie as she finishes the semester and looks for new people to partner with.



- ◆ Give thanks for the Life of Christ course and the benefit it brings.
 - ◆ Give thanks for those who are attending the 7 big questions webinars.
 - ◆ Give thanks for the new youth who came last Sunday.
 - ◆ Pray for Tiny and her team and they plan to start a Playtime.
- ◆ Pray that God would bring youth from years 7-9.
 - ◆ Pray for planning of the Day conference in June. Pray that our time in God's word would help us understand God's will.

Rosters

9am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters
22 May	Ian Chappell	Jeff Powys John 4:1-26	Megan Powys	Christine Blaser
29 May	Selina Kuok	Christine Blaser John 4:27-54	Peter Chappell	Selina Kuok Bing Ceballos
5 June	Cliff Seeto	Bing Ceballos	Carolyn Moore	Cliff Szeto Merilyn Mayhew

11am Service

	Greeters	Bible reader	Prayer	Counters	Musicians	Godly Play
22 May	John Haynes	Joy Watkinson John 4: 1-26	Marina Leung	Ralph Chen & Susan Zhang	Candace, Phill, Jennifer Lee, Sarah, Amy & Bel	Gaye Bishop & Jing Huang
29 May	Rinni Simpson Colette Read	Gay Bishop John 4:27-54	Gordon Fu	Geoff Scrimmes & Kathie Johnson	Joy, Phill, Joseph, Lucy Yang & Gaye	Tiny Tse & Merilyn Mayhew
5 June	Ronny & Marina Leung	Daniel Lu	Naomi Zrno	Ralph Chen & Susan Zhang		Gaye Bishop & Jing Huang

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 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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