

# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

March 22, 2020

# ‘This Invitational Life’

*“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.”*  
(Acts 19:26)



You are invited to go to the nations!



## Preaching program

### ***"This Invitational Life"***

There are two basics narratives going on in the Book of Acts. First, people suddenly realise that God has invited them into His Kingdom and it causes a revolution in their lives! Secondly, under the power of the Holy Spirit, they recognise the deep passion God has placed inside of them to share God's invitation with others!

Here begins "*This Invitational life*".

22 March	You are invited ... <b>...to go to the nations</b>	Acts 17:22-31
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### New Sermon Series: ***What in the world is happening?***

29 March	<b>Could the end be near?</b>	Matthew 24:4-14
5 April	(Palm Sunday) <b>Is God's Temple Being Cleared?</b>	Matthew 21:10-17
10 April	(Good Friday) <b>Has God Forsaken His people?</b>	Psalm 22:1-5
12 April	(Easter Day) <b>What Does Resurrection Look Like in Today's World?</b>	Matthew 28:1-10

**Dear Friends,**

Although all of our services have been cancelled until further notice, I want you to know that we will do our best to keep in contact with you through weekly **Prayer Triplet** phone calls and check-ups. I will also be keeping the church doors open all day Sunday for personal prayer and private communion. During the week, the pastoral Staff team will be going through our directory to pray for you all by name. If you have any specific prayer requests, please let us know by telephone. Finally, let me remind you that without our Sunday church services, the usual income we receive from offertories will quickly drop. If you are able, please give your offertory by direct debit using the banking details on the back.

Sincerely in Christ, Bart

### **10:30 Combined Worship Roster**

Date   Welcome

Music Team

Prayer

Bible

Counters

All rosters are temporarily suspended until further notice.

## A Letter from the Archbishop of Sydney

18 March 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, one week ago the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 a global pandemic. Since then the situation has changed on a daily basis. Last Friday our Prime Minister issued a directive that there be no public gatherings of more than 500 people. The Government also encouraged ‘social distancing’ as a means of preventing the spread of the virus. Today, an additional directive has been issued by the Prime Minister that there be no indoor gatherings of more than 100 people. This number could easily be reduced over time. As we seek to share the love of Jesus with all people, we face the same dangers as the rest of the community and we share in the griefs and trials of this world. Our Christian duty is to love our neighbours and seek the welfare of the city where God has placed us to be. On advice from our COVID-19 Task Force, I have made some decisions which will have consequences for our life together over the coming months. Shortly, I will issue this public statement:

*In light of the Prime Minister’s announcement this morning, banning enclosed gatherings in excess of 100 people, I have decided that the Anglican Church in Sydney should suspend all public church gatherings until further notice.* We are encouraging all our churches to consider providing their services online or by other communication methods. We shall make every effort to care for our church communities and the wider public, especially those who are isolated and vulnerable. Anglicare Sydney will continue its vital work of showing Christ’s love in ministering to all people, especially older Australians. Anglican Schools will also continue to play a significant role in caring for students and families. I call on all Christians to pray for health workers and those seeking to develop a vaccine, and to pray that the spread of this disease may slow. God’s love for all people has not diminished, nor his sovereignty over his world. Therefore, I urge all Christians to continue to trust in God’s goodness and mercy in this crisis, and to show Christ’s love to those affected.

I realise how inconvenient this measure will be to implement, and many may protest that where their church gatherings are less than 100, surely they could still legally meet. However, I am asking all churches to consider the greater good. Our leadership and example in protecting the safety and welfare of our people, as well as those who visit, ought to be paramount. Erring on the side of caution is a good principle to follow in such extreme times – and the presence of this virus in our world is nothing short of a global catastrophe. For our churches, the challenge now becomes how to encourage, love and care for one another without regular gatherings. How to minimise danger to ourselves and others, while seeking the welfare of all in our community. We are producing a list of resources which will be available on a designated page of the SydneyAnglicans.net website. I aim to keep you informed of any further developments as they arise. Attached to this letter, however, are some frequently asked questions which should assist you in the pastoral care of your people. They have been produced by the COVID-19 Task Force. If you have other questions, please feel free to contact your Regional Bishop/Archdeacon or his Executive Assistant. I am also releasing a video on Thursday afternoon addressed to Sydney Anglicans, which you are free to use as an encouragement to keep calm, but proactive in these difficult days. May God grant us an extra measure of his grace to be faithful in this time of crisis, trusting in his sovereign and merciful hand (Psalm 91:1 -4).

Grace and peace,  
Glenn N Davies Archbishop of Sydney

# The Team Structure of Penshurst Anglican Church

## 1. Discipleship

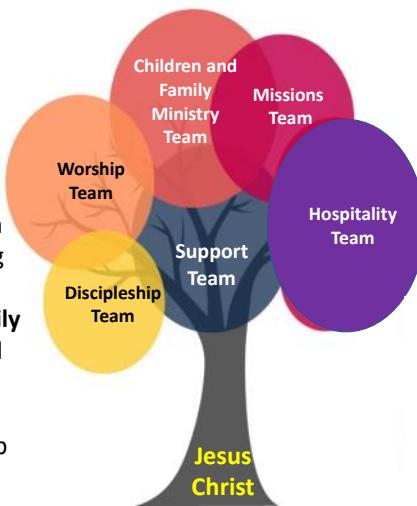
- Welcomers
- Cell Groups
- Church camp
- Youth Group

## 2. Worship

- Music teams
- Technical team
- Service leading

## 3. Children and Family

- Sunday School
- Godly Play
- Creche
- Mothers Group



## 4. Missions

- Overseas Missions
- Local Social Action
- Evangelism
- Alpha Course

## 5. Hospitality

- Morning Tea
- Parking
- Sunday Lunch
- Social activities
- Special Events

## 6. Support

- Pastors
- Parish Council
- Communications

Our church is a living organism. The goal of each team is to help our members express their spiritual gifts in areas of interest and expertise. If you would like to use your gifts for the Kingdom of God, join a team and get involved!

**Sunday School:** Our Sunday School program runs during the 10:30am service, and only during school term. There are four classes available, based roughly on a child's age and year at school:

- Ages 3-4 Coordinator: Tiny Tse (in upper classroom 2)
- Kindergarten Coordinator: Naomi Zrno (in basement of hall)
- Primary Coordinator: Andrew Ung (in office classroom 1)
- Secondary Coordinator: John Oakes (in office classroom 2)



## Penshurst Anglican Church

2 Carrington St, Penshurst, NSW 2222. Website: [www.penshurstanglican.org](http://www.penshurstanglican.org)

**Sunday Services:** 8am Prayer Book Service in English and Mandarin

10:30am Bi-lingual Celebration Service in English and Mandarin

6pm Celebration Service in English

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