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Service live streamed  
Sunday 9am

<https://www.penshurstanglican.org/live-streaming-church-service>



When you feel like giving up ...



remember that I never left you

## Where are you all? Let's Zoom

### Zoom Foyer

Each week Phill and Colette have a Sunday Zoom to catch up with everyone.

Please join us there so we can stay in touch.

All the information for the link to the Zoom Foyer is underneath the service in YouTube. We support each other better when we meet together regularly.

We are also on Facebook and Instagram. Keep the conversation going there.

 <https://www.facebook.com/penshurstAnglican/>

 [https://www.instagram.com/penshurst\\_anglican\\_church/](https://www.instagram.com/penshurst_anglican_church/)

# A Word from Rev. Phill

## Challenging times

When I make phone calls, the general tone I hear is anxiety.  
How long will we be in lockdown?  
How great is the danger to us?  
What happens if there is a new strain of the virus?

Unfortunately, I cannot answer these questions, but we know that anxiety is something that many Christians have experienced throughout the ages. In such times, they have found comfort in the Christian hope. Michael Perry's hymn 'He Lives in Us' resonates with the words of Romans 8:31-39, speaking to issues of human frailty, God's boundless power and our need for hope now.

## He Lives In Us

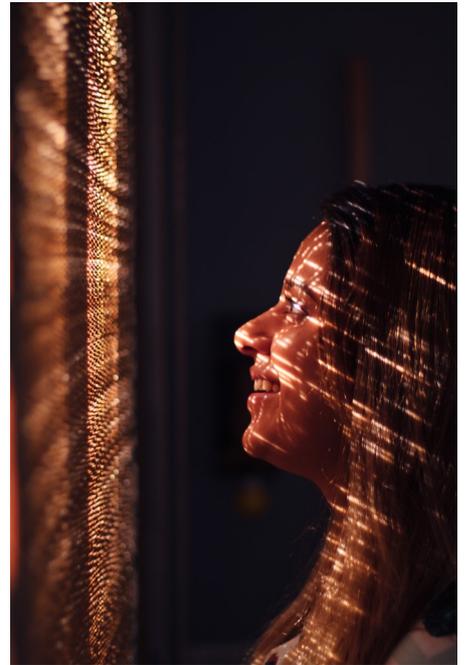
He lives in us the Christ of God, His Spirit joins with ours  
He brings to us the Father's grace with powers beyond our powers  
And if enticing sin grows strong when human nature fails  
God's Spirit in our inner self fights with us and prevails

Our pangs of guilt and fears of death are Satan's stratagems -  
By Jesus Christ who died for us God pardons who condemns  
And when we cannot feel our faith not bring ourselves to pray  
The Spirit pleads with God for us in words we could not say

God gave His Son to save us all - no greater love is known  
And shall that love abandon us who have become Christ's own  
For God has raised Him from the grave in this we stand assured  
So none can tear us from the love of Jesus Christ our Lord

Our experience of life and expectations have changed but our heavenly future has not changed. We have the Holy Spirit working within us. We have Jesus Christ interceding for us and nothing will separate us from the love of God.

Though we may experience anxiety, uncertainty and dread. Yet, by God's grace, we can endure all things because He is holding onto us.



## Bible Study & Sermon Offcuts

Are you interested in improving your private devotion time? Is your Bible Study needing refreshing? Rev Phill is leading a study in Colossians to show us how he does it. Each devotion is between 5 and 7 minutes long.

You can find Rev. Phill on the Penshurst Anglican YouTube Channel. The same place you watch the service.

Here is the link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhZ-33n9AJg&list=PLUZ8SpDQYU1Kkq5hc2OVBg63-D\\_syCn5D](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhZ-33n9AJg&list=PLUZ8SpDQYU1Kkq5hc2OVBg63-D_syCn5D)

Have a look. Leave us a comment. We would love to hear what you think.

Phill often writes a few extras that don't make it into his sermon. You can read them on his blog here:

<https://philljread.blogspot.com/>

## 2021 NAIDOC PAINTING

### Macarthur Indigenous Church

Each year the Macarthur Indigenous Church make a painting for NAIDOC week. This year's painting is full of meaning for their church, the theme was Healing for the country.

The painting below has many elements as explained by Mark Manton:

- The red background on a map of Australia represents the bloodshed of the massacres of Aboriginal people all over Australia.
- In the centre is a cross made up of boomerangs. The reason why is that our boomerangs were the source of our food, our provisions, our protection for our families. Likewise when I see the message of Jesus Christ and his death and resurrection we see that he is our source of provision, protection, our healing.
- There is blood splatter, red paint there, reminding us that Jesus was nailed to the cross so that through his blood comes our healing and our hope all wrapped up in what he completed on the cross.
- The hands of the children and young people symbolise the need for truth telling of past sorry business to our future generations along with the hope we have in Christ Jesus.
- Michael's daughter, Tori Duckett explained: "The white dots around the whole map, they represent God's grace among our people through all generations."

## Parish Council

Hi everyone,

Parish council are very mindful of all of you in lockdown and are praying for you to know Jesus' strength, patience and provision.

We met via zoom this month and are doing what work we can within the restrictions of lockdowns. The parish voted in favour of the plans for the building project and we now have a task force to finalise the details and progress the work.

Thankyou for all the great ideas which will assist us in this important project. We are also using this time to develop and implement essential policies. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact us.

Gaye and the parish council

(Kathie, Geoff, John, Hua, Yen Yen and pastor Phill)



# PAC Partners

## Julie & Andrew

Julie and Andrew and family are now in hotel quarantine in Jakarta and will send an update soon. Please pray for them as they live in strict lockdown and online learning for the children.

## Jason & Maria

Give thanks that they are now 100% financially supported. Pray that God will continue to encourage them as they await their journey to their host country.

## Elizabeth McDougall - Peshurst Girls High school

Elizabeth is working really hard at introducing the students to Jesus and faith in him. Last term she ran several seminars for Years 9 and 10 .

Please pray that the spiritual interest that has been shown by the students will grow into real faith. Pray that the Holy Spirit would give the girls soft hearts and ears to hear and understand and accept the Good News. Thank God for girls who are listening well and asking great questions.

## Michael Duckett and Macarthur Indigenous Church

Michael has been visiting other churches to update them on his work in Campbelltown. These services have been live streamed for the Macarthur congregation.

Give thanks that Michael is still able to serve during this period. Pray for the connections that he has made with the men's group.



The blooming of the wattle reminds us of the changing seasons.

God's hand is ever present in nature.

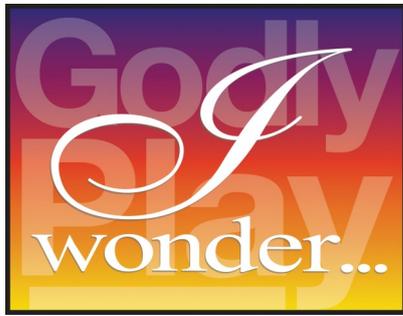
## David Lakos - St George Hospital

David has trained 7 new volunteer chaplains to assist him with the work at St George Hospital. Please pray that the formalities and documentation will be completed quickly so that they can start to serve. Ask God to encourage the volunteers as they wait their accreditation.

Pray for David's work at the hospital during this season of Covid 19 restrictions. However David is managing to connect with patients, their families and hospital staff, pray that God will bless that work. Please also pray that the Holy Spirit will give David's words impact to bring peace to those he ministers to.

## Prayer

- ◆ Give thanks for and pray for Doris as she produces the Sunday services each week.
- ◆ Pray for our children and the Sunday School team as the Children's Program resumes.
- ◆ Pray for those in our community who are struggling. Particularly those who cannot see their families or are alone.
- ◆ Pray for those in aged care homes. Lack of contact with families increases the symptoms of dementia causing greater anguish.
- ◆ Give thanks that even in this season we are able to worship together.
- ◆ Pray that more vaccination hubs will be established quickly to protect our community.



“Spending time with a child who loves Jesus will ignite your faith in ways no Bible study or class ever will.”

## Godly Play

Tiny has done a great job since her return from holidays to prepare a children’s talk. We are excited because the Children’s Ministry team is working together to bring our kids Godly Play at home.

This term is about the Old Testament journey from creation to the prophets.

We have had to be a bit creative to make sure that Godly Play continues to be fun and engaging without too much screen time.

There are four parts to the children’s service each week.

- there will be a children’s message during the video service;
- a link to Godly Play video story on YouTube;
- a parent’s information page; and
- a craft activity for the children.

We hope that the parents will enjoy watching the story with their children and do the “wondering” with them. The craft activity should be fun too. The parent’s page will give you some hints on how to approach the story each week.



# Church Finances

As you might expect this has been a bumpy year for the Church's finances. With Rev. Phill moving into the Dardenelles Street property and Pastor Bart moving out of the Carrington Street property, we went without rental income for several months.

We also needed to complete repairs on both properties to make them more comfortable to live in before the Reads and the tenants moved in. Unfortunately, not much maintenance had been completed since they were built.

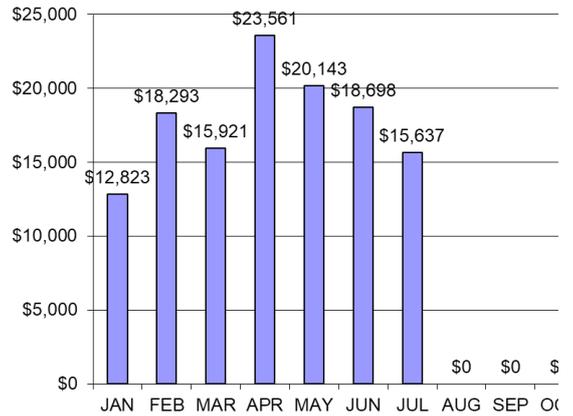
The cost of the maintenance and repairs was greater than originally budgeted for. In addition the Covid 19 restrictions means that the Hall and church use and rental is also reduced.

Church members have been faithful in their giving. We have met the Offertory budget which is good news. We need to do this, as we had budgeted to make a loss overall this year. The loss was going to be greater than our reserves on hand from last year.

With the risk of further lockdowns threatening our income.

We need to be in prayer that our situation does not deteriorate further.

PAC OFFERINGS 2021



	Budget \$	Actual \$	Variance \$
<b>Offertory</b>	118,416	124,561	+ 9,289
<b>Church/Hall Rental &amp; Other Income</b>	35,615	38,818	+ 3,203
<b>Total Income</b>	154,090	163,379	+ 9,289
<b>Expenses</b>	176,786	197,129	- 32,074
<b>Deficit</b>	- 22,695	- 33,749	- 22, 784

## Cell Groups at PAC

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.

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

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
Mothers' Group	Last Sunday of the month

Penshurst Anglican Church: 2 Carrington St, Penshurst

[www.penshurstanglican.org/](http://www.penshurstanglican.org/)

## PAC 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

## Our Pastors

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