

# WELCOME TO PENSURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

February, 2021

## Monthly Edition



*"Hope of the world"*

Luke 2:21-40



## Preaching Program

Sermon Series: **"Saviour of the world"**

14 Feb	<i>"Hope of the world"</i>	Psalm 2 Luke 2:21-40
21 Feb	<i>"Jesus' mission"</i>	Psalm 3 Luke 4:14-30
28 Feb	<i>"Lord of the Sabbath"</i>	Psalm 4 Luke 6:1-11
7 Mar	<i>"Following Jesus' teaching"</i>	Luke 6:17-49

## 'Covid-Safe' Sunday Services

**Two new church services are now being run on Sunday mornings:**

- ♦ From **9:00am - 10:00am**, *an English-only* service of Holy Communion.
- ♦ From **11:00am - 12:00pm**, *a bi-lingual* service with Communion served once a month. For families, the children will enjoy Godly Play presented in a Covid-safe manner. We will start with bi-lingual worship, prayer and news announcements together. After the news announcements, the English congregation will go to the hall and the Chinese congregation will remain in the church. Phill and David will each share the Bible and their teaching.

**Booking your seat:** Due to 2m2 rule for social distancing, our church can only accommodate a limited number of people for each service. To control numbers and ensure contact tracing **everyone must 'book' their seat in advance for the service you choose.** Please arrive early.

**\*\*We highly recommend wearing FACE MASK in church.**

**Please bring your own face mask.**

A **'live-streaming'** of our two services is also available on **YouTube** - 9:00am English-only and 11:00am Chinese-only. Please see our website ([www.penshurstanglican.org](http://www.penshurstanglican.org)) for further instructions.

## Register at the foyer

To maintain the Covid-Safe procedures, people entering and leaving the church buildings at any time are required to **check in and check out using the QR code** displayed on each glass door at the foyer entrance.

This will help us to keep a record on who was at the church and when. If there is an outbreak, the NSW health department is then able to contact those people who were at the church.



## 9:00am English Service Roster

Date	Welcome	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
14 Feb	Selina Kuok, Steven Kuok	Jeff Powys	Peter Chappell	Bing Cellabos, Cliff Seeto
21 Feb	Cliff Seeto, Kathie Johnson	Gaye Bishop	Ken Sensus	Millie Cellabos, Li Sun
28 Feb	William Lin, Michael Lin	Jeff Powys	Kathie Johnson	Bing Cellabos, Cliff Seeto
7 Mar	Gaye Bishop, Cliff Seeto	Carolyn Moore	Bing Cellabos	Kathy Johnson, Cliff Seeto

*\*If any of you are unable to come on your rostered day, please kindly arrange swap with others on the roster list.*

## 11:00am Sunday Service Roster

Date	Welcome	Music Team	Prayer	Bible Reader	Counters
14 Feb	Suzy, Frank	Team 1 - Shirley, Eve, Leo, Andrew, Pastor Phill [Joy & Bell - Hall]	Gaye	Jennifer Chan Belinda Yu	Jinbo Shi Amy Zhu
21 Feb	Eve, Leo	Team 2 - Brian, Lucy Yeung, Amy, Hua, Pastor Phill	Susan Zhang	Leo Xu Selina Kuok	Lucy Yang Bryon Chen
28 Feb	Suzy, Lucy Yang	Team 1 - Brian, Eve, Leo, Pastor Phill, Amy	Naomi Zrno	Peter Zhang Naomi Zrno	Michael Lin Belinda Yu
7 Mar	Yen Yen, Susan Zhang	Team 2 - Shirley, Gordon, Lucy Yang, Amy, [Joy - Hall]	Jennifer Chan Geoff Scrimmes	Jian Huang Joy Watkinson	Susan Zhang Jinbo Shi

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## February Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council met this Monday and are continuing to look at church staffing levels, and to develop a unified plan for the kitchen and foyer. We have been advised that before we begin any new work, we need a compliance audit to check the building work to date meets all relevant codes and regulations. We have engaged a compliance auditor.

We discussed the draft budget for 2021 with Treasurer Jeff Powys. 2020 was such an unusual year, and 2021 is full of uncertainties, so we need to base our budget on 2019 figures and make a number of assumptions. We ask you to pray with us for God's provision and leading.

Bart and Kim's house is almost ready to be rented out. Parish Council has appointed JW Realty to manage the rental.

Many of the church's systems lapsed during lockdown. Now we are back, and working on putting rosters and processes back in place. We hope to start a Covid-safe morning tea on 21 February.

Like to know more? Have something you'd like us to know? Talk to a Warden - Michael Lin, Hua Feng or Geoff Scrimmes, or a Councillor - Gaye Bishop, Merilyn Mayhew or Suzy Zhou.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, 21 February	Team Leaders' Meeting (12:30pm - Hall)	
Every Tuesday in March	Anglican Pastoral Care course (9:30am-3:00pm)	(St Aidan's Hurstville Grove)
Saturday, 20 March	Everyday peacemaking Training (8:30am-3:30pm)	(George River Life Church)

## Message from the Senior Minister - Rev Phill Read

With the start of a new year we look forward to when things return to normal. As we await that time, community is incredibly important. We to make sure that no-one is isolated

We want to assist those going through difficulties whether it be financial or emotional. We can do this in a number of ways:

### 1. Come together

Beyond Blue give the advice that we should connect with others and develop a support network. Church is a great option for this.

Coming together on Sunday helps us focus beyond our circumstances and forge relationships with each other.

### 2. Care in smaller groups

Fear, anxiety and setbacks are all difficult on our own. Cell groups are where we can share of ourselves and receive care. Cell groups are also a great means of providing practical support to others.

### 3. Reach out

A text, e-mail or call can make a huge difference. We want to reach out to those who haven't been coming so that they know we're thinking of them.

If there is someone you haven't seen for a while, why not reach out to them with a simple text, "Hi \_\_\_\_\_. I hope you're well. I miss you and I'm praying for you."

Now more than ever Christian community is important. So let get together on Sunday, in our cell groups and individually so that we face and adversity together.

## Prayer at PAC

I believe that this current calls for us to turn more and more to prayer. We want to do this as individuals but also together.

There are several ways we can engage in prayer:

### Prayer group

On Sunday nights a group prays for our church, church members and our world. You can provide prayer requests to Marilyn, Cliff, Carolyn, Gaye or Geoff Scrimmes.

### Ask for prayer

At the back of the church are prayer cards. You can fill in prayer points which we will pray for at the prayer group. If you would like a deeper time of prayer you can contact Phill who will arrange for Megan and Doris to pray with you.

### Prayer Triplets

We can pray for each other and with each other in smaller groups.

Our God hears and answers prayer. So let's cry out for his assistance.

Pastor Phill

## The Voice Goes Monthly

With a new year I've made the decision that The Voice will come out monthly. There will still be material that comes through in-between issues and this will free up Doris and Tiny for other ministries. Pastor Phill

## Anglican Pastoral Care Course

Anglicare are running their 5 week pastoral care course in our Mission Area this year, so the cost is reduced to \$150 per person for the course. It will run for every Tuesday in March 9:30am-3:00pm at St Aidan's Anglican Church, Hurstville Grove (119-121 Lansdowne St, Hurstville Grove). Speak to Phill if you'd like to attend.

## Everyday Pacemaking Training

Tired of being buffeted by conflict around you? Wondering what God is doing when peace is absent?

This first course will help you focus on what God is doing in your everyday relationships and help you be someone who makes peace rather than fakes it or breaks it!

The training is held at Georges River Life Church on Saturday 20th March 8:30am - 3:30pm. (23 Stanley St, Peakhurst)

Prices are on the website

(<https://peacewise.org.au/events/everyday-peacemaking-sydney-national-training-3/>)

## Please pray!

### For our church

This month Phill, David and Tiny have met with our Cell Leaders and Parish Council. On 21 February they will meet with Team Leaders to make plans for the year. Please pray that they will make wise decisions in line with God's plans for our church. Pray that the decisions made to date will be put in place without any trouble. Ask that God's spirit will go before them and that the meetings will be fruitful and led by the Holy Spirit rather than our own plans and desires.

### Lunar New Year

As we celebrate the Lunar New Year this week, we ask for God's blessings on our families and those in Sydney as they celebrate together. We pray that this will be a time of joy and harmony together. That the celebrations will be conducted safely and that despite our separation from loved ones abroad or interstate, we will still remember them and keep them in our hearts.

### For ourselves

This year Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 17 February. Pray that you will have a willing heart to hear God's message in the new sermon series "God Comes Through". As you hear again the story of Jesus' life and death, pray for yourself that:

*"He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper". Psalm 1:3*

Ask God to refresh your Spirit so that you might delight in Him afresh. Prepare a space in your home and life, that you may sit in silence and seek His presence. Rediscover the joy of a prayer filled life. Rekindle your love and faith in Him.

## 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/ monthly
Gaye Bishop / Joy Watkinson	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday/ 1:30pm / monthly



**JOIN A  
CELL  
GROUP**

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

**'The Quiet Place' prayer meeting - Sunday 7pm weekly**



## Penshurst Anglican Church

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### PAC Online Banking

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

**Westpac Bank, Mortdale**

**St Johns General Fund**

**Account 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