

WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

November 1, 2020

Nehemiah; “Out of the Ashes!”



Preaching Program

Current Sermon Series: **Nehemiah; “Out of the Ashes!”**

What’s the future hold for us? Can we rebuild our world out of the ashes of the Covid-19 pandemic? Can grief be a springboard to greater faith? These are some of the questions we will explore in this 12-week series of sermons.

Nov 1	“A Final Bid for Purity”	Nehemiah 13:15-22
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Starting Next Week: **“Familiar Phrases from Philippians”**

As I prepare to leave behind 24-years of ministry at Penshurst Anglican Church, I thought it best to turn to the words of the Apostle Paul as my last words to you.

Nov 8	“He who began a good work in you...”	Philippians 1:1-6
Nov 15	“To live is Christ and to die is gain.”	Philippians 1:18-26

New Sunday Services

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

- ♦ From **9:00am - 10:00am** an *English-only* service will be held which will include 2 hymns, a Bible reading, a short sermon and Holy Communion.
- ♦ From **11:00am - 12:00am**, we will have an entirely *bi-lingual* service with 2 songs, a Bible reading, a short sermon, and prayers. Holy Communion will be served just once a month. For families, there will be a simple *Children’s Program* offered in the hall during the sermon and prayer time.

Booking your seat: Due to 4m2 rule of social distancing, our church can only hold **50 people**. Therefore, **everyone** (including children), must **‘book’** their seat in advance for the service you choose. (This is the only way to control the numbers at our services and assure that we have all the necessary contact tracing details.) Online reservations will open each Monday at 9am and close 1 1/2 hours before that service begins.

(Please arrive 15 mins before the service session to allow enough time for these check-in procedures.)

Live-Stream of 11am Bi-lingual Service

A **‘live-streaming’** of the 11am Bi-lingual service is now available on **YouTube**. If you are interested in watching the service live, please go to our website (www.penshurstanglican.org) at 11am each Sunday for the YouTube link.

A recording of this service will also be available through our website.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 29	Baptism of Beatrix Ung
Sunday, Dec. 6	Bishop Peter Lin visits and preaches
Sunday, Dec. 6	Adult Baptisms (1 pm in Georges' River)
Sunday, Dec 13	Bart's final service
Thursday, Dec 17	Phill Read's Induction as Rector
Sunday, Dec. 20	Phill Read's first Sunday

Anglicare's Christmas Food Appeal

Jesus sees everyone's value. So do we.

*As a Christian organisation, **Anglicare** exists to serve people in need in our community, enrich lives and share the love of Jesus. Our belief in Jesus means we believe in hope. We believe in community. We believe everyone belongs.*

*We want to reach out to more families this year especially during these uncertain times. We aim to distribute **6000 Christmas Food hampers** and **4500 toy hampers** to families in need this Christmas.*

Below is a Shopping List to help you help Anglicare achieve this goal:

(Please place your items in the bins at the back of the church)

Food

Here are the things we include in a food hamper. (Standard sizes, as indicated, are preferred to help fit everything in neatly.)

Christmas cake
 Christmas pudding
 Tinned ham (450g)
 Tinned salmon (415g)
 Tea (50pk) or Coffee (100g)
 Milo (small tin)
 Packet of biscuits
 Dried pasta (500g)
 Pasta sauce
 Long-life milk, custard or cream
 Tinned fruit and vegetables (425g)
 Jam (500g)
 (Sadly we can't include chocolate as it's likely to melt.)

Gift ideas

(Pre-school)

Age-appropriate games
 Educational toys
 Picture books

(Children)

Good-quality toys
 Outdoor games
 Sporting equipment

(Teenagers)

Gift cards/vouchers
 Sporting equipment
 Toiletry packs



Please pray!

Pray for our new Rector

The **Rev. Phill Read** has been appointed to be our new rector. He and his wife, Colette, along with their two daughters, will start their ministry with us on December 20, 2020. Phill's induction will be held on Thursday night, Dec. 17th.

Please pray for Phill and Colette as they come to Penshurst during this very unusual time of Covid-19 and begin their ministry amongst us. Pray also as they leave their current church and settle into a new community.

Pray for Bart and Phill as they meet several times before Phill's actual start date to ensure a smooth hand-over of ministry.

Pray for the Mandarin-speaking Congregation

Now that a new rector has been appointed, it will be up to him to appoint his assistant. In our bi-lingual and multi-ethnic church, this is a very important appointment! Please pray for Phill as he begins to consider candidates for the position. Pray that he may be wise in his choice and make it in full consultation with the Mandarin-speaking cell leaders.

Pray for our Missionaries

David Lakos, senior chaplain at St. George Public Hospital in Kogarah.
Elizabeth McDougall, Special Religious Education (SRE) teacher at Penshurst Girls High

Andrew and Julie (with their three children) in Indonesia.

Michael Duckett at Macarthur Indigenous Church in Campbelltown.

J_____ and M_____ (and their children) preparing to serve with SIM in Asia.

PAC Online Banking

Since our church services have been cancelled until further notice, please give your offer-tory by direct debit using the banking details below:

Westpac Bank, Mortdale
St Johns General Fund
Account BSB: 032167
Account No: 870821