

## For Prayer

### New Minister for our Chinese Congregation

Our regional Bishop, Peter Lin, has given us his advice on getting a new Chinese Assistant to replace Aisen. In consultation with the Chinese leaders of our Diocese, Peter suggested that we should employ someone on a "causal contract" basis; that is, a contract that is reviewed every 3 months. This person would serve only as a locum to cover the interim period until a new Rector is appointed to replace Bart. Peter added, however, that there is one problem: currently, no Chinese clergy are available to serve as locum, and it is very difficult to get someone in the middle of the year. **Please keep this concern in your prayers.**

### From David Lakos, Chaplain at St. George Hospital

Our volunteer chaplains are still not yet permitted to return to their work in the hospital. The hospital's Volunteers' Manager has said she hopes it will be soon, but she is waiting on instructions from "higher up". I'm thankful that our chaplains' team has been able to keep in touch by means of weekly Zoom chats. We've also been working on how to support our volunteer chaplains when they are able to come back – adjusting to what's changed in the hospital, and coming back after such a long break.

We were not able to go ahead with the Introductory Pastoral Care Course (IPCC) which we'd planned to host in May-June as a training opportunity for potential new volunteer chaplains. We had planned to follow the IPCC with our St George chaplains' orientation course, starting in July. Please pray with us about whether we'll be able to go ahead with that – either at the time we had planned, or possibly later in the year.

Two of our volunteer chaplains usually visit regularly in the hospital's Mental Health Unit (MHU). Praise God that – even though they have not been able to continue – the staff have welcomed me to visit regularly, both in the main part of MHU and also in the Older Persons' MHU. I'd be grateful for your prayers for me in this, and especially for the people whom I get to visit. (Some of them are committed Christians, struggling with the confusion and embarrassment that can be part of the experience of mental illness.) Please always feel free to call or email with any questions about the chaplaincy team at St George.

With best wishes, **David Lakos**, Anglican chaplain

## PAC Online Banking

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

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

# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

July 12, 2020

## 'The Transforming Power of Prayer'



Today:  
**"A Bigger Vision  
with Prayer"**



## Preaching program

### Current Sermon Series: **'The Transforming Power of Prayer'**

While Covid-19 forces us to stay isolated, we are never isolated from God through prayer. Perhaps now is a good time to revitalise your prayer life and realise once again the transforming power of prayer!

July 12	<b>Part Two: Prayer Transforms the World</b> <b>"A Bigger Vision with Prayer"</b> (Gordon Fu)	Ephesians 3:14-21
July 19	<b>"Abiding in the Trinity"</b> (Carolyn Moore)	John 14:15-27
July 26	<b>"Joining with Jesus in His Prayer"</b> (Gaye Bishop)	John 17:20-26

## Annual General Meeting

**Our AGM will then be held on Sunday, August 2nd, at 1 pm.**

To prepare for this, an agenda, plus the following forms and reports, will be placed on our website.

1. **Proxy form**— by filling in this form, you can appoint someone who will be attending the AGM to vote in your place.
2. **Nomination forms**— we need to vote for a new Parish Council (made up of 6 voting members) and 2 new Synod Representatives. Your nominations for these positions are very important. They must be co-signed by the person you are nominating and seconded by someone else.
3. **Reports**— You will find reports (bilingual) from the Rector, the Treasurer, the Nominators, and the Building Committee posted on our website two weeks before the AGM. To speed up the AGM, these reports will not be read at the meeting. They will be received and/or approved by vote.
4. **Budget for 2020**— Jeff will also post the Budget for 2020 on our website. At the AGM, he will call for his proposed budget to be approved.

We intend for the AGM to last only **one hour with a 10 minute break** in the middle. To keep to this time-frame, please come prepared by having read all the reports. Also, bring your completed *proxy forms* and submit them to the AGM Secretary. You must also submit your *nomination forms* in advance of the meeting to the Secretary.

The following items will be voted on at the meeting:

- ◆ The **2020 Budget** as proposed by Treasurer.
- ◆ **Building Works** as proposed by the Building Sub-Committee.
- ◆ Two **Church Wardens** (the third one is selected by the Rector).
- ◆ Three **Parish Councillors** (a fourth can be selected by the Rector).
- ◆ Two **Synod Representatives**.

## Coming Back to Church!

According to the 4m2 rule of social distancing, our church can only hold 50 people (we do not intend to open the balcony area). After consulting with the Wardens, we have decided to recommence church services on **Sunday, August 2nd**. This gives us plenty of time to put all the necessary protocols in place (and Bart can also take his Long-service Leave).

There will be **two morning services** offered on Sunday: **9:30am and 11am**. They will be bi-lingual and average around **30 minutes** in length. They will be composed of reflective bi-lingual music, bi-lingual responsive Bible readings, bi-lingual prayers and Holy Communion. The main idea is for us to experience face-to-face worship in community once again.

Before we can open up, however, one essential step is to set up a 'booking platform' on our church website where everyone 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 contract tracing details.) Doris is currently working on setting this up.

We will also need **a team of trained volunteer 'door keepers'** who can verify your 'ticket', check your temperature upon entry and make sure your hands are sanitised. They will also give you a pre-packaged alcohol wipe to use after the service (see below). It is also encouraged that you bring your own face mask. Michael Lin will be organising this team.

Please don't forget that **sermons will continue to be offered online only**.

At the end of each service, you will use the **alcohol wipe** that was given to you at entry to wipe down the immediate area in which you were seated. You will also be dismissed by seating sections so the doorways do not get crowded. During the time gap between services, we will need several volunteers to wipe down all the remaining surfaces with an alcohol-based disinfectant.

**There will be no social gathering allowed on the church grounds after the services**, but please feel free to head to a café or to someone's home for fellowship.

