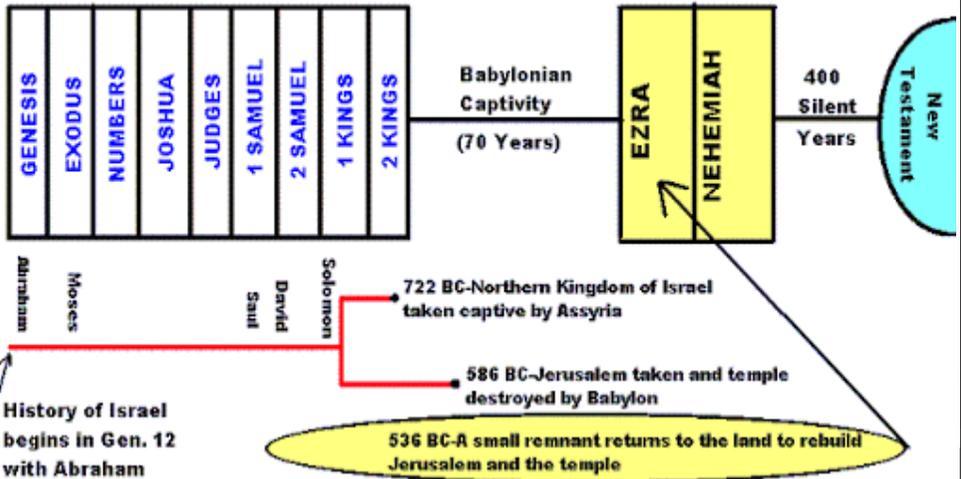


# WELCOME TO PENSHURST ANGLICAN CHURCH

September 27, 2020

## Nehemiah; “Out of the Ashes!”

### THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL



Today:  
“The Old Story Retold”



## On-line 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.

Sept 27	<b>“The Old Story Retold”</b>	Nehemiah 9:1-5a
Oct 4	<b>“Covenant Renewal”</b> (Geoff Scrimmes preaches)	Nehemiah 10:28-39
Oct 11	<b>“A New City; A New Nation”</b>	Nehemiah 11:1-4a, 20-36

**Please note:** A shorter version of these sermons will be preached **one week later** in our ‘live’ church services.

## 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

Over the past two weeks, Doris has been successfully experimenting with putting a ‘live-stream’ service of the 11am Bi-lingual service up on YouTube. If you are interested in watching the service live, please go to our website ([www.penshurstanglican.org](http://www.penshurstanglican.org)) for the YouTube link. A recording of this service will also be available through our website.

Due to time constraints, the sermon will be shortened. For those who want the longer version of the sermon, you can still find it on our website as an audio (MP3) file.

## New Rector Announced

On Sunday, the Wardens announced the appointment of our new rector. He is **Rev. Phill Read**, currently serving as the Assistant Minister at West Lindfield Anglican Church. He and his wife, Colette, along with their two daughters, will be joining us for their first service on December 20, 2020. Please pray for Phill and Colette as they come to Peshurst 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. Bart and Phill will be meeting several times before Phill's actual start date to ensure a smooth hand-over of ministry.

## Thank you, Nominators!

The church would like to express their appreciation and gratitude for all the work of the nominators during many months and especially during this time of Covid 19 which brought new challenges. **Doris, Gaye, Jennifer, Michelle, William and Megan** have all contributed their time, skills, and many hours of prayer in searching for our new senior rector.

A special thanks goes to Doris who led the nominators committee and made sure all the zoom meetings, research, and church visits proceeded as planned. Above all, thank you to our heavenly Father for guiding, communicating with, and leading the nominators to pastor Phill Read and his wife Colette.

## Parish Council Report

Parish Council met this Monday and have embarked on the sad business of farewelling our dear pastor Bart and his wife Kim, and preparing to welcome our new pastor, Phill Read and his wife Colette. Bart and Phill will arrange several meetings for Bart to hand over to Phill the documents, protocols, knowledge and wisdom involved in pastoring our church.

We reviewed the foyer as it approaches completion, and actually enjoyed meeting inside the new foyer. As part of securing Bart and Tiny's offices, we can now lock the foyer. So that hall hirers can access a toilet when the foyer is locked, we will install a toilet at the top of the stairs at the back of the hall. We discussed various maintenance issues, including attending to long-term leaks in the church roof. We have an initial plan

## Parish Council Report (continued)

for the new kitchen, and Geoff Scrimmes will soon be seeking feedback on it from the people who use the kitchen.

Bart advised us of the new protocols for Sunday School teachers to meet Safe Ministry requirements. Each teacher now needs to complete an application form. Sunday School teachers can learn more at the Sunday School meeting tomorrow night.

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, Marilyn Mayhew or Suzy Zhou.

## Please pray!

### Pray for the Mandarin-speaking Congregation

Since the day that Aisen resigned, the Chinese congregation has been without a Minister. Our regional Bishop, Peter Lin, has suggested that we should employ someone temporarily, 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 may be very difficult to get someone in the middle of the year.

### 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 two sons) 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