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Welcome to Perth Alliance Church English

A warm welcome to our Service today, especially if you are here for the first time.

Sunday 24th September 2017 Thanksgiving & Testimony

Prelude	Shih Ching
Welcome and Opening Prayer	Shih Ching
Worship in Songs and Music	Lilian
First Bible Reading (Philippians 4:4-9)	Louis
Offering	Jane / Shih Lon
Announcements	Shih Ching
Thanksgiving & Testimony	All
Responsive Song	Lilian
Doxology & Closing Prayer	Shih Ching

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen!

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Cantonese Congregation

Time 0900am
Address 324 Belmont Ave,
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English Congregation

Time 1000am
Address Unit 6, 41 Belmont Ave,
Belmont, WA 6104

Mandarin Congregation

Time 1130am
Address 324 Belmont Ave,
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notices.

- 1. Prayer Meeting** – Our next prayer meeting will be held on Sunday 1st October 2017 at 9.00am. Please come and join us as we pray for the community of Belmont, for the world, for our nation, for our missionaries, for our city, for our church and for one another.
- 2. Holy Communion** – We will be sharing in Holy Communion next Sunday 1st October 2017. Please prepare your heart.
- 3. AGM** – We give thanks for a successful AGM last Sunday. Thank you to all who attended. Congratulations to Jason on being elected as our deacon. Please continue to pray for the newly elected South Church Deacons: Jason Wong, Wilson Zhuo, Philip Chan, and Catherine Chan.
- 4. Office Closed** – Please note our church office will be closed this Tuesday 26th September 2017 after Queen's Birthday public holiday.
- 5. CEC Survey** – Thank you to everyone who completed and returned a survey form last week. A total of 45 people from all three congregations of PACS returned survey forms. So far we potentially have about \$146,080 in gifts, and \$141,000 in interest free loans, making a total of about \$287,080 which people think they may be able to give towards the project of building a two-storey house at 39A Keane St. This is a great result! If you haven't yet returned your survey form, please do so today. Additional survey forms are available at the back of the church.
- 6. Southern Thailand STM** – Ben Wong's CCMN mission team in Southern Thailand are kindly hosting a Short Term Mission team from PAC to serve for 10 days alongside the LTM team amongst the predominantly Muslim people in the Satun and Pattani provinces in Thailand. Dates: 5th-20th January 2018. Completed Registration forms are now due to be returned.
- 7. Electronic Bulletin** – You can download the Bulletin and the latest sermons from the website, <http://www.pacenglish.com.au/>, as well as find out what's happening at PACE.
- 8. C&MA Council 2018 in Perth** – The annual Council of the C&MA of Australia will be held in Perth on 31st January to 3rd February 2018. Council is the governing body of the Alliance in Australia, at which all significant decisions affecting the denomination are made. In addition to a time of great fellowship with members from across the country, it is also an excellent opportunity to learn more about the society, its mission and how it operates. Plan to attend!
- 9. Volunteers for Council 2018** - The C&MA Council will be held in Perth 31st Jan-3rd Feb 2018, at Trinity College near UWA. The organising Committee is looking for volunteers to assist with the following ministries: 1. Drivers to transport delegates to/from the airport; 2. A crèche coordinator; 3. Volunteers to help care for children in the crèche. All volunteers would need to be available on some or all of the above dates. If you would like to help, please speak to Rolf.
- 10. Pray for the persecuted church** – ASSYRIANS IN IRAQ REQUEST PRAYER AS KURDS 'PLAY WITH FIRE' Between June and August 2014, some 130,000 Assyrian Christians were driven from their homes in Mosul and the Nineveh Plains by ISIS. Most found refuge in Iraqi Kurdistan. Now as their lands are liberated, Assyrians are trickling back into their towns and villages. However, talk of Kurdish independence has sent tensions soaring. Christians fear the Kurds will seize the Assyrian heartland of the Nineveh Plains. The Iraqi Government, Turkey, Iran and essentially all Shi'ites have vowed to stop the Kurds annexing oil-rich Kirkuk. Chaldean Patriarch Louis Raphael Sako's urgent appeal is for 'courageous dialogue'. Lamenting that 'some have already started beating the war drums', he appeals for peace, noting war would be 'disastrous', especially for minorities who, as usual, would 'pay a high price'. Please pray for Iraq and its Christians.

sermon notes.

3 Reasons to Vote 'No'

1. The Impact on schools

When marriage is redefined, there are consequential changes in education programs and policies in schools, and parents are increasingly excluded from having a say in the sex education of their children.

"The logic is simple: if the law says homosexual/bisexual/transsexual 'marriage' is normal and right, schools will be obliged, by anti-discrimination law, to teach the homosexual/bisexual/transsexual behaviour is normal and right."¹

2. The Impact on Freedoms

The push to redefine marriage threatens more than just religious freedom. The most far-reaching threat is to the freedom of individuals to voice their opinion in this debate, and to associate with others who do the same.

There has also been pressure placed on individuals within companies for having associations unrelated to their employment outside of working hours. Former PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) executive Mark Allaby was forced to step down from the board of the Australian Christian Lobby after activists suggested that this did not accord with the firm's pro-LGBTI stance. A PwC spokesperson was quoted as saying: "When it comes to employee participation on external boards, if a conflict arises between an employee's board role and the best interests of PwC, we would request that they step down from that board."

3. Impact on Children

"Despite being certified by almost all major social science scholarly associations – indeed, in part because of this – the alleged scientific consensus that having two parents of the same sex is innocuous for child wellbeing is almost wholly without basis." American College of Pediatricians, Family Watch International, Loren D. Marks, Mark D. Regnerus and Donald Paul Sullins

The legalisation of same-sex marriage will have the effect of depriving children raised within these marriages of their right to be raised by their biological parents. Those who claim that there is no consequence for children of such deprivation base their assertions on studies lacking the scientific rigour required to make that claim.

¹ David van Gend, *Stealing From a Child: The Injustice of 'Marriage Equality'*, 2016, p. 89

ROSTER		
Role	This Week	Next Sunday
Roster Coordinator	Jane	Adeline
Chairperson	Shih Ching	Fred
Singspiration Leader	Lilian	Caleb
Preacher	Thanksgiving	Sylvia
Bible Reading	Louis	Simeon
Welcome/Ushers	Jane / Shih Lon	Hope / Jarvis
Sound Desk	Jono	Taige
Logistics Stewards	Taige	Chen
Refreshment Stewards	Steve	Monique
Kids Leader	Nonna	Janice
Kids – Assistant (Food)	Chris	Lilian

OFFERING			
Items	Total (14/9-20/9)	Budgeted	Discrepancy amount of budgeted From 1/7 to last week (20/9)
One Tenth	\$ 3,340.00	\$2,838.54	-
Thanks Giving	\$ 300.00	-	-
Cash	\$ 530.40	-	-
Total (General Fund)	\$ 4,170.40	\$ 2,838.54	\$ 2,316.52
PAC Mission 365	\$ 625.00	\$ 321.35	(\$ 2,131.20)
Church Equipment	-	\$ 1.52	(\$ 18.24)
Library	-	\$ 0.17	(\$ 2.04)
Pastor Training	-	\$ 9.10	(\$ 109.20)
Children Ministry	-	\$ 0.08	(\$ 0.96)
Church Expansion	-	\$ 3.68	(\$ 34.16)
Total (Other Funds)	\$ 625.00	\$ 335.90	(\$ 2,295.80)
*Great Commission	\$ 250.00	\$ 335.00	(\$ 5,636.00)
Love Offering Redirect	\$ 850.00	-	-
<i>Note: Financial year is from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 ; *Great Commission is from 1 Nov. 2016 to 31 Oct. 2017</i>			

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE								
	English	Mand.	Cant.	South	Mand.	Cant.	North	Total
Adult	46	70+12	133	261	63+4	123+3	193	454
Children	4	18	20	42		39	39	81
Total	50	100	153	303		232	232	535



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