

CHURCH TODAY

23 December

9.30am: Dale

The Most Blessed Woman

Bible Readings:

Mic 5.2-5a;
Song of Mary (Lk 1.47-55);
Heb 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

Alive@5 in recess till Feb 3

CHRISTMAS

24 December

11.30pm: Dale

25 December

9.30am: Dale

A Very Strange Event

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 9.2-7; Ps 96; Tit 3.4-8a;
Luke 2.1-20

NEXT WEEK

30 December

9.30am: Dale

Two Old People

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 52.7-10; Psalm 118;
Col 3.12-17; Luke 2.22-40

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 1.14 ESV

The Church on the Rise St Mark's Bassendean

Sunday Meetings

Every Sunday

9.00am Prayer Time

9.30am Family Communion

including Children's Ministry (Godly Play) in term time

5pm *Alive@5* in recess till Feb 3

Learning from the Word: Practising by the Spirit
Meet, Eat, Praise, Practise, Pray

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Anglican Community Fund Westpac

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Name: Anglican Parish Bassendean.

Please identify payment, ie offering.

No need to use your name if you prefer not.

More info from Jenny



CHURCH ON THE RISE
St. Mark's Anglican Church Bassendean



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Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

*Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love
in Bassendean and beyond.*

23 - 25 December 2018

A dangerous Christmas

Does it seem strange that Christians are being murdered, attacked and beaten up in many places around the world this Christmas? And in other places that their story is being rubbished or just erased from view? Not that it only happens at Christmas, but Christmas highlights the practice.

Someone has said that Christmas is the most famous birthday – bar none. But the person whose birthday is celebrated continues to be the object of significant hostility.

It was always the case. In at least two places the Bible describes the attempted murder of Mary's baby. It was so dangerous for Jesus and his parents that they became refugees and fled to Egypt. They had to remain as displaced persons some years before it was safe to return to their homeland.

His public ministry was fraught with danger and ended in a legalised lynching.

It makes you wonder why anyone would want to be associated with him and his cause. Of course most don't. And others only want to be associated under very controlled and safe conditions. That is, conditions that they consider to be under their control.

But such an association is of little value. It certainly does not bring a person into contact with the heart and spirit of Jesus. What it does is to make Jesus into a kind home-made god, a sort of religious mascot.

Jesus is a dangerous person: more dangerous than those who are against him. He is not a person we can protect ourselves against. He claims to possess total authority inside and outside the universe. He came to birth to bring humanity together under his rule. So it is not surprising that a major part of his life was to make clear that he really was the one who should be obeyed, not just admired.

But he came to birth also to fix up things between humans and God. His death, while appearing to be a victory for his enemies, was the means by which humans were reconciled to God. How did this work? Simply. He had become human. He took our humanity to death, killed it off so to speak, allowed himself to suffer what God had said ought to happen to rebellious humans who claimed to know better than God.

And then was raised from death. Taken to the highest place on God's throne. Simple. There was a new human. A replacement for Adam and his kind if you like. Well, more like a completion. What Adam and his kind were meant to end up like. He said that by associating with him (obeying him, that is) others could share this life. Dangerous but absolutely safe.

Dale

WELCOME

Welcome to Church on the Rise. We are a growing active Anglican church of all ages and walks of life, seeking to grow in the likeness of Christ and welcome new members and visitors

Please relax and enjoy the worship and fellowship. Are you **new to this church**? Please make yourself known to one of the ministers or service leaders. You may also like to complete and return the **Welcome Form**.

The **Order of Service** may be followed on the screen.

Children are welcome. Ministries to children (Godly Play) take place during the service in term time.

The **toilets** are located in the church hall.

The **Holy Communion** is open to all believers. Visitors are welcome to receive Communion if they normally take it in their own church. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the minister when you come to communion. If you would like some people to **pray for you**, our **Prayer Team** is available during Communion at the east end of the church, near the stained glass window, or they can pray for you where you sit.

After the service please join us for tea or coffee and a chat in the hall.

The Prayer of the Week December 23

Gracious God, you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer for Christmas

Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grat that we being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever. Amen

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pointers for Prayer Partners

Pray for

heart and mind renewal at St Mark's
Archbishop Kay, Bishop Jeremy, and a new minister or curate
The Commissioned Ministry Teams as they start: Mainly
Music; Families with Children; Bassendean's Got Talent;
Gospellers;
the Gospellers for those who have been visited
increased giving
Christmas Services

Join others on Sundays at 9.00am

Or pray on your own or with friends whenever you can

TEAR Fund Useful Gifts

\$655 was given to TEAR through the useful gifts shop that ran for the last month. Thank you Denese.

For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, 13 while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. 14 He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds.

Titus 2.1

Graham Tour 2019 Two generations, one Gospel message

Franklin Graham is honouring the 60th anniversary of his father's historic outreach by holding his own evangelistic events across Australia to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Talk to Joy or go to the website to see how you can get involved: <https://grahamtour.billygraham.org/>

Be an ANDREW

This is an amazing opportunity for people to take their friends and relatives along to Perth Arena, to hear the amazing Good News of Jesus Christ, the hope we have in Him, and that they can have hope in Jesus. You can be part of this amazing opportunity by simply praying for someone - a friend or relative - to bring them to the Franklin Graham Event on 9th February in the Perth Arena. Consider what it would mean to someone if you were to share this gift with them, it could be life changing.

When Andrew the disciple heard John the Baptist refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, he responded immediately and went to find his brother Simon to tell him "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. John 1:41-42.

You too can be like Andrew the disciple and introduce a friend to Jesus, it starts by committing to pray for them. *[With thanks to Katrina Holgate]*

Sermons on YouTube and Audio

Can now be heard and watched on our website

stmarksbassendean.church

DEADLINE: 5pm each Wednesday for notices for this pewsheet, email Update, or the Sunday Powerpoint slides. Please ring, email or sms Dale.

St Mark's Mission Projects (and Reps)

Barnabas Fund (); CMS (Joy); BCA (Murray); SU (Ros);
12 Buckets (); TEAR Fund (Denese Playford)

Weekday Meetings

Weekly

Mondays

1.00pm Bible Study Group
At St Mark's Contact Joy

7.00pm Women's Study Group

Contact Donna 0401 615819

Tuesdays

6.30pm Men's Bible Study Grp
Contact John Yates

Wednesdays

4pm Choir Practice

6pm Youth Bible Study (2weekly)

Contact David Elsing

Monthly

Sundays

Church in the Park St Matthew's
4pm on 1st Sunday

Messy Church at St Matthew's
4pm on 4th Sunday

Mondays

Mothers' Union

1pm on 3rd Monday

Contact Helen Frankel

Thursdays

Contemplation, Conversation & Coffee

10.30am on the 3rd Thursday

Contact Eileen Bouwman
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Saturdays

Men's Breakfast

8am on 3rd Saturday

Contact Greg King 0415 052 244

Guildford Men's Breakfast

8am on 1st Saturday

Corrections and additions to Dale