

CHURCH TODAY

7 April

9.30am: John
The Ambitious Assistants
Luke 22.7-38

Bible Readings:
Zech 9.9-13; Psalm 27.7-14;
Col 2.20-23; Luke 22.7-23

5pm John
4. Beautifying the Bride

Bible Readings:
Isa 60:1-14; Rev 21:1-14

NEXT WEEK

14 April

9.30am: Dale
The Leaders who went the wrong way
Luke 22.66 - 23.25

Bible Readings:
Dan 7.13-15; Psalm 118.1-14;
Phil 2.5-11; Luke 22.66 - 23.4

5pm Dale
How to Pray for Missionaries

Bible Readings:
John 15.26 - 16.11; Ac 4.23-31

The Prayer of the Week

Our Father,
Jesus died for us,
and gave us his Spirit,
so that we could live for you:
please help us to do what you want,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

...the greatest among you
must become like the
youngest, and the leader like
one who serves. For who is
greater, the one who is at the
table or the one who serves?
Is it not the one at the table?
But I am among you as one
who serves.

Luke 22.26

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

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We encourage people to use direct deposit or direct debit

Anglican Community Fund Westpac
BSB: 036 810 **A/c No:** 300070717
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



Church Council

Minister:
Dale Appleby
Church Wardens
Shirley Landon
David Elsing
Roger Wright
Councillors
Wendy Corner
Greg King
Mary Lindsey
Jennifer Murray
Julie Nelson-White
Marilyn Wright
John Yates

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

7 April 2019

Missionaries to China 4

In 1816 the 20 year old Walter Medhurst left London to work as a printer at Malacca with the famous William Milne, and later Robert Morrison. He was one of dozens of missionaries who left England (and other countries) to bring the gospel to China. Unlike another large group of missionaries who had gone to India in the wake of the East India Company (which didn't want missionaries around and often impeded their work), this group was aiming to enter a closed country.

China would not open its borders for another 30 or so years (as a result of the disgraceful British led opium wars).

So in the meantime these missionaries of the Ultra Ganges Mission settled in Malacca, Penang and especially Batavia (now Jakarta to where Medhurst sailed in the *Amity*) which had the largest population of Chinese outside of China.

They set up printing presses, and Medhurst was instrumental in helping design a way of printing Chinese with fonts instead of blocks. He became fluent in Malay, Hokkien and Fujian.

One year he and a colleague made a trip up the coast of China visiting ports and distributing 20,000 books and Bibles. Foreigners were not allowed in China at this stage, but they went ashore and met the local officials and told they had come to do good, and before they were told to leave they gave away books and preached to the crowds that gathered.

By the 1850s a revised translation of the Bible in Chinese was printed. Medhurst returned to England in 1857 for only the second time since he had left and died a few days later.

On his previous trip he had just arrived in England only to hear that his 16 year old daughter who had married a fellow missionary just before the parents left Batavia, had died. Death was a recurring event in the lives of these missionaries: mothers in childbirth, babies dying, men and women dying from tropical diseases. Grief and tragedy was part of their life. Most remained faithful and persevered.

Here was persistent, faithful work. Although these early missionaries established schools and preached often in the market places, they saw few converts. It was the next generation headed by Hudson Taylor who saw the growth. But Medhurst and the others laid a foundation of knowledge of the culture and language - and a translation of the Bible. **To be continued**

WELCOME

Welcome to St Mark's. We are an 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.

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers

AFES Christian Union at ECU Mt Lawley

Give thanks for students in Bible studies and one-to-ones. Please pray that they keep turning up for one another in busy times and growing in their relationships and understanding of God's Word together.

Pray for faith for enquirers, strong foundations for new believers and, for everyone, the desire to live for Jesus.

Please pray for faithfulness and wisdom for AFES staffworker, Toni Ollis, in connecting with Christian students, reaching out to others and engaging international students.

Mission Project Giving

Each month the Church Council sets aside 10% of our giving, and divides it equally between our 6 Mission Projects. You are able to give on top of this amount by earmarking gifts to any of the Mission Groups. See Jenny for more info. Or one of the Reps if you would like to know more about a particular Mission. One reason we have Mission Reps is because we want people to know about the Missions we contribute to, and to pray and support them in other ways.

Godly Play Needs Helpers

We are looking for new people to join the team either as Door Person (support person) or to do the training to be a Storyteller. More info from Ros, Julie or Sue.

Church Council Property Consultation

Thank you to all who took part last Sunday and also to those who submitted ideas in writing to Church Council.

ABM Boxes

Will those who are collecting money in ABM boxes please return the boxes to the church.

Good Friday and Easter at St Mark's

Good Friday
9.00am Prayer Time
9.30am Family Communion
Easter Day
9.00am Prayer Time
9.30am Family Communion
5pm *Alive@5*

Giving at St Mark's

We are praying and giving towards the goal of being able to support a full-time minister. Church Council has decided that as well as paying Dale 3/6 of a stipend we will put aside 2/6 so that our giving is up to 5/6 of a stipend. So please pray and give generously as the Lord enables you to give. We are looking for around \$10,000 Total Giving per month.

	ENVEL OPES	DIRECT GIVING	OPEN	TOTAL GIVING	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME	EXPEND ITURE
May	5,139	2,260	929	8,328	2,216	10,544	7,582
June	3,540	1,870	816	6,226	131	6,357	5,384
July	3,374	2,315	941	6,630	2,036	8,666	10,799
August	5,836	3,048	1,414	10,298	1,303	11,601	8,687
September	3,898	1,635	818	6,351	1,930	8,281	10,557
October	3,891	2,865	856	7,612	1,523	9,135	8,693
November	5,060	1,565	1,220	7,845	1,488	9,334	12,135
December	3,271	1,765	603	5,639	2,014	7,653	12,211
January	6,277	2,345	1,670	10,292	3,004	13,297	7,398
February	4,055	1,795	976	6,826	1,280	8,106	19,174
March	5384	1810	1442	8636	3426	12062	7207

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 (John Y); **CMS** (Joy); **BCA** (Murray); **SU** (Ros);
AFES ECU Mt Lawley (David); **TEAR Fund** (Denese Playford)

Weekday Meetings

Weekly

Mondays

7.00pm **Women's Study Group**
Contact Donna 0401 615819

Tuesdays

9.30am **Mainly Music** **Starts Term 2**
Contact Talia Elsing

6.30pm **Men's Bible Study Grp**
Contact John Yates

Wednesdays

10am **Coffee & Chat**
Contact Jenny Murray

4pm **Choir Practice**

6pm **Youth Bible Study** (2weekly)
Contact David Elsing

Thursdays

5.30pm **Men's Prayer Meeting**
This week **at St Mark's**
Contact John

Monthly

Sundays

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

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