

## CHURCH TODAY

19 April Good Friday

9.30am: John

*The Very Happy Executioner*  
Luke 23.26-49

### Bible Readings:

Is 52.13 - 53,12;; Psalm 22; 1 Cor 1.18-31; Luke 23.26-49

21 April Easter Day

9.30am: Dale

*The Unbelieving Disciples*  
Luke 24.1-12

### Bible Readings:

Is 25.6-9; Psalm 118.15-29; Col 3.1-4; Luke 24.1-12

5pm Dale

*Who needs Missionaries?*

### Bible Readings:

Acts 11.19-26; 2 Cor 4.1-12

## NEXT WEEK

28 April

9.30am: Bishop Jeremy

### Bible Readings:

Acts 5.27-32; Ps 118.14-29; Rev 1.4-8; John 20.19-31

5pm John

*The End of Revival*

### Bible Readings:

Ps 110; Acts 2.14-41

... in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.

1 Cor 15.20 NLT

# 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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*More info from Jenny*



# CHURCH ON THE RISE

# Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

Good Friday and Easter 2019

## Why did Jesus die?

The simple answer is, "Because of death." But why should there be death in the first place? How come? If God created everything good, why did he make humans who died? He didn't. He made them so they could live with him forever.

But something went wrong with the humans he made. To tell the truth, the humans went wrong. They had a difference of opinion with God as to who decides – who gets to say how things should be. They tried to have a kind of coup, a takeover, pushed God out, you could say. The only trouble is they weren't capable of running the world like God. Certainly not capable of living like God – you know: always just, fair, good, loving, caring ...

Needless to say God was not too happy about this attempted coup – not that it made any difference to him acting as God. But it did make a difference to the humans acting as humans. Now they had god-sized swelled heads. And they continued to act as though he wasn't really God - or wasn't really there.

So God was in the right to condemn them to death – especially since he had warned them beforehand that that is what would happen. Death was also the only solution for humans who now had it in their make-up to act as pretend gods. There didn't seem any other way to rid the race of that delusion and corruption.

But it kind of spoiled God's plan for a wonderful human race that he could enjoy friendship with. Who can be friends with people who are all the time treating you as an inferior, except when they want you to do something for them? So what to do?

What if God became one of these humans—but without the corruption? What if he acted on their behalf, as their representative, and died as they did? Died a death that substituted for their deaths. That carried their condemnation for them. So they could escape condemnation.

Sounds good. But isn't the result just one more dead human? Ahh, but what if God raised him from death? What if God brought that human being back to life in a body that was no longer in danger of death? And started a new race that could have a future friendship with God that would never end with death?

And what if God promised all the other humans that this man's death could be their death and that by believing this promise they too could join his new resurrection race and enjoy a life with God forever. What if?

Would you join him? And treat him as God?

Dale

## 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.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for

themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their

trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Cor 5.14-21

### From the author of Alice in Wonderland

This Easter sun will rise on you dear child, feeling your "life in every limb," and eager to rush out into the fresh morning air - and many an Easter day will come and go, before it finds you feeble and grey-headed, creeping wearily out to bask once more in the sunlight - but it is good, even now, to think sometimes of that great morning when the "Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in its wings".

Surely your gladness need not be the less for the thought that you will one day see a brighter dawn than this - when lovelier sights will meet your eyes than any waving trees or rippling waters - when angel hands shall undraw your curtains, and sweeter tones than ever loving mother breathed shall wake you to a new and glorious day - and when all the sadness, and all the sin, that darkened life on this little earth, shall be forgotten like the dreams of a night that is past.

**Lewis Carroll**

### The Prayer of the Week

#### Good Friday

Almighty God, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and to be given into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

#### Easter Day

Almighty God, you have conquered death through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above, so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory. Amen

## 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 xxx**  
**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** Roger

**Guildford Men's Breakfast**  
8am on 1st Saturday

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

Not This Week

Not This Month