

## CHURCH TODAY

28 July

**9.30am:** Dale

*The Surprise Turning Jon 3*

**Bible Readings:**

Jon 3.1-10; Ps 86; Acts 14.8-20;  
Lk 18.9-14

**5pm John**

*Prayer with Jesus*

**Bible Readings:**

Heb 7:11-25; John 17:20-26

### NEXT WEEK

4 August

**9.30am:** Dale

*Mercy Grace & Anger Jon 4*

**Bible Readings:**

Jon 4.1-11; Ps 139.13-24;  
Acts 17.10-15; Lk 11.29-32

**5pm John**

*The Spirit helps the weak*

**Bible Readings:**

Rom 8:16-30; John 14:15-26

Godly Play this week: The Great Family

## 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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St Marks Bassendean YouTube



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### Bank Account

*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

## Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

28 July 2019

### Sackcloth and Ashes

A missionary in China, Geoffrey Bull, was held captive by the communists after the Second World war. After his release he wrote reflections on the book of Jonah.

He comments on the repentance of the Ninevites:

Three things displayed the Ninevites' repentance; their fasting, sackcloth and their ashes. Each one pronounced a clear-cut "No!" Fasting said "No!" to appetite. Sackcloth said "No!" to appearance. Ashes said "No!" to ambition. All that in which they gloried, suddenly became their shame. The things of gain became their loss and everything was forfeit in the light of God.

Repentance always means a 'fasting'; a "No!" to self, whatever the abstention....All repentance has its sackcloth. Clothes ... fortify ephemeral distinctions. They tell of our rank, our finance, our profession...who will lay aside their royal apparel? In the edict of the humble king God's Spirit speaks. It is the wisdom from above, born of God's fear.

First he says 'Stop'. Not initially from sinning but rather from lawful acts of life. Stop eating, drinking, tending cattle. the mundane things of life have always blinded people to crisis. It was so when the ark door closed. All things continued as they were. They ate, they drank, they married. Then judgement fell. Had they once stopped 'the ordinary'. they might have heard 'the extra-ordinary', that is God's sacred word through Noah.

So will it be at last, when Christ returns in power. Sleeping and eating, working and drinking, marrying and begetting, today's dark world will come to judgement - the means of living still accepted as the ends of life. The one who repents must stop. Stop for reflection, stop for inspection and stop for correction. We cannot kneel in ashes and take our breakfast too.

Dale

### The Prayer of the Week

O God, the protector of all that trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that, with you as our guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."

Acts 14.15

## 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

### Barnabas Fund

Barnabas Fund is an international interdenominational Christian organisation dedicated to meeting the practical and spiritual needs of Christians experiencing persecution, oppression and discrimination across the world. It does this by working in equal partnership with the suffering Church. Its mechanisms include financial support for projects aiding harassed believers, encouraging prayer for the persecuted Church, raising awareness across the Body of Christ of the hidden needs of oppressed followers of Jesus and contesting systemic injustice, e.g. through letter writing campaigns. This is a ministry from Christian, through Christians to Christians. The organisation does not receive government aid, and 100% of finances donated to a specific project go to that project i.e. no admin overheads. Barnabas has a local WA rep who is scheduled to visit and share with us later this year.

More info from John



## Church Council Call for Prayer and Wisdom



Our new Council last week and spent a long time discussing the future of paid ministry at St Mark's. Council has been working towards being able to employ a full time minister from next year. However our giving is discouraging. So we are asking everyone at St Mark's to spend the next month in prayer about two matters:

**One** is to consider which of these four kinds of ministers we think the Lord is leading us to employ:

- a) a half time retired locum
- b) an honorary retired locum and a full time trainee ordained curate
- c) a half time retired locum and a half time lay family and youth minister
- d) a full time active minister

The **second** is to ask the Lord to supply enough money for us to give to achieve this.

In August Council will invite all of us to meet to share what we think the Lord is calling us to.

### Gospellers Team

Is looking for new members. Do you have a heart for sharing the gospel? Do you think the Lord is calling you to help St Mark's do this? Would you like to know more? Please speak to Joy, Andrew P, or Denese.

### TEAR 2019 WA State Gathering; Journeying towards justice together.

Come along to the TEAR WA Gathering and be encouraged and equipped to work for a more just and compassionate world.

Saturday, 3 August  
at North Beach Baptist Church; 9am - 1pm

### A conversation about Euthanasia and end of life issues

Thursday 1st August 2019 7:30pm  
at St Alban's Anglican Church, Highgate  
Hear from a panel including

- Professor Doug Bridge - Palliative care Specialist
- Peter Abetz- Australian Christian Lobby
- Gary Budrikus - Geriatric Psychiatrist
- Thom Bull -Lecturer in Theology and Ethics

There will be an opportunity to ask questions of the panel.

### Sermons on YouTube and Audio

Can now be heard and watched on our website  
[stmarksbassendean.church](http://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)

**Coffee and Chat**  
Wednesday's  
10am - 12pm  
St Marks Anglican Church Hall  
Come inside and enjoy a morning of free activities for all ages and abilities  
Beginning 20th March  
Practice English Conversation  
Storytelling  
Cuppa and biscuit  
Gardening tips  
Book swap Board games  
2 Wilson St Bassendean  
www.stmarksbassendean.church

## Weekday Meetings

### Weekly

#### Mondays

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

#### Tuesdays

9.30am **Mainly Music**  
**Contact** Talia Elsing or Joy  
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

### Monthly

#### Sundays

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

#### Mondays

**Mothers' Union**  
1pm on 3rd Monday  
**Contact** Pat Hoy

#### 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

*Corrections and additions to Dale*