

## CHURCH TODAY

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

## NEXT WEEK

11 August

**9.30am:** David Greef

*Church Missionary Society*

**Bible Readings:**

Ex 12:21-27; Ps 67;  
Heb 11.8-16; Mark 14:1-11

**5pm Dale**

*Prayer for Learners*

**Bible Readings:**

Eph 1.15-23

Godly Play this week: The Exodus

### The Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, whose beloved Son for our sake willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross: give us courage and patience to take up our cross daily and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished;

Exodus 34.5

# 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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## 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.*

4 August 2019

## Healthy Churches Need Generous Disciples

One of the ways to show that we are converted from our culture is to be generous. If some of the present foundations of our society and culture seem to be in materialism, with values that are increasingly human centred, that is, self-centred, then culturally converted people will be building their lives on a different foundation.

In a landmark book (*To Give or not to Give? Rethinking dependency, Restoring generosity, & Redefining Sustainability*), John Rowell documents the development of ideas about giving to the poor in the history of the United States. He traces this development from what he calls Social Calvinism, a way of giving by persons to persons in their community but which distinguished between the "worthy poor" and the "wayward poor", through Social Darwinism (eliminating, or allowing the unfit not to survive), through to Social Universalism which eliminated both personal giving (the government took over responsibility for welfare) and any distinctions about whether people actually needed welfare help. The result of these welfare programs was a cynicism that public support programs didn't work. "Compassion fatigue" set in.

Rowell also documents the generally poor contributions of his home nation to the poorer nations. His claim is that both as a nation and as churches, 98% of all income is kept at home. He says that a mere 0.18 percent of church income goes to outreach ministries aimed at lost people living in already evangelised cultures, and only 0.02 percent goes annually to help reach truly un-reached peoples with the gospel.

His major plea is for rich western churches and Christians to work in covenant partnerships with churches in poorer nations as partners who contribute different things. He compares the Lend-Lease policy of the United States during World War II, and says that those with money can add it to those with human resources and expertise on the ground. Rather than fearing a welfare mentality he says we should be thinking of a warfare mentality in which we pool whatever resources we have for the good of the gospel and the poor.

One of the good things about St Mark's is that it has many generous people. Generosity arises from an awareness that God is always generous to us. It comes also from a trust that God knows our needs and will supply what we need (Matt 6). It arises also from an awareness that life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. Open handed, not tight-fisted - that is cultural conversion.

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.

## MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers

### AFES at ECU Mt Lawley



Toni Ollis is the student worker for the Christian Group at ECU Mt Lawley. She asks us to pray:

\* Please give thanks for the AFES Mid Year Conference for students in July. Pray that God's word and guidance for navigating life will bear good fruit in the lives of students, especially the 8 from Mt Lawley.

\* This new semester please pray for God to

- i) grow students through Bible studies on Titus
- ii) help them commit to one another by coming regularly and
- ii) raise up students with hearts willing to share the gospel and receive some training. "

**More info from David**

### 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

## Church Council Call for Prayer and Wisdom

Church Council is asking everyone at St Mark's to pray 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. The last three of these options will all cost the same amount.

The meeting to share what we think the Lord is calling us to will likely happen in early September. Please keep praying

### Funeral

The funeral service for Clive Hunt will be held at Pinnaroo on Friday 9 Aug at 10.30 am.

### 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. We meet this afternoon.

### Carpet available

Ric and Vicki are replacing carpet and underlay in good condition. Normal room sizes. Creamy colour and dark wine. Talk to Ric (0488 390 280) if you may be interested or know someone who may need it.

### Four Morning Sermons on Prayer

On August 18 John will start a series on Prayer. A study guide is available to help us prepare for the sermons.

### Praying with the Father Son and Holy Spirit

- 18 Aug *The God who Hears*  
Jer 29:10-14 ; Ps 22:1-6, 18-24; 1 Pet 3:8-12; Lk 18:1-8
- 25 Aug *Prayer to our Father*  
Isa 63:7-16; Ps 103:1-14; Gal 4:1-7; Mark 14:32-42
- 1 Sep 19 *Prayer with Jesus*  
Hos 11:1-11; Ps 69:1-18; Heb 7:11-25; John 17:20-26
- 8 Sep 19 *Praying in the Spirit*  
Zech 4:1-7 ; Ps 57; Rom 8:16-30; John 14:15-26

### 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)

## Weekday Meetings

### Weekly

#### Mondays

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

#### Tuesdays

9.30am **Mainly Music**  
**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

### 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*