

CHURCH TODAY

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

NEXT WEEK

18 August

9.30am: John Yates

The God who Hears

Bible Readings:

Jer 29:10-14 ; Ps 22:1-6, 18-24;

1 Pet 3:8-12; Lk 18:1-8

5pm Dale

Prayer for your Church

Bible Readings:

Eph 3.14-21; Phil 1.9-11

Godly Play this week: The Ten Best Ways

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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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.*

11 August 2019

Who needs missionaries?

In a famous column in The Times in 2008 atheist Matthew Parris wrote "... I've become convinced of the enormous contribution that Christian evangelism makes in Africa...". His article gives a number of examples in which he claims that it is not just Christian aid work, but the living faith of Christians that transforms lives. He concludes his article:

"Those who want Africa to walk tall amid 21st-century global competition must not kid themselves that providing the material means or even the knowhow that accompanies what we call development will make the change. A whole belief system must first be supplanted.

And I'm afraid it has to be supplanted by another. Removing Christian evangelism from the African equation may leave the continent at the mercy of a malign fusion of Nike, the witch doctor, the mobile phone and the machete."

The issue has been debated for a long time. The impact of missions on indigenous peoples has been seriously maligned by a variety of writers from many points of view. Strangely those who have come to a living faith in Christ as a result of the efforts of missionaries don't share this view.

Nowadays it is increasingly likely that missionaries will be sent from African and Asian churches to Europe, Britain and Australia. CMS Australia has a bunch of missionaries in various places in Europe. So the question "Who needs missionaries?" has changed.

Everywhere needs missionaries because everyone needs to hear the transforming message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Parris' comment that whole belief systems need to be supplanted is a good way to describe the impact of the gospel. "Being transformed by having your mind renewed" is one way Paul said it. Supplanting some belief systems is quite difficult, especially ones that superficially resemble Christian beliefs.

But is it missionaries that are needed? "Missionary" is not a word we find in the New Testament. We find a word like it – "apostle" – someone who is sent. You get the impression that in the NT apostles are like church planters. However there are plenty of others who carry the gospel or assist in its proclamation. Disciples is the general term.

Supplanting belief systems requires more than church planters. It requires dedicated disciples who will allow their minds to be transformed and renewed, and in turn will teach others. And they are needed both in Africa and in Bassendean - and everywhere else. Are you one of them?

Dale

The Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May the peoples praise you,
God;
may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing
for joy,
for you rule the peoples with
equity
and guide the nations of the
earth.
May the peoples praise you,
God;
may all the peoples praise you.
Psalm 67.4

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

Church Missionary Society



We believe...

God, the Creator, has made himself fully known in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ and through the unchanging truth of his written word, the Bible.

God commands all people everywhere to repent and believe the good news. In love and through the sacrificial, substitutionary death and bodily resurrection of his Son, God saves his elect people from wrath and judgment and raises us to new life through the power of his Spirit.

As God's people we are called to proclaim this message in all the world that people might put their trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour and so be reconciled to God the Father, become members with us of his forgiven people and live by the Spirit under his rule, awaiting the coming restoration of all things.

More info from Joy

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.

Next Sunday: Baptism and Special Lunch

Next Sunday we will baptise Georgia Elsing. After church everyone is invited to wood fired pizza lunch in the hall.

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

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

Keys to Effective Prayer Conference

Fri 6 Sep Sat 7 Sep

Speaker: Brian Pickering, National Coordinator of the Australian Prayer Network. See leaflet for registration information

		St Mark's Giving					
THIS YEAR	ENVEL OPES	DIRECT GIVING	OPEN	TOTAL GIVING	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME	EXPEN DITURE
May	5,760	2,575	1,322	9,657	2,470	12,127	9,441
June	4,046	856	852	5,754	2,850	8,604	8,642
July	3,794	3,160	1,984	8,938	1,364	10,302	6,270

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**
Contact Talia Elsing

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

Wednesdays

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

4pm **Choir Practice**

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 Bowman
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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

Youth Bible Study (2weekly)
Contact David Elsing

Corrections and additions to Dale

This Week