

## CHURCH TODAY

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

## NEXT WEEK

25 August

**9.30am:** John Yates

*Prayer to our Father*

**Bible Readings:**

Isa 63:7-16; Ps 103:1-14;  
Gal 4:1-7; Mark 14:32-42

**5pm Dale**

*Prayer for Workers*

**Bible Readings:**

Col 1.9-14

No Godly Play this week: Baptism Instead

# 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.*

18 August 2019

PRAY-er

One of the highest compliments that can be given to a Christian is that he/she is a "woman/man of prayer"; perhaps like Anna who recognised Jesus in the temple or the "wrestling" Epaphras (Acts 2:36-38; Col 1:7; 4:12). But such people are not held up to us as spiritual examples because of their own efforts. The power of prayer comes not from personal exertion, but in living close to the praying Jesus. For even in heaven Jesus is praying, NOW. "Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honour at God's right hand, pleading for us." (Rom 8:34).

Some Christians have never given thought to the fact that even after his earthly life Jesus continues to pray for his people. We don't struggle with the concept that his disciples needed his prayers when on earth (Luke 22:32; John 17:9), or that he needed to pray for his own weakened state as he approached the cross (Mark 14:32ff.). We easily understand that he presently rules from heaven as Lord of all (Acts 10:36), but we are really stretched to think of Jesus as a glorified human being interceding for the Church. We struggle to conceptualise the Lord is praying for St Mark's, praying for you and me, NOW, day-and-night always (Heb 7:25). This truth is a tremendous encouragement to our feeble faith; but it must be more than that. We need to sense it constitutes an invitation to follow Jesus in the most intimate way.

When through prayer we centre on Jesus' will, we enter into a spiritual realm far more profound than anything our earthly eyes can see or our natural ears can hear. As "raised with Christ... seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1) we are able to enter into the "holy places" in heaven (Heb 10:19) where the richest presence of God dwells. In prayer to the Father in fellowship with Jesus we share in the Spirit's longing to bring God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven (Matt 6:10). The pray-er is taken up into the very life of God and enabled to express His desires through their prayers. Could anything be more wonderful and Godlike than that? Prayer may be something very common, but it is also something very glorious and extraordinary. Pray to be a woman/man of prayer.

John

## The Prayer of the Week

Everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking sin and all that hinders us, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

"Whoever would love life  
and see good days  
must keep their tongue from evil  
and their lips from deceitful  
speech.  
They must turn from evil and do  
good;  
they must seek peace and  
pursue it.  
For the eyes of the Lord are on  
the righteous  
and his ears are attentive to  
their prayer,  
but the face of the Lord is against  
those who do evil. 1 Pet 3.10

## 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.

### Today: Baptism and Special Lunch

Today we welcome family and friends of David & Talia for the baptism of Georgia Elsing. After church everyone is invited to wood fired pizza lunch in the hall.

### Family Service

Children will be in church again on Sep 1 for a special service. Invite your friends.

### Four Morning Sermons on Prayer

Today John starts 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*

25 Aug *Prayer to our Father*

1 Sep 19 *Prayer with Jesus*

8 Sep 19 *Praying in the Spirit*

### 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 half time retired locum
- an honorary retired locum and a full time trainee ordained curate
- a half time retired locum and a half time lay family and youth minister
- 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 be on 8 September. Please keep praying

### Keys to Effective Prayer Conference

Fri 6 Sep Sat 7 Sep

Speaker: Brian Pickering, National Coordinator of the Australian Prayer

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](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 or Joy

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 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

**Youth Bible Study** (2weekly)

**Contact** David Elsing

*Corrections and additions to Dale*