

CHURCH TODAY

1 September

9.30am: John Yates

Prayer with Jesus

Bible Readings:

Hos 11:1-11; Ps 69:1-18;
Heb 7:11-25; John 17:20-26

5pm Dale

Prayer for Gospellers

Bible Readings:

Eph 6.18-20; Acts 4.23-30

NEXT WEEK

8 September

9.30am: John Yates

Praying in the Spirit

Bible Readings:

Zech 4:1-7 ; Ps 57;
Rom 8:16-30; John 14:15-26

5pm Dale

Prayer for the sick

Bible Readings:

Jas 5.13-20

No Godly Play this week: Family Service

The Prayer of the Week

Our Father,
thank you that Jesus prays for us.
Thank you that the Holy Spirit helps
us.

Help us to ask you for what we
need.

Help us to thank you.

We ask this because we belong to
Jesus. Amen

Answer me, O Lord, for your
steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant
mercy, turn to me.

Do not hide your face from your
servant,
for I am in distress—make haste
to answer me.

Draw near to me, redeem me,
set me free because of my
enemies.

Psalm 69.16

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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YouTube Sermons

St Marks Bassendean YouTube



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We encourage people to use direct deposit or direct debit

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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.*

1 September 2019

Laying Hold of God

Isaiah was so stirred up by the lack of serious prayer in his times that he desperately called out to the Lord, "There is no one who calls upon your name, or strives to lay hold of you" (Isaiah 64:7). Is it biblical What to "lay hold of God" today?

Jacob wrestled with an angel all night and would not let him go until he received a blessing (Gen 32:22-32). Paul told the Colossians, Epaphras, "one of you...is always wrestling on your behalf in his prayers" (Col 4:12). But it more of Jesus that we need in prayer. Christ said, "everyone forces his way" into the kingdom of God (Luke 16:16). And when we see Jesus in Gethsemane, "being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood", and praying on the cross, "'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.'" (Luke 22:44; 23:34), we are witnessing the greatest possible laying hold of God ever.

One of my most life-changing encounters happened near the end of a 7-day prayer event when I was literally clinging to carpet with both hands in order to pray through a great oppression. And then, in line with all the biblical occasions listed above, I had a revelation of Jesus. We lay hold of God, not because we think he is reluctant to bless us, but because we believe he wants to bless us and so we pursue him until he does. This becomes a pattern for living. "whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Heb 11:6). To lay hold of God we must sense he is so real he can be grasped, not physically, but in our heart, soul, mind and strength. "Laying hold" of the Lord must finally be understood as an act of rich love (Matt 22:37).

It was Christ's love for the lost i.e. us, which mightily moved him to exert all his strength to reach out to his Father in the midst of his great sufferings. Jesus wants to bless us with this sort of intensity in prayer, a passion which will be answered. We can ask him to stir us up to "lay hold of God". Let us agree to ask the Lord to release many such prayers in St Mark's.

John

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

Scripture Union



Scripture Union is a worldwide movement of Christians passionate about seeing the lives of Australia's children and youth transformed by Jesus, through the outdoors, Christian community, authentic relationships and fun.

This past year has seen many stories of discovery, challenge and growth in our campers & leaders on SU Holiday Camps. Our camps provide safe, supportive places for children and young people to be challenged. Through trusting relationships built on camp, participants and leaders grow personally and spiritually.

Our leaders are also challenged when they serve on camp, growing in character and leadership, discovering the need to rely on God. One leader says, "I learnt that prayer is important and essential in both the lead up and during camp. I think that I often try to rely on myself rather than give it to God."

Holiday camps are a wonderful opportunity to see life transformation through discovery and challenge. We are growing children and young people in Godly character and leaders who focus on God and are servant-hearted.

More info from Ros

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.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads

Ashfield Breakfast Club Needs Helpers

Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.00am in Term time. Talk to Joy, Charmaine or Jenny if you think you may be able to help with this strategic ministry of compassion.

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

Four Morning Sermons 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

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 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