

CHURCH TODAY

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

NEXT WEEK

15 September

9.30am: Dale

The Generous Church

Bible Readings:

Deut 28.1-14; Ps 145.8-16;

1 Tim 6.17-21; Lk 12.22-34

5pm John

Jesus the Prophet

Bible Readings:

Godly Play this week: Story of Joseph

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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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.*

8 September 2019

Prayer – Why Not?

If prayer is so important why is it that it is often one of the weak links in our spiritual lives? We struggle against the outward influences of the world and the devil and the inward influence of the “fleshly” fallen nature. It was, for example, at the climax of his prayer retreat when Jesus was hungry that Satan came to tempt him (Luke 4:2). Similar powers were working against the disciples when Christ warned them in Gethsemane, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matt 26:41). They however disobeyed him, fell asleep and then deserted. Not to pray is always a falling away from faithfulness to Christ. To avoid such sin the Bible charges us to be on guard (Mark 13:33; Col 4:2). The context for prayer is plainly one of intense spiritual warfare.

At the climax of his exhortation to engage evil powers in Ephesians 6, Paul exhorts the church, “Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. 19 And pray for me”. Christians arm one another for the spiritual battle against the devil and all evil powers through prayer. If you want to know what to pray for others, listen to Dale's recent evening sermons, or just meditate on Eph 1:15-23; 3:14-21). While it's important to pray in the midst of crises, like health problems, much prayer needs to happen before crises hit.

Likewise, Paul isn't ashamed to ask for prayer for himself (Eph 6:19-20; Col 4:3 etc.). I need your prayers, Dale needs them too, just as much as you need ours. Do you believe this?? I fear many do not. If Jesus requested his disciples to stand with him in his hour of need (Matt 26:40) which of us doesn't need the prayers of our brothers and sisters! Cast your low sense of spiritual self-worth aside and look to Jesus remembering that in HIS name God will listen and answer (2 Cor 1:20). Ask the Father for power in the Spirit to pray “at all times” (Eph 6:18). If you personally don't feel an urgency to pray then humbly approach a Christian friend who has the faith to ask the Lord that you be given a sense of urgency. Above all, let us pray.

John

The Prayer of the Week

Go before us and help us, O Lord, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jesus replied,

‘Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

John 14.23

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.

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 is today

St Mark's Giving 19-20

	ENVEL OPES	DIRECT GIVING	OPEN	TOTAL GIVING	OTHER	TOTAL INCOME	EXPEND ITURE
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
August	5,432	2,256	2,026	9,714	2,107	11,822	10,863

PERTH WOMEN'S CONVENTION

UNCROWDED SATURDAY 14th September 8.30am -3.00pm

Uncrowded. Private. One on one. Away from the spotlight. Personal. Cherished. When we read the gospel accounts of Jesus, we see him teaching usually to large crowds. But in the Gospel of John we get to overhear several private, intimate conversations he has with individuals. This year Susan Shiner will be with us as we listen in on these conversations together, to get to know Jesus in this unique way.

Join women from many different churches and backgrounds around Perth and across WA. It doesn't matter whether you've been a Christian for ages or you're just checking it out. Bring your mum, sister, colleague or Bible study group for a day of encouragement, music, interviews and much more.

Registrations close today

Morning Sermons on 1 Peter

Starting on Sep 29. More info soon

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