

**CHURCH TODAY  
NEXT WEEK**

6 October

**9.30am:** Dale  
**The Living Hope 1Pet 1.3-12**

**Bible Readings:**

Ez36.24-32; Ps 66.1-10; 1 Pet 1.3-12; Lk 24.13-32

**5pm** Dale  
**Good Thinking**

**Bible Readings:** Rom 12.1-8

**NEXT WEEK**

13 October

**9.30am:** Dale  
**Faith, Hope, & Love 1Pet 1.13-2.3**

**Bible Readings:**

Is 55.6-11; Ps 32.1-7;  
1 Pet 1.13-2.3; Jn 3.1-16

**5pm** Dale  
**A New Mind**

**Bible Readings:** Rom 12.1-8

**The Prayer of the Week**

Faithful God, have mercy on us, increase our faith, help us to trust in the power of your Holy Spirit and witness to the hope you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Praying Together This Week**

- The Church Council as it considers St Mark's future ministry
- Increases in Giving
- Donations towards Shade Sails & kitchen
- For the Love of God film event: Clare & Thom (panelists) & for the doorknockers
- Many to join Praying Together meetings
- For a Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know God better
- John in Myanmar
- Those who are unwell incl Georgia, Ric, Helen
- Rain in drought areas
- Synod meeting next weekend

No Godly Play this week:

**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.*

6 October 2019

**The Mystery of the Empty Void**

An empty void filled the church. Empty, of course. Voids are always empty. This one didn't fill everything. It was more like a ceiling, hovering above the worshippers, a block of nothing, thick, invisible and impenetrable. Or so it seemed.

You could tell it was there because it seemed to be a kind of sound barrier to the divine voice. A ceiling of silence that stopped the worshippers hearing from heaven.

How did it get there? Some say it gradually grew. It began when a priest started to get serious about what God thought about things. The more the priest went on about God and what God had to say, the bigger the void became.

Some said it was projected from the worshippers. Or some of them anyway. A kind of protective barrier to keep out the disturbing ideas. As the priest talked more and more about God and what he said, resistance grew. This was very strange. And surprising.

After all the worshippers were there to worship God. But deeper down in the lives of many were the seeds of a resistance movement. A struggle, maybe a confusion, certainly a resistance about - not what God said - but about who was really God.

Not that it was ever put in those terms. God, after all, was God. But many wanted God to be God on their terms. Pliable, amenable, helpful, but not interfering, or going against what they thought.

And so as time went on, and God was heard to claim to be God in every way and in every life, to really be God, the void started to grow. It filtered out what some didn't want to hear. And, shockingly, it worked.

It may have been invisible, but more and more, people could hear less and less. Priests came and went (as priests do) but the ceiling stayed. Although no-one could see it, many could not hear from heaven anymore. But others were very frustrated. With what seemed to be deaf worshippers.

How could the void be removed? Or filled? How could the worshippers hear again?

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

Toni Ollis at AFES Mt Lawley ECU



Since I last wrote, our Bible study groups have been going through the 'Just For Starters' study guide. Each week we focus on some verses of scripture that are foundational to the Christian faith (such as Romans 5:8-9 above) and dig deep into what it means, how we respond and the difference it makes to how we live.

Christian students have found it challenging to think more deeply about what they believe or to be able to articulate and explain their faith more clearly.

Some 'not yet Christians' are in the groups so this is new information to process. Others are reading other parts of the Bible in one-to-one meetings.

Please pray that:

God will grow and strengthen all of the students in faith

'not yet Christians' will trust Jesus as their Saviour and Lord

students will remember these 'go to' verses in 'Just for Starters' for their own encouragement and be more able to explain the gospel to others

they will make a priority of coming to Bible study each week, especially as October is the last month of uni lectures

that those on the fringes will have a thirst to join in

**More info from David**

## Shade Sails and Kitchen Refurbishment Gifts Wanted Urgently

Thank you to those who have given to this need. To date we have given **\$6,447**

Please pray for the wardens and Council as they pursue this project.

## Praying Together

You are invited to be part of a network of *Praying Together* meetings in the church between now and Christmas.

## For the Love of God Movie & Panel Discussion

Sun Oct 20. 2.00- 4.00pm with Afternoon Tea.



Clare Deeves and Thom Bull will be on the Panel

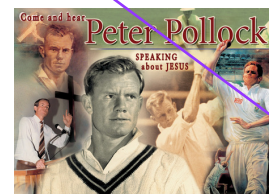
Please pray also for the Gospellers as they knock on doors to invite people. And invite your friends. More info from Joy, Denese, Andrew P, Judy

## Peter Pollock Visit

Tuesday 15th Oct from 6.30 pm combined Bible study in the Church

Saturday 19th October Men's Breakfast.

More info from Roger



6:30 pm Tuesday 15th October: Combined Bible Study\* ALL WELCOME  
Venue: St Mark's Anglican Church, 2 Wilson St, Bassendean.  
Caspar Entrance on Parker Street

8:00 am Saturday 19th October—Men's Breakfast  
Venue: St Mark's Church Hall, 7 Parker St, Bassendean.  
Cost: Donation

NOTE RE BREAKFAST: We are going to invite other churches in our area so we will need to know approximate numbers...

So please RSVP ROGER on 048009622 or stmarks@bigpond.com.

## 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
Septen	5,610	3,333	1,315	10,258	7,480	17,738	9,885

**Synod meets next weelend. Our Reps: Dale Roger David**

## Stand Fast in the True Grace of God

### Reading 1 Peter Together

Morning Sermons in 1 Peter .

Next Sunday Oct 13 1 Peter 1.13 - 2.3

1. What behaviours does Peter think should result from the grace of God?
2. How does the new birth come about according to this passage?
3. What does Jesus have to do with it all?

## Weekday Meetings

### Weekly

#### Mondays

8.00-9.00am **Praying Together**

Contact Andrew P

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

8.30-9.30am **Praying Together**

Contact Dale

10am **Coffee & Chat**

Contact Jenny Murray

4pm **Choir Practice**

[7.00-8.00pm **Praying Together**]

Contact Denese [Starts Soon]

### 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

**Messy Church** at St Matthew's

4pm on 4th Saturday

**Youth Bible Study** (2weekly)

Contact Andrew Partington

Corrections and additions to Dale

Deadline for notices: 5pm Wednesday