

**CHURCH TODAY  
NEXT WEEK**

20 October

**9.30am:** Dale  
**Declaring God's Praises**  
1 Pet 2.4-10

**Bible Readings:**

Is 28.16-19; Ps 118.19-29;  
1 Pet 2.4-10; Jn 2.13-22

**5pm** John  
**The God who Sings**

**Bible Readings:**

Rev 4-5

**NEXT WEEK**

27 October

**9.30am:** John  
**Living like Christ**  
1 Pet 2.11-25

**Bible Readings:**

Is 52.13 – 53.12; Ps 23; 1 Pet  
2.11-25; Mt 16.21-28

**5pm** John  
**Sitting in the Divine Council**

**Bible Readings:**

Ps 89:1-8; Heb 12:18-24

**The Prayer of the Week**

Almighty God, your Son has opened a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Praying Together This Week**

- Thanks for Increases in Giving
- For follow up to *the Love of God* film event:
  - Church Council
  - Many to join Praying Together meetings
  - For a Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know God better
  - Those who are unwell incl Georgia, Ric,
  - Rain in drought areas

No Godly Play this week: The Good Samaritan

**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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**BSB:** 036 810 **A/c No:** 300070717  
**Name:** Anglican Parish Bassendean.

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*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.*

20 October 2019

**Brickpile or Building**

The Christian church is under attack. But the big onslaughts are not from the atheist, or the media, or even from those who want to change the doctrine and practice.

Two old influences are still the most potent in neutralising the life of the church. One is the power of the autonomous individual. The individual is King/Queen in our world. All of us are encouraged to be ourselves, to become what we want to be, to make our own choices and to be independent.

On the other hand the church as institution increases its power and reach. Some of this is aided and abetted by the world of law and insurance. But the power of institutions lies in their ability to claim ownership of their field.

Individualism and corporate power are seriously in tension in our world. In the church the two forces work together to undermine the church as the gathering and family of real believers who meet together and are joined together in Christ.

One result of this is that even the local parish church is seen as an institution which individuals attend, help, associate with, or volunteer in.

It is hard to avoid this kind of association. However one cure is to long for the food that is best fitted to growing as a saved servant of Christ. People who grow with this food are less likely to be confused about church.

The best quality, pure milk for growing is the Lord himself, as Peter says. But to get this milk one has to come to the Lord. And when one does, (Peter changes the metaphor here), we find ourselves coming to a precious living Stone, a stone for building, that sets the whole building up.

And coming to the living stone we discover that we too are living stones that are built together into a house for God. Just ordinary believers, trusting in Christ and being joined with each other because we are joined with him. No independent stones here.

Except that it is easy to act as though we were a brickpile instead of a building. The submission that is needed to be part of a joined-together building is complemented by the strength of being joined with the other bricks around us.

Are you being built together with others?

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

### Barnabas Fund

Barnabas Fund is an international interdenominational Christian organisation dedicated to meeting the practical and spiritual needs of Christians experiencing persecution, oppression and discrimination across the world. It does this by working in equal partnership with the suffering Church. Its mechanisms include financial support for projects aiding harassed believers, encouraging prayer for the persecuted Church, raising awareness across the Body of Christ of the hidden needs of oppressed followers of Jesus and contesting systemic injustice, e.g. through letter writing campaigns. This is a ministry from Christian, through Christians to Christians. The organisation does not receive government aid, and 100% of finances donated to a specific project go to that project i.e. no admin overheads. The WA Barnabas rep is Rudolf van Noppen.

More info from John



## Today Prayers for Healing

We will pray for healing next Sunday for some who have asked the elders to pray for them and anoint them with oil. If you would like prayer for yourself, would like to join in praying please feel free to join in. Please pray for God's power to be present.

## Commissioning

Today we commission the newly reformed Performing Arts Ministry Team. Members include Julie Cecchele, Judy Joyce, Barbara Mallett, Hilary MacWilliam, and Andrew Partington



## For the Love of God Movie & Panel Discussion

Today 2.00 - 4.00pm with Afternoon Tea.

Clare Deeves and Thom Bull will be on the Panel

## St Barts Christmas Hampers

See the notice in the church with details of what to give. Deadline is Dec 1

## TEAR Fund Just Desserts Nov 16th 7-9pm

Lockridge Anglican Church 37 Woolgar Wy

Following the worldwide climate strikes TEAR Young Adults will be hosting a screening of the 2040 film. Resources will be available help your church or groups consider stewardship of the environment and ways to respond. \$5 Dessert and tea/ coffee provided. All welcome! RSVP by Nov 1st to wa@tear.org.au.

## Bible Reading Roster

Would you like to join the Reading Roster to read the Bible in church on Sunday mornings? Please speak to Dale

## Stand Fast in the True Grace of God

### Reading 1 Peter Together

Morning Sermons in 1 Peter .

Next Sunday Oct 27 1 Peter 2.11-25

1. How does Peter think Christians can silence slander and refute wrong accusations?
2. Why does Peter think slaves should submit to their masters? Why not urge them to be free?
3. What comfort and encouragement does he give to those who are suffering unjustly? Would you find this helpful?

## 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 Joy

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

### 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