

**CHURCH TODAY  
NEXT WEEK**

24 November

**9.30am:** John  
**Living Near the End**  
**1 Pet 4.1-11**

**Bible Readings:**  
Jer 1.4-10; Ps 116.10-19;  
1 Pet 4.1-11; Jn 15.9-17

**5pm** Dale  
**Why God became Human 2**

**Bible Readings:** John 1.1-18;  
John 14.1-14

**NEXT WEEK**

1 December

**9.30am:** John  
**Suffering again**  
**1 Pet 4.12-19**

**Bible Readings:**  
Jer 1.4-10; Ps 116.10-19;  
1 Pet 4.1-11; Jn 15.9-17

**5pm** Dale  
**Why God became Human 3**

**Bible Readings:**  
Isaiah 8.19 - 9.7; Lk 1.26-45

Godly Play this week: Parable of the Good Shepherd

**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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*More info from Jenny*



**CHURCH ON THE RISE**

Welcome to  
**ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN**  
*Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love  
in Bassendean and beyond.*

24 November 2019

**What is God Doing in the World?**

Being in Jakarta recently for the World Evangelical Alliance General Assembly recently has given me a rather unique opportunity to answer to this question. 800 delegates from 92 nations gathered around the theme Intentional Holistic Intergenerational Discipleship Making. Which means: choosing to help younger people become more like Jesus in every part of their lives. There were two foci of the assembly.

The first was about the priority of making disciples. Whilst "Christian" appears only 3 times in the Bible "disciple" appears more than 250 times in the New Testament. Since Jesus commanded us to "make disciples of all nations" (Matt 28:19) rather than to "make converts", Discipleship Making Movements (DMM) across the world insist we should disciple people so that they become converts, rather than discipling them after conversion. In Iran, possibly the fastest growing church on earth, the DMM teach that persecution causes converts to fall away but disciples simply get stronger in faith. Churches across the world which see the essence of discipleship as following Jesus in sacrificially serving the lost are planting groups which identify the biggest needs in their community then intentionally reach out to meet them. In some impoverished nations this has led to spectacular growth. The emphasis on evangelism over discipleship is a weakness of the Western Church.

The second focus was on discipling the young. E.g, Heart of God Church in Singapore has a membership of 4,500, plus many church plants, with an average age of 22. They reject an event-centred entertainment-driven approach by providing a home away from home for attendees. All the media of the church, worship teams, pastoral care etc. is handled by youth. Call and gifting are the criterion, not age. Sacrificial giving has become part of the fabric of their fabric. This approach is a huge challenge to our assumptions about when someone can serve Christ. We cannot ignore the sociological data showing that the generation (13-25) which is most connected electronically is the neediest of face to face relationships. The Lord has really challenged me about what this could mean for my life and ministry. As yet I don't have an answer.

Looking beyond what we see in Australia let's embrace by faith and support by prayer the reality that across the world today the Lord is doing mighty things. Amongst this he has a place for us.

**John**

**The Prayer of the Week**

Stir up we pray you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, richly bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen

**Praying Together This Week**

- Many to join Praying Together meetings
- Help to live & share the gospel
- Those who are unwell
- Mainly Music
- Christians being persecuted
- For people to come to Christ
- Rain in drought areas
- Preparations for Christmas
- Many will hear the gospel at Christmas

## 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

Mt Lawley ECU Christian Union



**A quick look forward:** we have a team of 16 preparing for local Mission Week (20-24 November) at Bassendean Church of Christ.

Students are from ECU Mt Lawley (8) and UWA (5) plus 3 leaders. This will be a great opportunity to gain experience and try new ministries such as door knocking, sharing testimonies, running youth group and a chapel service in a nursing home.

Some students will also continue on to the AFES NTE (National Training Event) in Canberra the following week.

Please give thanks for answered prayers that God would bring together both a local church and a team of students for mission week.

Please pray:

for leaders Jan Bochat, Heidi and myself and Basso ministers, Ian Kirk and Rod Manton, as we finalise arrangements and lead the team

for our whole team meeting this Sunday 10th Nov

for students to embrace the opportunities this affords them, to grow in faith, convictions about the gospel and reliance on God

that Mission Week will be fruitful for the Lord and encouraging to the local church community.

**More info from David**

## Congratulations to Marion

On 19 November 2019 Marion Arundel was honoured and thanked, by Mayor Cr Renée McLennan and the Town's CEO Peta Mabbs, for her tireless volunteer work in the Town of Bassendean. It was most fitting that children from Ashfield Primary were present and sang the welcome to country in Noongar language given Marion's wonderful contribution to the school over many years.

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER OF ST MARK'S ACCOUNTS

Our previous auditor has informed us that he will not be able to continue doing the job owing to pressure of work.

We require a person who has the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out an independent competent examination of the accounts of St Mark's Bassendean. The examination is carried out annually around May/June. If you are interested in providing this service or if you know of anyone who could perform this service please let Jenny or Dale know.

## St Marks Men's Darts Comp Night 14 Dec

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm at Glen's Shed 12 Margaret st, Ashfield

Come and play in the darts comp which will be run by our state competitors Roger & Robert or just have a social catch up.

Glen will organise a sausage sizzle, soft drink, cheap wine, tea & Coffee. Please BYO anything else.

RSVP to Glen (mb 0432 746 850) for catering by Thursday arvo 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

## Answers to your Questions

Do you have questions about the Bible or the Christian Faith? In January we hope to have a day where instead of the sermon we will have answers to your questions. Any question to do with the Bible or Christianity is OK. Please give your questions to Dale (in writing).

## Christmas Services

Sunday Dec 22

9.30am Family Service

Christmas Eve Tuesday Dec 24

5.00pm Family Nativity Play

11.15pm Holy Communion  
with Carols

Christmas Day Wednesday Dec 25

9.30am Holy Communion

## Stand Fast in the True Grace of God

Reading 1 Peter Together

Morning Sermons in 1 Peter .

Next Sunday Dec 1 1 Peter 4.12-19

1. What is the connection between suffering and glory?
2. What is the significance of "bearing the name"?
3. What examples in the Bible and history do you know of people who did according to verse 19?

## 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

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

#### Thursdays

8.00-9.00am Praying Together

Contact Andrew

### 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 David Elsing

Corrections and additions to Dale