

CHURCH TODAY

1 December

9.30am: John

Suffering again
1 Pet 4.12-19

Bible Readings:

Is 2.1-5; Ps 80.1-7;
1 Pet 4.12-19; Mt 24.36-44

5pm Dale

Why God became Human 3

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 8.19 - 9.7; Lk 1.26-45

NEXT WEEK

8 December

9.30am: Dale

Humble Churches
1 Pet 5.1-7

Bible Readings:

Ez 34.22-24; Ps 37.1-9;
1 Pet 5.1-7; Jn 10.11-18

5pm **Alive@5 is in Recess**
until Feb 2

Godly Play this week: The Holy Family

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.*

1 December 2019

Resting the Spirit

Today's preaching passage, "If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you." (1 Pet 4:14), provokes a question. What would such a church look like?

Someone in my Bible study answered by referring to a medically verified healing miracle in his life. Such a congregation would be filled with folk always telling others, inside and outside the church, what Jesus was doing. How would we become such a church?

At the time of Christ's baptism John the Baptist testified, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." (John 1:33-34). John saw the Spirit come to rest on Jesus because he first of all had an insight into the mystery of the cross; "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). Christ is the pre-eminent place of the Holy Spirit's restfulness because in his taking away of all human guilt he is the site of peace with God. Now that atonement has been made there can be no disturbance in the Spirit-Son relationship. This relates powerfully to the shedding of the Lord's blood on the cross.

"God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross." (Col 1:20). "Everything includes you", and all the other people at St Mark's who believe in Jesus. If we appropriate this truth by faith our hearts will be stilled and the Spirit will comfortably rest on us. But here's the catch, few Christians deeply believe that "Christ himself is our peace" (Eph 2:14). I regularly have to rebuke believers who, in their own words, are "hard on themselves". Harsh self-judgement insults the all-sufficiency of the blood of the cross. On the other hand the wise apostle Paul testifies, "I do not even judge myself" (1 Cor 4:3).

In the glory of the perfected work of Christ the Holy Spirit longs to rest on us as the family of God. This can happen, if we stop judging ourselves, and others. When the Spirit rests on us we will continually testify to Jesus. How wonderful!

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

TEAR Fund



TEAR Australia was founded in 1971 and produced the first Gift Catalogue of its kind in 1994.

Inspired by Jesus' call to love our neighbours, regardless of background or belief, we focus on projects that seek to improve the lives of the poorest and most marginalised people, uniting communities and empowering men and women as they work together to direct their own future.

TEAR is fully accredited by the Australian Government, and a signatory to the Australian Council For International Development Code of Conduct.

Choose a gift, send a card, fight poverty!

Every item in TEAR's Gift Catalogue represents a contribution to a long-term poverty-fighting project run by one of TEAR Australia's Christian partners. Each project is tailored to that community's needs, helping people gain the skills and resources they need to address local problems and come up with sustainable solutions.

There are no TEAR offices overseas. Instead, TEAR works with local partners - community-based Christian groups, churches, and relief and development agencies - in Africa, South and South-East Asia, the Pacific and in Indigenous Australia.

More info from Denese

Favourite Hymns/Songs

We have had a few requests for favourite hymns or songs. If you have a suggestion for a hymn or song please speak to Murray, Mary, Ros or Dale and we will see if we can use it in January or later.

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 14th 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 12th 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 8 1 Peter 5.1-7

1. What would you do if the elders weren't doing what Peter tells them to do?
2. What does submit yourself to your elders mean? Is this just referring to old people?
3. Do you think v 7 is too glib?

Weekday Meetings

Weekly

Mondays

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

Deadline for notices: 5pm Wednesday