

CHURCH TODAY

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

NEXT WEEK

15 December

9.30am: Dale

Stand Fast

1 Pet 5.8-14

Bible Readings:

Is 60.1-5; Ps 85; 1 Pet 5.8-14;

Lk 22.31-34

5pm Alive@5 is in Recess until Feb 2

Godly Play this week: Advent

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* **In recess until Feb 2**

Learning from the Word: Practising by the Spirit

Meet, Eat, Praise, Practise, Pray

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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.*

8 December 2019

The Character of a Church

Does our church have a personality? Or a character? What sort of personality or character does it have? I think all churches have a personality which is formed under the influence of key people. Not usually the minister, but by certain people who influence the way a church behaves and thinks.

Some churches feel as though they are anxious. Others seem very happy and carefree. Some seem tense and argumentative. Others seem welcoming and hospitable. Some feel like the home of prayer.

Of course most churches are mixed and describing their personality can be a bit complex. But thinking about the nature of the group's character can help us think about what forms it?

I think it is formed by the dominant influencers. Many times these people are not aware of their influence. Especially if it is godly and gracious. Being aware of the potential to influence a church might make the influence more effective.

But what kind of character would you want a church to have? Or what set of behaviour patterns? Where would one get the wisdom to know about this? Once upon a time the Chief Influencer told one of his best friends how to do it. Feed the sheep he said. Don't let them end up like sheep without a shepherd. What you feed them with will form their character.

Feeding the sheep patterns of behaviour (generosity, hospitality eg) will help establish those patterns. Feeding them the true grace of God will help form God's character in them.

But who should do this? Anyone with the wisdom. Anyone with in Christ. Everyone with influence could go this way so that their influence grows a church with Christ-like character.

Dale

The Prayer of the Week

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark and inwardly digest them, that encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Praying Together This Week

- Many to join Praying Together meetings
- Help to live & share the gospel
- Those who are unwell
- Mainly Music Final Party
- 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

Scripture Union



SU WA is a movement of passionate Christians belonging to over 250 churches. We long to see children and young people experience the love of Jesus in relationship and community and to have the opportunity to come to know and follow Him. Furthermore, for young people to grow in their walk with Jesus and in Christian leadership as they serve and are trained.

Check out this little snapshot of the impact we've had in the lives of children and young people as we live this out together:

- 83% of young people who attend an SU camp have said they've grown significantly closer to God as a result.
- 85% of attendees on LEAD Camp feel more confident, equipped and empowered as a Christian leader through camp.

Praise God for this work He is doing in the lives of children and young people!

There were many great new ministry paths happening in 2019, with a reboot of Schools Ministry, development of Reel Change Digital Storytelling and the new Journey Youth Ministry support program. These ministries are all partnering with churches to take the good news of Jesus to young Western Australians.

Money from programs covers some costs, but we cannot do this work without the support of people like you.. Let's pray together for God's faithful provision for His work.

More info from Ros

Welcome

to Sally Howe who is here to tell us a bit about Scripture Union - one of our Mission Projects.

St Marks Men's Darts

Comp Night 14 Dec

Saturday 14th December @

6pm at Glen's Shed 12

Margaret st, Ashfield

RSVP to Glen (mb 0432 746

850) for catering by

Thursday arvo 12th Dec

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.

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

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
Septem	5,610	3,333	1,315	10,258	7,480	17,738	9,885
October	5,374	2,991	1,834	10,199	4,508	14,707	9,426
Novem	4,218	2,557	1,467	8,242	1,470	9,712	8,931

Stand Fast in the True Grace of God

Reading 1 Peter Together

Morning Sermons in 1 Peter .

Next Sunday Dec 15 1 Peter 5.8-14

1. Verse 8 seems a bit over the top for a modern western society, don't you think?
2. What is the true grace of God that Peter has written about in this letter?
3. What is Peter's over all advice to Christians who are under pressure?

Weekday Meetings

Weekly

Mondays

7.00pm **Women's Study Group**

Contact Donna 0401 615819

Tuesdays

9.30am **Mainly Music**

Contact Dale

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

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