

CHURCH TODAY

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**

NEXT WEEK

22 December

9.30am: John

Bible Readings:

Is 7.10-16; Ps 80.1-7, 17-19;
Rom 1.1-7; Matt 1.18-25

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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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More info from Jenny



CHURCH ON THE RISE

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

15 December 2019

How Low?

Just about everything to do with the birth and life of Jesus seems wrong. For someone who was so hyped in the Old Testament, with grand titles like Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God and who was seen as the great successor to Israel's greatest King. A king with such power and magnificence that David and Solomon together would pale into insignificance alongside him. For someone like that to be born into a peasant family, and grow up in the back-blocks of Galilee defied all sense.

His birth was out of his parents' usual place. Low level accommodation. No status. No pomp. Some foreigners visited him but the visit seemed to have no political benefits. It was all very low key and below the radar. The best he got from the religious authorities were two old people, apparently on the margin, who were looking forward to his birth.

Not only so. But to start his campaign for rule – world domination one person called it – by spending most of the time in little country villages seems demented.

What was Jesus up to? He refuses opportunities to grandstand. Tries to avoid crowds. But does stunning things that completely amaze the crowds. But it all ends up nowhere it seems.

Well it ends up in the city of the great King. Despite a great entry event, the buzz quickly fades and he is killed.

It all seems so ungrand. So weak. So humiliating in the end. He rose of course. That did make a change to the story. Vindicated. Yes. But why the cross? Why all that low level stuff?

His disciples were very enthusiastic. Spirit empowered we know. But they would have needed to be. Their message was that the Great King, the Messiah, the one called Mighty God had been crucified.

Crucified! How gross. How embarrassing. Only slaves and other half-humans were crucified. No real man would be crucified. Let alone a Ruler.

And yet the disciples made a big deal of it. It is as though the lowly start ended even lower than it started.

And the amazing promise was: identify yourself with this crucified King and all his will be yours. What would you have to be thinking to lower yourself so far? You would have to give up yourself and your pride and be truthful about your real relationship with the Father of this Jesus. Because the humiliating death of Jesus was really the death of all the proud people who thought they could keep God on a leash and expect him to do their bidding but to ignore what he said. Identifying with their crucified King was a way of acknowledging that we needed supernatural help to be forgiven.

In a way his lowly life pictured the poor state of the proud people he came to save. And also modelled how to live as his people. **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

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 Story-telling 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

Next Sunday: Family Christmas Service

Nativity Play Christmas Eve

Invite families. Children can dress up and take part.

Music at the Markets

Andrew's band is playing at the Bassendean night markets on the 21st dec from 6:45 on.

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

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