

## CHURCH TODAY

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  
**Alive@5 in recess till Feb 5**

## CHRISTMAS

24 December

**11.15pm:** Dale  
25 December  
**9.30am:** Dale  
**A Very Strange Puzzle**

### Bible Readings:

Is 9.2-7; Ps 96 ;Tit 2.11-14;  
Lk 2.1-14

## NEXT WEEK

29 December

**9.30am:** Dale  
**Two Old People**  
**Bible Readings:**  
Is 63.7-9; Ps 148; Heb  
2.10-18; Lk 2.21-40  
**Alive@5 in recess till Feb 5**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

John 1.14 ESV

# 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 till Feb 5**  
*Learning from the Word: Practising by the Spirit*  
Meet, Eat, Praise, Practise, Pray

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**YouTube Sermons**  
St Marks Bassendean YouTube



**Instagram:** stmarksbassendean

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/stmarksbassendean>

## Bank Account

*We encourage people to use direct deposit or direct debit*

Anglican Community Fund Westpac  
**BSB:** 036 810 **A/c No:** 300070717  
**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



## Church Council

**Minister:**  
Dale Appleby  
**Church Wardens**  
Shirley Landon  
David Elsing  
Roger Wright  
**Councillors**  
Wendy Corner  
Greg King  
Mary Lindsey  
Jennifer Murray  
Marilyn Wright  
John Yates

# Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

*Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love  
in Bassendean and beyond.*

22 - 25 December 2019

## What is Christmas really about?

Here some possible conversation spices for the festive season.

Christmas is really about the great God-invasion. When he stuck his face in ours.

Christmas shows you what God thinks of humans – he became one of us (but so does Good Friday – pity about that: he put us to death!).

Christmas means peace on earth – as long as you are at peace with God.

It must have been a confusing time at Jesus' birth. A blinding light-show, super-rich visitors from half way around the world, local smelly shepherds, an animals' feeding trough as a bassinet, a dad who was a tradesman (well that was good anyway), and a serious attempt to murder him by the political elite. Actually it was quite a good start for someone whose task was to bring together a new united humanity.

Do you think Jesus was a difficult teenager – he was certainly a difficult adult?

Do you think Joseph's dad said, "Tell Joseph he's dreaming!"?

Were the wise men really nutters? Can you imagine anyone doing that nowadays?

What do you think Mary and Joseph did with the gold, frankincense and myrrh? What would you have done with it?

Did you know that there probably was no inn? It was really the guest room in a house that was full. [The word is used in the NT also in Mark 14.14.] How would you like to have a baby in an overcrowded two-room house?

Would it have made a difference if Joseph was really the father?

Your spicy question/comment: " ....."

Dale

## WELCOME

**Welcome** to Church on the Rise. We are a growing 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.

### The Prayer of the Week December 22

Gracious God, you chose Mary to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: please help us to rejoice in your salvation, and always to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### Prayer for Christmas

Almighty God, who gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of the virgin Mary: grant that we being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the same Spirit, ever one God, now and for ever. Amen

## PRAYING TOGETHER

### Pointers for Prayer Partners

Pray for  
heart and mind renewal at St Mark's  
Archbishop Kay, Bishop Jeremy,  
Christmas Services  
Those who are unwell  
Christians being persecuted  
For people to come to Christ  
Rain in drought areas  
Many will hear the gospel at Christmas

**Join others on Sundays at 9.00am**

**Or pray on your own or with friends whenever you can**

### TEAR Fund Useful Gifts

\$260 has been given so far to TEAR through the useful gifts shop that we are running. Thank you Denese.

When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

Titus 3.4 NLT

... taking a body like our own, because all our bodies were liable to the corruption of death, He surrendered His body to death instead of all, and offered it to the Father.

This He did out of sheer love for us, so that in His death all might die, and the law of death thereby be abolished because, having fulfilled in His body that for which it was appointed, it was thereafter voided of its power for men. This He did that He might turn again to incorruption men who had turned back to corruption, and make them alive through death by the appropriation of His body and by the grace of His resurrection.

Athanasius

### Sermons on YouTube and Audio

Can now be heard and watched on our website

[stmarksbassendean.church](http://stmarksbassendean.church)

**DEADLINE: 5pm each Wednesday** for notices for this pewsheet, email Update, or the Sunday Powerpoint slides. Please ring, email or sms Dale.

### St Mark's Mission Projects (and Reps)

**Barnabas Fund** (John); **CMS** (Joy); **BCA** (Murray); **SU** (Ros); **AFES Mt Lawley** (David); **TEAR Fund** (Denese Playford)

## 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

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*