

## CHURCH TODAY

2 February

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Imagination, Truth, Faith &  
Prayer**

**Bible Readings:**

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Jn 15.1-8

**5pm** Dale

## NEXT WEEK

9 February

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**Answers to Questions 4:  
Church, Congregation, Club  
or Mission**

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Eph 2.11-22; Matt 16.13-20

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No Godly Play this week:

## The Prayer of the Week

Living God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## Praying Together This Week

- Help to live & share the gospel
- Those who are unwell
- Christians being persecuted
- For people to come to Christ
- Church Council meeting Feb 8
- Our ministry with children & young people
- Australian governments
- Australian people to care for one another
- The gospel to grow in Australia
- Families to join us
- Ministries to children & young people

# 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* Resumes tonight**

*Learning from the Word: Practising by the Spirit*  
Meet, Eat, Praise, Practise, Pray

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## 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

# Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

2 February 2020

## Praying for Preachers – and others

One of the advantages of listening to sermons and talks online is that you can fast forward when the talk seems to get a bit boring. I must confess that there have been times when I wanted to speed up the speaker - 'keep going, get to the point'. That mostly reveals my impatience rather than anything bad about the speaker.

Better than gripping our invisible remote control, is to pray for the preachers. And for the listeners. Who needs most prayer do you think? Until you decide make it 50-50.

But what to pray for? Preaching is different to lecturing or delivering a lesson. The preacher is expecting to bring a word from the Lord to the people. Not a word the preacher has thought up themselves, but one which expresses the revealed word of God, which expounds the truth of the scriptures.

Such preaching must be a work of God as much as a work of humans. This is because the subject is the Word of God. It is also because the Word of God is always a message from God. It is not a document in a museum meant only for the curious. God chooses to speak through people he has called and gifted to make his word known.

So what to pray? Here are some starter suggestions:

Pray that God the Holy Spirit will

Move the heart  
Refresh the spirit  
Inform the mind  
Drive the will

These are good things to pray for the preacher.

They are good things to pray for the listeners.

Because we don't want just to fill heads with information. The word of God is to instruct us in righteousness, to encourage us in discipleship, to grow us in holiness, to form Christ in us, to bring us to the likeness of the Father.

Such ministry will be seriously aided and abetted by people who pray like that. And by listeners who themselves are hungry to read and dig into the scriptures.

Who themselves are born again and filled with Spirit. Actually that is a good thing to pray as well because we always hope there will be people who listen to sermons who will be born again and filled with the Spirit as a result of hearing the Word of God.

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

AFES ECU Mt Lawley campus



#### Update from Toni Ollis for your prayers:

The new uni semester is approaching in a month's time but there are several things happening before that that I'd love your prayers for please.

- Firstly please give thanks for the opportunity to make the Lord Jesus known on campus this new year.
- Please pray for Christian Union to connect with many new students as well as 'old' ones through AFES Kickstart (10-12th) or ECU orientation days (11th, 14th, 20th) and Guild Fair (25th).
- Pray and praise God for Christian students who are keen to step up and be trained in how to share the gospel, read the Bible one to one or lead a Bible study at AFES Summer Equip (to 20th Feb) or in first semester.
- Pray for the planning committee and me to work out and implement plans for semester 1.

**More info from David**

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Lenten Studies 2020

## God's Great Announcement

Week ending

16 Feb 20

God's Great Announcement

23 Feb 20

Jesus' Great Announcement

1 Mar 20

Isaiah's Great Announcement

8 Mar 20

Jesus' Strange Secret

15 Mar 20

Announcing Jesus' Victory over the Great Enemy

22 Mar 20

Proclaiming the Lord of All

29 Mar 20

Announcing a Death for All

5 Apr 20 Passion Sun

The Power of God's Great Announcement

10 Apr 20 Good Friday

Announcing our Death

12 Apr 20 Easter

The Announcement that Saves

Study booklets are available today

### Daytime Lenten Study Group

Dale is planning to lead a group that meets on Mondays - probably in the morning. Please tell Dale if you are interested.

### Youth Bible Study

We are thankful for the love and care David (and Talia) Elsing have had in ministering to our young people. David is taking a break from that ministry. Instead Andrew Partington will lead a Bible study group for young people - starting soon. Other social activities will be organised from time to time. Please continue to pray for our young people.

### Alive@5 resumes tonight

Learning from the Word:  
Practising by the Spirit

Meet, Eat, Praise,  
Practise, Pray

An informal meeting of praise  
prayer teaching and fellowship  
All welcome

## Weekday Meetings

### Weekly

#### Mondays

7.00pm **Women's Study Group**

**Contact** Donna 0401 615819

Starting Feb 10

#### Tuesdays

9.30am **Mainly Music**

**Contact** Talia

**Resumes Feb 11**

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

**Guildford Men's Breakfast**

8am on 1st Saturday

#### Men's Breakfast

8am on 3rd Saturday

**Contact** Roger

**Messy Church** at St Matthew's

4pm on 4th Saturday

**Youth Bible Study** (2weekly)

**Contact** Andrew Partington

Corrections and additions to Dale

Deadline for notices: 5pm Wednesday