

CHURCH TODAY

10am: John
The Glory of the Transfiguration

Bible Readings:
2 Kgs 2:1-12;
Ps 50: 1-6;
2 Cor 4:3-6;
Mk 9:2-9

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

10am: John
The Cross Atones: Lent 1

Bible Readings:
Lev 16:1-34;
Ps 51:1-9;
Heb 10:1-14;
Matt 3:1-17

5pm Jesus Talk

The Prayer of the Week

Let your merciful ears,
O Lord, be open to the
prayers of your servants;
and that they may obtain
their petitions make them
ask such things as shall
please you; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen

Praying Together This Week

Help to live & share the gospel
Those who are unwell
Christians being persecuted
For people to come to Christ
The Nomination Board
Our ministry with
children & young people
Australian governments
The gospel to grow in Australia
Families to join us
John and Donna Yates

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Every Sunday

10am
Prayer Praise Proclamation and
Holy Communion

5pm Jesus Talk

"the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy" (Rev 19:10) Jesus Talk seeks to be a "prophetic hub" where Christ- concentrated expressions of prayer, praise, and proclamation, can take place in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

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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.*

14 February 2021

The Secret of Fruitfulness

I am not much of a gardener, but I have some "green-fingered" friends who always seem to enjoy success in this realm. But what about the garden of the Lord in our own heart. In the Parable of the Sower Jesus taught his followers would produce 30, 60 or 100fold fruitfulness (Mark 4:20). What disciplines will lead us in a 100fold direction?

First, we must desire that we "may bear fruit for God" (Rom 7:4). My dear sister / brother, do you specifically ask our heavenly Father to grow you in Christlikeness? James challenges us, "You do not have, because you do not ask." (4:2). Secondly, we must have faith. Jesus said, "whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, *if* you believe." (Matt 21:22). Thirdly, we must be clear what we are trusting God for. The glorious fruit the Lord seeks from our lives isn't primarily health or prosperity. Paul is definite in his great prayer in Ephesians, "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (3:17). What precisely must we believe for Jesus to live in us ever more intensely?

First, in relating to God, I believe that my old self has been killed off; "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Gal 2:20). We are called to affirm that what Jesus prophesied about his own death is now an accomplished reality, "if it (a grain of wheat) dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). Since there is no limit to the fruit bearing ability of Jesus, we need to stop thinking of ourselves as mere "30fold" Christians (Mark 4:20), or a 30fold church!

One vital factor remains. The key to maximum fruitfulness is faith accompanied by the power of the Spirit. There is only so much we can do; beyond that we need the supernatural grace of the Holy Spirit. Paul asks, "that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being" (Eph 3:16). A power encounter with the Spirit will infallibly impart the life of Christ to your heart. As the Spirit empowered Jesus to die to bring forth a great harvest (Heb 9:14), he will certainly bring forth much fruit in us. Let's not underestimate this indwelling resurrection power (Rom 8:11; Eph 3:20).

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.

Covid19: Please observe the physical distancing guidelines. Hand sanitizer is available at the door. If you are unwell, please stay at home.

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.

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.

Men's Breakfast is recommencing on Saturday 20th February at 8am.

Please contact Roger for more info – 0408 096 022

Bible Studies for Lent

Women's Bible Study Mondays 7-7:30pm catch up, 7:30-9pm Prayer & Study Commences March 11 in Bassendean – Contact Donna – 0401 615 819

Men's Bible Studies

Tuesdays 6:30pm in Bayswater – Contact John – 0405 640 740

Also Tuesdays 6:30pm - location varies between Swan View and Bassendean Contact Roger – 0408 096 022

A Prayer as we seek a New Minister

Bountiful God give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose; wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



Barnabas Fund

Persecution of Christians around the world has increased in the last 12 months under the COVID pandemic, with followers of Jesus being refused aid (e.g. Vietnam), intensified government surveillance (e.g. China), and Islamic militants exploiting the crisis (e.g. Nigeria). One in eight believers globally face high levels of discrimination. There was a 60% increase in numbers of martyrs in 2020. Mostly in Africa.

Barnabas is bringing hope to suffering Christians by sending money, not people, through local churches and Christian organisations to fund projects being developed by locals. Recently, Barnabas paid for the liberation of 1261 Christian brick kiln families enslaved by debt in Pakistan. Their children can *now* attend Barnabas supported schools. Many other examples could be listed.

Please pray and assist Barnabas to be a voice to government and international agencies for our disempowered brothers and sisters throughout the world (1 Pet 4:10).

More info from John Yates.

Children's Ministry needs help

The Children's Ministry team are keen to set up the kids' program for this year but are in dire need of helpers.

* **Godly Play** (for kids aged 4 - 8) needs 2 helpers to supervise and help with craft. (Contact Ros 0412 855 658)

* **Godly Science** (for kids aged 9-12) needs 2-3 helpers to join the roster as leaders. The material is provided each week, the leader just needs to teach a short bible passage and run a practical science activity that illustrates it. (Contact Andrew 0428 764 010)

Skills required: just a love for children and an enthusiasm to see them grow in their faith and feel like they belong to the church family.