

## CHURCH TODAY

**9:30am:** John  
*Cross Peace: Lent 2*  
Bible Readings:  
Isa 52:13-53:12;  
Ps 51:10-19;  
1 Pet 2:21-25;  
Matt 4:12-22  
**5pm Jesus Talk**

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** John  
*Cross Saves: Lent 3*  
Bible Readings:  
Isa 1:10-20;  
Ps 32:1-5;  
1 Cor 1:18-2:5;  
Matt 6:19-34  
**5pm Jesus Talk**

### The Prayer of the Week

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve, and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; 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 & families  
Australian governments  
The gospel to grow in Australia  
John and Donna Yates

## SUNDAY MEETINGS

Every Sunday

**9:30am** – each week by popular demand  
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.

**By popular demand the morning service is now at 9:30am**

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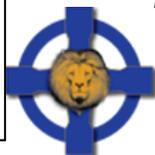
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*More info from Jenny*



CHURCH ON THE RISE

## Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

28 February 2021

## Before the Foundation of the World

Augustine had two answers to those who asked, “What was God doing before creation.” Jokingly, “God was preparing hell for people who ask such questions.” Seriously, he replied time only began when God created the world. This is a position affirmed by modern cosmology. Philosophy and science can however only take us so far, the special revelation in scripture is much more helpful.

Speaking emphatically of timeless truths it testifies of “the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world” (Rev 13:8 cf. 1 Pet 1:18-20). This means the glory, that is the splendour, wealth, honour etc. (Rev 5:12) which Jesus was so conscious of sharing with the Father in eternity (John 17:1-5), has at its centre the cross. As far as the revealed identity of the *Christian* God is concerned, our God is a “crucified God”. The Lord might be almighty, all present and all knowing, but these are secondary to the revelation of the humble sacrificial love of the cross. These are wonderful things, but they are not mystical or speculative. Paul can speak of God’s “own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began” (2 Tim 1:9). Since grace is an active word involving what God *does*, what did the Lord do for us in eternity?

To affirm with the New Testament revelation that God “chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world” (Eph 1:4) is to affirm an intimacy between us and the Lord that never had a beginning. God knew us before we ever knew him (Rom 8:29). It was the eternal will of God that the Father have a family (Eph 2:19), the Son a Bride (Rev 19:7) and the Spirit a temple to indwell (1 Cor 3:16). Let me stress one especially intimate matter.

You were reserved by the Father by name to belong to Jesus as his Bride in the most intimate holy marriage imaginable. This union lasts forever as *the* marriage that never grows old or boring for it’s a marriage immersed in the joy of heaven (John 17:13). To have a Spirit-filled revelation of such a great divine plan imparts to the believer deep assurance, rest, clarity and trust in the ways of the Lord. And where it is received by the Church, it will bring healing and deliverance from the sexual brokenness of our time.

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.

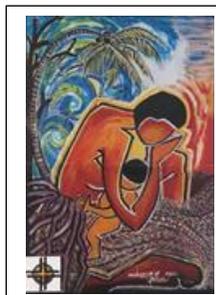
The **Holy Communion** is open to all believers. Visitors are welcome to receive Communion if they normally take it in their own church. Gluten free bread is available. Please ask the minister when you come to communion.

**The funeral for Joan Emmett will be held at St Marks on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10am, to be followed by a wake in the hall.**

### **Pray for Vanuatu – World Day of Prayer 2021**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 10am  
at St Marks Anglican Church Bassendean  
Contact: 9279 2835 for more information

Helper needed for in-church children's activity. This involves taking care of the clip boards and pencils and googling and printing the colouring in sheets the kids use when they are in church. Please see John if you can help.



### **Bible Studies for Lent**

Women's Bible Study Mondays 7-7:30pm catch up, 7:30-9pm Prayer & Study  
Commences 1st March 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



### **Vision of CMS**

We work with churches to set apart, equip and support long-term workers who cross cultures to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world may change but the gospel of Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

As we seek to **see a world that knows Jesus**, conscious of our responsibility to our neighbouring regions, the mission of CMS is:

- to reach gospel-poor peoples for Christ
- to equip Christian leaders for church and society
- to engage churches in cross-cultural mission

The distinctives of CMS are:

- Bible-based
- Gospel priority
- Long-term focus
- In-depth training

**David and Jenny Juniper** from Albany have just moved to the city of Bukavu in South Kivu Province, DR CONGO. They are learning Swahili. David will be training pastors and Jenny involved with Mothers Union. Last year the previous Anglican Bishop of Goma died from Covid19.

“ We have always felt the weight of Jesus' words in Luke 12:48, 'From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded: and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.' “

We still need a **new CMS Rep** for our church. Please see Roger for more info.

### **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.