

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: John
Abide in Christ
Bible Readings:
Ps 22: 26-32
Acts 8:26-40;
1 John 4:7-21;
John 15:1-8
(Godly Play and Godly Science resume today pending lifting of restrictions)
5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John
Abide in Love
Bible Readings:
Ps 98
Acts 10:44-48;
1 John 5:1-12;
John 15:9-17
(Godly Play and Godly Science are on during the service).
5pm Jesus Talk

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; The Parish of Carnarvon; John and Donna Yates

The Prayer of the Week
O God, form the minds of your faithful people, that we may love what you command and desire what you promise, so that, amid the many changes of this world, our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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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Changes to BSB for payment to Bank Account

We encourage people to use direct deposit or direct debit
Anglican Community Fund
BSB: 706 001 **A/c No:** 300070717
Name: Anglican Parish of Bassendean.
Please identify payment, i.e. offering.
No need to use your name if you prefer not to.
More info from Jenny



CHURCH ON THE RISE

Welcome to

ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

2 May 2021

Abide in Me

The allegory of the Vine and the branches (John 15) has long been treasured as one of the deepest spiritual wells in scripture. "Abide" conveys a sense of deep rest vital to dwelling in what Jesus is saying. It reminds me of *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence. He taught that at any time and place we can be aware that God is with us in a connection of mutual love. The towering medieval theologian Thomas Aquinas argued that if God could be reached by intelligence, or some other faculty that differs between people, some would have an unjust advantage over others. Abiding is an act of love open to all where we intentionally desire to be close to Jesus, always. Many will sincerely remark they can be conscious of the Lord's presence as much in the garden as in a church building, but since "God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth" (John 4:24), we can be vitally aware of the Lord preparing dinner or in the toilet!

If we resist this sort of thinking as coarse or unspiritual it is because we have forgotten that Jesus "offered himself up through the eternal Spirit" (Heb 9:14). Though crucifixions were notoriously filthy with every sort of human excretion the most intense holy presence of the Lord was concentrated upon the humanity of Christ in his mess. Since this ordeal was *for us* there is nothing unclean in our past or present which has not been washed away by the blood of the cross (John 1:3; Heb 10:22). In God's presence the follower of Jesus has no blame or shame as a barrier to "abiding".

If we do have experiences of blame and shame, they will inevitably deceive us into trying to abide in the Vine. But we have already been placed in the Vine by our Father. Striving for the presence of God will lead to you acting as though you are a vine whose own effort will bring forth fruit. This is disastrous. Jesus will bring forth fruit through you as his life flows from his Spirit through your spirit into loving others. Spend time with him, repeat his sacred name ("Jesus") often, tell him repeatedly, "I love you Lord", sing him a love song. These are ways to flow in an abiding in the Vine.

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.

Women Together

You and your friends are invited to Afternoon Tea on Saturday 8 May 2-4pm at Barb and Verna's Home – 65 Bernley Drive, Viveash.

Our Speaker – Keren Masters

Will be sharing about her life and faith journey through the ups and downs of life.

For more information please contact:

Donna – 0401 615 819 or Barb – 0407 476 436.

Please RSVP ASAP

Possible future dates (to be confirmed):

24th July 2-4pm – Cara Heng has agreed to return to talk about Anxiety

September Day Retreat 10-4pm

Praying and Supporting the Church in MYANMAR: 50 Days of Prayer.

Visit <http://Fb.com/perthtogether> Sending financial support, please email John for details.

Donations to the Diocese of the North West to assist in cyclone reconstruction
can be sent to: <https://ardfa.org.au/wa-cyclone>

Coffee & Chat in the Church Hall from 10am – 12pm
On the 1st and 3rd Friday's of the Month.

Bible Study Groups

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

Bible Study – Men and Women welcome – Wednesdays 7:30pm in Caversham at Charles and Charmaine's place. Contact Charmaine for more info.



MISSION PROJECT UPDATE

Information for your Prayers



AFES – ECU Christian Union

The Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) exists to share the Christian faith with university students in Australia and equip Christian students to build their faith, knowledge and understanding of God and his mission.

The AFES Staff Worker for Edith Cowan University, Mt. Lawley, (Toni Ollis) has written to share a brief update:

Outreach

Christian Union students have prepared a concert for Christian Students to perform original pieces or covers of Christian music. It will be held at the campus tavern. The theme of the concert is PSALM; a Night of Music Inspired by Faith. This is an opportunity for Christian students to invite their friends and hear more about following Jesus. The event was postponed due to COVID lockdown.

- pray for a new date and good promotion for the event
- that CU students will be bold and invite friends
- the night would be a success in terms of logistics, performers and opportunities to love and share the good news.

Training

Pray for the students who will be attending the *Mid-Year Conference* in July based on the theme of 'Resurrection: Living Hope'. That many would join up and get equipped and that the fruit of the training would be students living out their faith to love God more and serve others in mission.

Thanks, Toni, for the update, we at St. Mark's will be praying for you and the students at Mt. Lawley.

For more info please see David.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets fortnightly during term time for young people in years 4-9. We play crazy games then share a meal and bible study together.

Saturdays 4-7pm, all welcome.

Term 2 dates: 1 May, 15 May, 29 May, 12 June, 26 June.

Contact Andrew – 0428 764 010.

Financial Information for March 2021:

Total income: \$11,682.71 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,010.00
Direct Giving - \$6,469.29
Open Plate - \$630.00
Other - \$2,573.42

Total Expenses: \$6,192.70

Please note changes to BSB for payments to the church bank account on the back page.

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.