

## CHURCH TODAY

**9:30am:** John  
Ascension  
Bible Readings:  
Ps 47

Acts 1:1-11;  
Eph 4:7-16;  
Luke 24:44-53

**(Godly Play)** is running today  
for children in K-Yr3.

Story: **The Ascension** with  
Ros & Tahlia)

**5pm Jesus Talk**

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** John  
Pentecost  
Bible Readings:  
Ps 104:26-36

Acts 2:1-21;  
Rom 8:22-27;  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**(Godly Play)** is running today  
for children in K-Yr3.

Story: **Pentecost** with Julie  
& Marilyn)

**5pm Jesus Talk**

**Godly Science** is also on  
during the service for kids from  
Years 4-9.

## The Prayer of the Week

God of majesty,  
You led the Messiah through  
suffering into risen life, and  
took him up into the glory of  
heaven: clothe us with the  
power promised from on high,  
and send us forth to the ends  
of the earth as heralds of  
repentance and witnesses of  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn from  
the dead, who lives with you  
now and always, in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, God for ever  
and 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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## Bank Account

### 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.*

16 May 2021

## Clouds with a Lining

Clouds play an important symbolic role in the Bible. Dark clouds obscure the presence of God (Ex 20:21; 2 Sam 22:12; 1 Ki 8:12) and are signs of End-time judgement (Joel 2:2; Zeph 1:15). Clouds often precede divine communication. The pillar of cloud and fire in the wilderness as a sure sign of God's delivering presence for Israel (Ex 14:24). The cloud around Jesus at his transfiguration prepared him and the disciples to hear the Father's voice (Luke 9:34). Similarly, the “mighty messenger” of Revelation 10:1 “wrapped in a cloud” is a prelude for an outstanding heavenly message. When the “two witnesses” have finished their course a “mighty voice” (Rev 11:12) calling them up to heaven in a cloud. People of faith are a “cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1). Most commonly, when Jesus returns in glory it will be on the clouds of heaven accompanied by angels and their prophetic testimony (Matt 24:30; Mark 14:62; Luke 12:54; 1 Thess 4:17; Rev 1:7; 14:14-16; 19:10). Whilst we are raised up with Christ and invisibly immersed in the glory cloud of heaven (Eph 1:3; 2:6) such truths require practical earthly faith.

As witnesses to Jesus, in the spiritual realm we are as concrete and causal as clouds in the sky. Paul says, “For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, 16 to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things?” (2 Cor 2:1-16). It is an astounding thing to realise that our attitudes and actions have eternal consequences for the lives of others. How do we deal with such an awesome and responsibility which has come upon us because Jesus lives in you? The only answer which will stop us avoiding such a call is that we must submit more deeply to Jesus. For Christ has already taken upon his shoulders the weight of the world and taken it away (Isa 9:6; John 1:29). Realising that Jesus has done it all liberates us to allow our light to shine before lost people (Matt 5:16). Shine in such a way that the darkening mental, moral and physical clouds surrounding their lives cannot keep out the light of Christ. Inside you have a lining of glory. Let us pray to be visible witnesses to Jesus.

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**

Possible future dates (to be confirmed):  
24<sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm – Cara Heng has agreed to return to talk about Anxiety.  
September Day Retreat 10-4pm

For more information please contact:  
Donna – 0401 615 819  
or Barb – 0407 476 436

### **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

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Men's & Women's Bible Study – **Wednesdays 9-10am** led by John – starting May 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Barnabas Fund (barnabasfund.org/au)**

Barnabas is an interdenominational organisation dedicated to meeting the practical and spiritual needs of Christians experiencing persecution and discrimination. Our support for Barnabas Fund as a mission organisation helps widen our horizons for prayer and giving. You are likely aware of the COVID crisis in India. Currently, Barnabas is providing food for around 50,000 impoverished believers who have lost their income due to lockdown. You may not be conscious of the conflict in northern Mozambique where Islamic terrorists have pushed almost a million people into severe hunger. For just \$75 a family of 6 can be fed for eight weeks, just 22 cents per person per day. Limiting a little luxury might save a life. Barnabas sends money through local Christian contacts to fund projects developed by local partners. Please pray and assist Barnabas to be a voice and resource for disempowered believers globally (1 Pet 4:10).

**For more info please see John.**

### **Combined Churches Pentecost Service**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm  
At Bassendean Church of Christ  
4 Ivanhoe St, Bassendean.  
All Welcome.

### Volunteers needed to

**"Meet and Greet"** on a roster basis.  
Please see Margaret to assist.

### **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 April 2021:

**Total income: \$10,449.03** made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,142.00  
Direct Giving - \$7,163.48  
Open Plate - \$1,005.00  
Other - \$138.55

**Total Expenses: \$6,524.90**

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.