

## CHURCH TODAY

**9:30am:** John  
Trinity

Bible Readings:  
Ps 29

Isa 6:1-8;  
Rom 8:12-17;  
John 3:1-17

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

Story: **The Good Shepherd**  
with Ros & Steph)

**5pm Jesus Talk**

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** John  
Bible Readings:

Ps 98  
Job 29:11-16  
Acts 11:22-30; 13:1-3  
Matt 10:7-13

**(No Godly Play on Sunday  
6/6)**

**5pm Jesus Talk**

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

## The Prayer of the Week

Father, we praise you, that  
through your Word and Holy  
Spirit you created all things;  
you reveal your salvation in all  
the world through Jesus Christ,  
the Word made flesh; through  
your Holy Spirit you give us a  
share in your life and love: fill  
us with the vision of your glory,  
that we may always serve and  
praise you, Father, Son and  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever  
and ever.  
Amen.

## SUNDAY MEETINGS

Every Sunday

**9:30am** – each week  
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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## 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.*

30 May 2021

## An Incomprehensible God??

There's an old theological joke based on the ancient Athanasian Creed, "The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible." ... "The whole damn thing incomprehensible." Many have given up on trying to understand the Trinity; this is understandable, but also a spiritual mistake. Since the word "trinity" isn't in the Bible, but comes from the Latin *trinitas*, meaning "threefold", we shouldn't expect direct trinitarian teaching in scripture. Clearly, Peter didn't preach the Trinity at Pentecost. But on another level the Trinity was present that day in the most intense spiritual way.

"God" is mentioned in the apostle's sermon as acting in the life of Jesus eight times. This was the God of the Old Testament familiar to all Peter's Jewish hearers. When however, Peter says, "Jesus...Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing." (Acts 2:32-33) we enter a mixture of familiar and strangely unfamiliar territory. Always in the Old Testament the "Spirit of God" is a way of talking about God's personal presence and power. To say that the man Jesus could give the Spirit was a claim making him equivalent in authority with God (Joel 2:28 cf. Matt 28:18). How could this be?

The key to understanding this dynamic is the term "Father" to describe the relationship between Jesus and God. Whilst in the Old Testament God is in various places said to be the "Father" of Israel as a nation (e.g., Ex 4:22-23), the only individual he Fathers is the promised messianic son of David (2 Sam 7:14). This Son is identified in the New Testament as Jesus of Nazareth (Matt 3:17).

The ability of Jesus to receive Spirit of God from God the Father and to give him to those who are mere creatures identifies him as equal with both of them. God the Father gives the Spirit of God to God the Son to give to us! How remarkable, no wonder Jesus is worshipped (Acts 13:2) and prayed to (2 Cor 12:8). Since no-one can master an understanding of the Trinity in an intellectual sense, the important thing is whether we relate to Father, Son and Holy Spirit equally as God. If we do, we know God as Trinity and so we are surely saved.

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 **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June** after church.

**TO BE HANDED IN BY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:**

- **All reports.**
- **Any nominations for council.**
- **Anything that needs to be added to the agenda** (must be put in writing and addressed to John)

### **70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Invitation for John Yates.**

Saturday 26/6  
at 12pm at St Marks  
Church Hall.  
Details of this bring  
and share event via  
Peter Nixon –  
[pgnixon@inet.net.au](mailto:pgnixon@inet.net.au)

### **Women Together**

Possible future dates (to be confirmed):

24<sup>th</sup> July 2-4pm  
September Day Retreat 10-4pm  
For more info 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

### **Volunteers needed to “Meet and Greet”**

on a roster basis.

Please see Margaret to assist.

### **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.**

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

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

### **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

### **CMS – Church Missionary Society of Australia**

Founded in 1799, the **Church Mission Society (CMS)**, formerly known as the **Church Missionary Society**, is a British mission society working with Christians around the world. Established in Australia as an independent agency in 1892, CMS has been setting apart long-term, cross-cultural workers to share the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in gospel poor nations, equipping teachers and engaging Australian churches in cross-cultural mission. It has operated during WWI and II, the Great Depression, revolutions and civil unrest, droughts, tsunamis and the Spanish Flu', therefore equipping it well to continue to train and send missionaries in today's COVID world.

CMS International Director, Peter Rodgers reports:

- In Melbourne new missionaries have been trained and the St Andrew's Hall redevelopment completed on time and on budget despite the lockdown.
  - In gospel-poor Japan, church planters had to purchase a new building to cater for the many new members who had joined online.
  - The Argentinian Christian University Bible Group reached and disciplined more university online students than ever before.
  - In Timor-Leste, although COVID delayed the launch of the Tetun language translation of the Big Picture Story Bible, it was subsequently announced that it has become part of the National Curriculum for Protestant schools.
  - In the Spanish-speaking world, MOCLAM Bible courses have continued to bless and train church members.
- St Mark's Anglican Church, Bassendean has been supporting CMS for many years. State Director, Mr David Greeff, has visited us every year for the last three years and would be delighted to return to report to us in person.
- The CMS magazine “Checkpoint” is on the table at the back for your perusal. Please continue to pray for the CMS trans-global missionaries and workers.
- For more info, please see Barbara M.**

### **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.