

CHURCH TODAY

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

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John
Bible Readings:
Ps 17

1 Sam 28:3-20
2 Cor 5:1-10
John 14:1-14

(Godly Play: Books of the Bible with Ros & Marilyn)

5pm Jesus Talk

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

The Prayer of the Week

Generous God, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive: help us by the example of your apostle Barnabas, a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the 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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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.*

6 June 2021

Opinionated

Paul warns the headstrong Corinthians, “We destroy arguments and every *lofty opinion* raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ” (2 Cor 10:5). The strong opinions of many St Marks people are relatively harmless when it comes to politics or sport, but it is devastatingly dangerous to have set opinions about the things of God. An opinion about anything divine is an idol.

In the ancient world, temples to the deities were everywhere, so Paul’s words were self-evidently true, “there are many “gods” and many “lords””, what was not so obvious was this statement, “there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.” (1 Cor 8:5-6). In polytheistic societies the rule over the world is distributed amongst many lords, but for those who believe in the one Creator, his will alone must be supreme.

The Church is called to be a unique society, empty from both “independent thinkers” and conformists to popular opinion. Whereas “free” thinkers are in bondage to reacting against the majority mindset, conformists are merely sheep afraid to offend others. There is a third way to live, one that delivers us from acting and reacting in relation to human pressures. I’m not just talking about bringing “God” into the picture, Muslim rulers across the world do that. Our way must be the Way of Jesus (John 14:6).

The Bible promises we can have “the mind of Christ” (1 Cor 2:16) and “the mind of the Spirit” (Rom 8:6). Given our stubborn disposition to make up our own minds, how can this happen? Through being more conformed to the likeness of Christ in his total humility and teachability. The young Jesus was not a know-all but, in beings “submissive” to parents “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.” (Luke 2.51-52). Then at the end of his life, Jesus did not hold on to the powerful evidence-based opinion he was actually forsaken by God (Mark 15:34) but died in the confidence of his Father’s presence (Luke 23:46). Ask the Lord to reveal your lofty opinions about spiritual things and ask him to crucify them. Then you will have a renewed mind (Rom 12:1). It’s too much of a burden to be a little lord and god.

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 27th June TO BE HANDED IN BY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 13TH 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)

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

70th 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

Women Together Possible future dates (to be confirmed):
24th 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.

Anglicare have a Homeless Appeal. If you are interested in donating to this appeal, details are on the table at the back of the church.

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 26th.

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.