

## CHURCH TODAY

**9:30am:** John  
Bible Readings:  
Ps 14

2 Sam 11:1-15  
Eph 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

**(Godly Play)** for children in  
K-Yr 3)

**5pm Jesus Talk**

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** John  
Bible Readings:  
Ps 51:1-12

2 Sam 11:26-12:13a  
Eph 4:1-16  
John 6:24-35

**(Godly Play)** for children in  
K-Yr 3)

**5pm Jesus Talk**

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

## The Prayer of the Week

Gracious God, you have placed  
within the hearts of all your  
children a longing for your word  
and a hunger for your truth:  
grant that, believing in the one  
whom you have sent, we may  
know him to be the true bread  
of heaven and the food of  
eternal life, Jesus Christ our  
Lord, to whom with you and the  
Holy Spirit be glory and honour  
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.*

25 July 2021

## Beauty Betrayed: David and Bathsheba

This is one of the most infamous stories in the Bible, but it requires a depth of discernment (2 Sam 11-12). There is no suggestion David raped Bathsheba, she is simply a “very beautiful woman” (2 Sam 11:3). Whilst later 1 Chron 21:1), Satan incited David to sin, there is nothing in this story to suggest the devil “made him do it”. Pure lust and power is the explanation. But we should not overlook the special status of David as “a man after his (God's) own heart” (1 Sam 13:14) and “the anointed...sweet psalmist of Israel” (2 Sam 23:1). All of this makes David's sin worse.

It was David who waxed lyrical about his devotional purity, “One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.” (Ps 27:4). How was David's desire to be in the glorious presence of God overwhelmed by a “very beautiful woman”. He must have known adultery meant the withdrawal of the Holy Spirit and the divine presence (Ps 51:11)? To look deeper than mortal weakness and sin we need to understand the counsels of God.

It was no accident that the king was at home on his rooftop, rather than on the battlefield, at the exact time Bathsheba was bathing (2 Sam 11:1-2). There is always a divine purpose in this temptation. The greater the test overcome in the strength of the Lord the greater the glory of God. As Jesus was perfected through his all his sufferings, from his 40 days in the wilderness up to the cross (Heb 2:10; 5:9), David also would have become so much more the image of coming King if he had resisted the lusts of his flesh (1 John 2:15). He neither turned to the commands of God nor his Holy Spirit for help. Therefore, the Lord visited him with the death of three sons, civil war, and devastating plague. Let us ask God to illuminate the all-surpassing beauty of Christ crucified which alone can deliver us from our temptations. “But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.” (Gal 6:14).

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.

### Mother's Union Honours

Mother's Union recently recognized **Marion Arundel** and **Merle Andrews**. They have been members of Mother's Union for 60 Years!!  
Merle has received her badge from Diocesan President Kaye. Marion will be honoured as soon as she can attend in person.  
What a sustained commitment to families & God's creation of them with us!

### Women Together

Future dates for your diary:  
16 October 10am-4pm Creative Day together  
20 November 2-4pm Margaret Jacobs

### 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;  
Myanmar;  
John and Donna Yates

Prayers for the parish of Carnarvon where Dale and Joy Appleby are until the end of July.  
Pray for a new permanent minister for their parish, evangelism in the community and increased giving.

**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.

### 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.

### Perth Men's Convention is on

Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>

from 8:30am-3pm  
at Kingsway Christian College Auditorium.

The Topic is: **Ezekiel "Crossing the Distance"**

and the Speaker is Simon Manchester.

For more info and to register go to:

<https://pmc.cowa.org/>

## MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



### BCA – Bush Church Aid

BCA – The Bush Church Aid Society has a heart for people living in remote and regional Australia.

We are committed to going the distance to reach Australia for Christ.

Excerpts from a book - NEVER TOO FAR - NEVER TOO FEW (100 YEARS OF BCA) By Robyn Powell.

A handful of people met together on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1919 to talk about how to get the good news of Jesus Christ into the outback. Revd. S. J. Kirkby became the first Organising Missioner of BCA in 1913. His first aim was to appoint a missioner to Wilcannia (NSW). The Revd. Fred Harvey was chosen ... and the Revd. Reg Hawkins moved into the Cobar parish. From none to two is a pretty good start!

S. J. Kirby set out to do exactly what he expected a missioner would do ... visit the tiny encampments at Cann River (Victoria), the fledgling towns, the lonely individuals in their tents. When he could get a small group together, he ran a church service and was encouraged by the number of people who came. It was not long before people began to see the possibilities in this wild area of the country and both male and female missioners set off to bring the gospel to the timber workers of Gippsland (Victoria).

Thanks to S.J. Kirby and enthusiastic missioners who have served in BCA throughout its 102 years of existence, it is still supporting ministries in remote communities across Australia.

**For more information see Murray.**

**Coffee & Chat** in the Church Hall from 10am – 12pm  
**On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the Month.**

**Youth Group** - In recess for the school holidays, Term 3 Dates to be announced soon.  
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 4-6pm, all welcome.  
Contact Andrew – 0428 764 010.

Financial Information for June 2021:

**Total income: \$7,587.75** made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,615.00

Direct Giving - \$4,062.75

Open Plate - \$710.00

Other - \$1,200.00

**Total Expenses: \$5,932.21**

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.