

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: John
Bible Readings:
Ps 84
1 Ki 8:22-30, 41-43

John 6:56-69
Eph 6:10-20

(Godly Play) is running today for children in K-Yr 3.

Story: **The Greatest Parable Part 1** with Ros)

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John
Bible Readings:
Ps 12
Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Mark 7:24-37
James 2:1-17

(Godly Play) is running today for children in K-Yr 3.

Story: **The Parable of the Prodigal Son** with Julie)

5pm Jesus Talk

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

The Prayer of the Week

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

29 August 2021

Demon Spirits

C.S. Lewis said, “There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about demons. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.” Whilst mainstream Australia effectively denies the existence of an evil spiritual world, a small minority of Christians is obsessed with seeing demonic activity everywhere. Biblical truth is much more whole. In the Old Testament false worship is treated as the unconscious worship of demons (Lev 17:7; Deut 32:17; Ps 106:37). Paul is adamant about this, “what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons” (1 Cor 10:20). The New Testament has great clarity on this. “For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— 6 yet for us 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). The spiritual power in all idol worship is demonic and sub-rational; for the attempt of any creature to pose as a God/gods is wholly unreasonable. Satan is called “prince of demons” (Matt 9:34 cf. Eph 2:2) because he is the pre-eminent agent that leads humanity in its foolish opposition to the one true God. Biblical history from Genesis 3 to Revelation 20 is the story of the defeat of the devil’s power over humanity. Whilst Jesus consistently treated demons as real (Matt 12:28) his focus was always on the primacy of God’s kingdom. If demons are indeed like mice, always around but rarely seen, how can we discern and defeat their influence in our lives? The great difference between Jesus and us was that he never desired to have an original thought. He was never self-centred. Knowing that he had “come from God” (John 13:3) he only ever wanted to “do what he saw the Father doing” (John 5:19). Any desire or disposition that comes into your mind which you cannot imagine Jesus’ contemplating should be resisted as demonic. The most powerful strategy for avoiding the influence of evil spirits is to be intently focussed on the eternal Word of God, Christ himself. So read the Bible and take its message into your heart.

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.

St Matthews Church in Guildford are showing movies once a month on the third Saturday of each month commencing at 2pm in the Church Hall. Admission is free and afternoon tea is served after the movie for a donation. All welcome.

Wanted: Room for rent for a single man.

About \$100/week.
Contact Vishal - 0452 649 383

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; Afghanistan;
John and Donna Yates

Those wanting to read John Yates' book online can access it on the following links:

As an audio book with text:

<http://cross-connect.net.au/the-mystery-is-christ/>

Text only:

<http://cross-connect.net.au/books/the-mystery-is-christ-by-john-yates/>

Prayers for the parish of Carnarvon where Dale and Joy Appleby have just finished up.

Pray for the new locum, plus a new permanent minister for their parish, evangelism in the community and increased giving.

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 – 0421 868 321

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. Recently it has sent food to distressed believers in Eritrea (horn of Africa), supported minority Christians in Uzbekistan (central Asia), helped student ministry in Pakistan where Christians are often treated as second-class citizens, purchased good shoes for poor school children in India and presented supplies to the enormous refugee camps (100, 000 people) along the Myanmar-Thai border. Finally, help has been given to 124 faith-based schools in Pakistan.

Barnabas lobbies Western political parties on behalf of the persecuted Church. Our support for Barnabas Fund as a mission organisation helps widen our horizons for prayer and giving. 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 information see John Yates.

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

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 4-6pm, all welcome.

Term 3 dates: 14 Aug, 21 Aug, 11 Sep.

Contact Andrew – 0428 764 010.

Financial Information for July 2021:

Total income: \$10,267.43 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,605.00

Direct Giving - \$4,869.73

Open Plate - \$530.00

Other - \$3,197.15

Total Expenses: \$8,608.95

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.