

## CHURCH TODAY

**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

### NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** John  
Bible Readings:  
Ps 19

Prov 1:20-33

Mark 8:27-38

James 2:18-26

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

Story: **The Greatest Parable  
Part 2** with Ros)

### 5pm Jesus Talk

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

### The Prayer of the Week

Go before us, O Lord, and  
further us with your continual  
help, that in all our works,  
begun, continued, and ended  
in you, we may glorify your holy  
name, and finally, by your  
mercy, obtain everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of 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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### 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.*

5 September 2021

## Inequality

The richest 1% own 43% of the world's wealth, a situation accelerated during the pandemic. In Australia, the highest 20% of the income scale live in a household with six times as much income as someone in the lowest 20% of the scale who hold just 1% of all wealth. We have adjusted to the sight of homeless people or beggars on the streets of our CBD, and now in front of my supermarket in Belmont. All this was absent when I first came to Perth in 1988. The Creator of all people never adjusts to the conditions which bring pain to those in his image. The prophets denounced insatiable lust for wealth, "Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field" (Isa 5:8). Almost always in scripture, economic prosperity is associated with spiritual backsliding. "Israel soon became fat and unruly; the people grew heavy, plump, and stuffed! Then they abandoned the God who had made them" (Deut 32:15). The prophets rail against the sort of corruption that generates poverty on earth (Amos 5:11-24). Most significantly they envision a time when there will be no more injustice and so no more poverty (Isa 11:1-9; 29:20-21; Jer 22:16). In the New Testament, Jesus told a parable of the rich man condemned to hell for ignoring the poor man at his gate (Luke 16:19-31). After all, "Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker" (Prov 17:5). James warns the unscrupulous rich that God will soon judge them because of their merciless treatment of their poor labourers (James 5:1-6). (This reminds me of the recent exposure of the fear-based working conditions at the Amazon warehouses in Australia where the labourers are too frightened to take toilet breaks.) What difference can we make to such vast wrongs. First, you can pray. Second, you can become connected to Christian groups that advocate on behalf of the poor and exploited. The Micah Network comes to mind (<https://www.micahnetwork.org/>). Third, you can watch your own levels of consumption. Look for products, like coffee, that do not use forced labour, and which are often available in supermarkets if you look (<https://fairtradeanz.org/>). Finally, live more like Jesus of whom it is said, "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." (2 Cor 8:9).

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

### **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 – 0421 868 321

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/>

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

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.

## MISSION PROJECT UPDATE



### Information for your Prayers

**CMS – Church Missionary Society** has been working with Christians around the world since 1799.

Currently most CMS missionaries serve in pandemic-affected areas and have experienced neighbours, classmates or church members who have contracted or even died from COVID. Some missionaries even tested positive but recovered and been able to continue their work. During lockdowns missions moved online and for current missionaries, media and internet skills are important.

On Saturday 7 August **CMS WA** held an online prayer meeting at 9am where I was able to listen and learn about some of the missionaries.

**Susan and Derk** serve in **Pakistan** heavily affected by COVID. Movement is restricted.

**David & Jenny Juniper** are booked to fly to **Democratic Republic of Congo** later in August. Although the second largest country in central Africa, it is war-torn, and the people are poor.

Several missionaries are in **Italy**; **Gillian** in **Rome** and the **Fairclough family** bound for **Florence**. Both will read and study the Bible with university students and encourage them to follow Jesus. "The gospel can't be quarantined". During lockdowns they transfer to online often with an increased audience.

All the missionaries provide a "**Kids Prayer Sheet**" and also an "**Activity Sheet**". I have put a few activity sheets in our children's activity packs.

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.

**For more information 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 4-6pm**, 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.