

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: John
Bible Readings:
Ps 8:1-9

Ex 3:1-14
Matt 14:22-33
Rev 1:9-18

(Godly Play) is on during the service for children in K-Yr 3)

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John
Bible Readings:
Ps 34:1-9

Is 43:1-11
John 6:25-45
1 Cor 10:14-22

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5pm Jesus Talk

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

The Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: grant that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal; 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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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.*

17 October 2021

I AM

“Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?’” 14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am/I will be who I will be.”... “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me.’” (Ex 3:13-14). God’s self-naming has long been difficult to comprehend, is it a reference to self-existence or indefinability? The Western Church traditionally made much of this text in terms of its understanding the LORD via Greek philosophy. Since the Greek translation of the Old Testament rendered God’s words as *ego eimi*, an expression Jesus uses of himself in the Gospels (Matt 14:27; John 6:35;8:12, 58; 10:9, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1,5), Christians have long been fascinated with this title. This is commonly seen as Jesus naming himself as God in the same way as the LORD did to Moses from the midst of the burning bush. This may be true, but it is best to note how many of the “I am” statements accompany a miracle. When Christ designates himself, “I am the bread of life” (John 6:35) he goes beyond the divine provision of manna in the wilderness to the laying down of his own life as flesh and blood that must be received by faith. When he testifies, “I am the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25) he adds, “Whoever *believes* in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and *believes* in me shall never die. Do you *believe* this?“. The “I am” statements do not stand alone, as if they could be broken open in their meaning by linguistic or philosophical analysis. The exposition of the significance of the original “I am” and what it means in the New Testament is the life of Jesus in its totality. In terms of the grace of God in his self-revelation and longing to impart all that is knowable about himself to us his beloved children, we should see the “I am” statements as aids to help us focus on Jesus alone as the full and final revelation of the divine identity. (Much as “I am” is used by Jesus in highly concentrated form in the final chapter of Revelation to draw attention exclusively to himself (22:5,6,7,12,13,16,20).)

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.

Christmas Activities at St Marks:

Anyone who would like to be part of a team to pray and plan for Christmas activities please see John.

A Month of Prayer & Fasting for Family: 1-31 October

<https://canberradeclaration.org.au/prayer-for-family-2021/>

See Julie Cecchele for more info

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/>

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

Give thanks for the life of Dennis Hagan – Australian & WA Treasurer of Mothers' Union who passed away last week.

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

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.

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

Jesus Ministries Myanmar

Jesus Ministries is a nationwide network whose base is in the largest city of Myanmar, Yangon. They do not receive help from any foreign mission. I first encountered this work through meeting its youthful leader, Moses Aung, at an Asian Evangelical Alliance conference in Indonesia. It was his friendliness, and that of the rest of the team representing the Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance (MECA), that initiated our relationship. Moses has been a primary host in the four times I have visited Myanmar, the first time alone, then with Donna, and the remaining two times with Richard Simpson from St Lawrence's Dalkeith. These visits have been primarily teaching and pastoral missions. We have crossed the country as far east as the Golden Triangle area on the Thai border, as far north as Nagaland on the border of India and worked into the tourist capital of Bagan with its thousands of pagodas and the large city of Mandalay. Whilst the majority of Christians in Myanmar belong to its many ethnic groups, Chin, Karen, Mon, Kachin etc., *Jesus Ministries* often uses Burmese culture, such as traditional dance, to communicate the gospel. This is a wise strategy, as most Burmese, who ethnically are 80% of the population, are Buddhist and have long resisted the Christian message. Today, Moses and the Galilee church in Yangon are actively involved in distributing food and medical supplies across Myanmar on behalf of MECA. This distribution includes not only food like rice, but oxygen cylinders to help with the COVID 19 crisis. (Moses personally contracted COVID through caring for a needy person, who subsequently died.) Such assistance isn't limited to the Christian community, but is widely sought by others in what is the poorest country in South East Asia. The activity of the military junta has made life even more difficult. *Jesus Ministries* accommodates many school aged young people in Bagan, not only because the schools are under lockdown, but who because of violence and civil unrest cannot return to their homelands. (Some of which are under military siege, which includes aerial attack.) A singer who was part of our team in Nagaland is in hiding from the army simply because of his profile and ethnicity, not because of political agitation. Whilst supporting calls for the restoration of democracy, *Jesus Ministries* have not joined the street protests. Myanmar and *Jesus Ministries* desperately need our prayers and financial assistance.

For more information, please see John.

Youth Group – Term 4 Dates to be advised

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 4 dates: To be advised

Contact Andrew – 0428 764 010.

Financial Information for September 2021:

Total income: \$19,741.00 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,085.00

Direct Giving - \$5,468.00

Open Plate - \$705.00

Other - \$11,483.50

Total Expenses: \$9,988.67

Please note changes to BSB for payments to the church bank account on the back page.