

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: John
Bible Readings:
Ps 40:1-10
Is 42:1-9

John 8:12-20
Eph 5:3-14

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

Story: The Greatest Parable Part 3 with Ros)

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John
Bible Readings:
Ps 65:1-13
Ex 3:1-14

John 8:48-59
Rev 22:1-13

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

Story: The Parable of the Box with Julie)

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

The Prayer of the Week

God our Father, whose will it is to bring all things to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ: may all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin, be brought together under his sovereign rule of love; 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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We encourage people to use direct deposit or direct debit

Anglican Community Fund

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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.*

31 October 2021

Light vs Darkness

The world around them is becoming darker. I received this from New Zealand, but it is equally true for Australia. “society is in a period of significant change, much of it away from the Christian faith and values. Christian voices in society are either ignored or scorned. We need Christian voices which are positive, sensible, reasoned, well-informed, and clear.” I want to add a dimension to these sentiments, that of spiritual light. The righteous psalmist declared, “I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart” (Ps 40:10), but Jesus warned us, “Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.” (Matt 5:15). This is not the self-righteous display of good deeds for which the Pharisees were famous (Matt 6:5), a much deeper spiritual reality is at play. Jesus points to it by saying, “let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matt 5:16) How can people observe what we say and do and give the glory to God? Paul tells the Ephesians, “at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light” (5:8). Before we knew Jesus, we were dark people now we are light in Christ. The key to understanding and accepting these words is the gospel. When Jesus was being crucified there was darkness over the whole earth for three hours, during which time he cried out loudly, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:33-34). This was the darkness of the sin of the whole world. Then, three days later when raised from the dead, Jesus “brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Tim 1:10). Since the risen Jesus lives in us, “the light of the world” (John 8:12) has made his home in us. Which means that deeds done in the power of the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead (Rom 8:11) will by their very nature point to the light creating Father (Gen 1:3). Christians must resist the temptation to live more moral lives than those who today despise our values. We are called to live out the life of Christ, which is a call to live by nothing less than supernatural dead-raising power.

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/>

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

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

Anyone who senses a call from God to pray regularly for the children of the parish BY NAME please talk to John (Acts 2:38-39)

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

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



Scripture Union

"Scripture Union is a movement of Christians which works with churches to make God's Good News known to children, young people and families, and to encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through bible reading and prayer. We do this so people will come to faith, grow in Christian maturity and become committed church members and servants to a world in need."

I attended my first Scripture Union camp in January 1992. I was 13 years old, from a small country town and I took the mountain climbing, kayaking, and camping in my stride. What blew me away was being surrounded by so many teenagers who were also Christians. It was really encouraging to discover a cohort of friends who shared my faith and were so cool! I wrote to many of them after camp, and am still in touch with some of them, including one boy who was particularly cheeky and very kind and who many years later became my husband! That summer I acquired social skills, kayaking technique, and most importantly my faith became something I lived passionately, with my whole heart.

I returned to that camp and many others as a camper and then a leader. Each summer I am blown away again by the great love of our heavenly Father, and how He transforms lives. I've seen countless teenagers from all walks of life come to faith in Jesus, through a simple and powerful formula of bible reading, prayer, safe community, and lots of fun. It is an absolute privilege to be involved as a volunteer. Scripture Union does a lot with a little and it is wonderful that our church is investing financially in an organisation that brings so much light to children and their families.

For more info see Ros.

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 4 dates: 6 Nov, 20 Nov, 4 Dec

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

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