

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: John
Bible Readings:
Ps 148:1-14

Is 5:1-7
John 15:1-11
Gal 5:16-24

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

Story: Advent 1 & 2 with
Ros)

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John
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1 Sam 19:18-24
John 18:1-11
Acts 9:1-9

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Story: Advent 3 & 4 with
Julie)

5pm Jesus Talk

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

The Prayer of the Week

Merciful God, you sent your
messengers the prophets to
preach repentance and prepare
the way for our salvation: give
us grace to heed their warnings
and forsake our sins, that we
may greet with joy the coming
of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for 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 December 2021

An Exchanged Life

The Vine and the Branches (John 15:1-11), is famously and attractive because it presents a clear Christ-centred alternative to slaving at our spirituality. It points to the exchange of one life for another as the essence of our re-union with God. 2 Cor 5:21 is a clear example of this precept, “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Cor 5:21). Likewise, 2 Cor 8:9, “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.” This isn’t about something that happened 2,000 years ago, but rather the most important dynamic of the Christian life. Paul testifies, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Gal 2:20). Religions and ideologies generate examples of a changed life, but only the gospel of Jesus produces an *exchanged* life. To be a Christian is to live by the life of Another. We all need help for our weakness, physical, moral, or spiritual, and Paul describes what he learned in coming to Christ after a life based on Law-keeping. “I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Cor 12:9). Why does such a wonderful exchange seem to be so rare? It’s rare because it involves a painful undoing of our delight in idols. In our original sin we “exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man” (Rom 1:23). By fallen nature we instinctively refer to ourselves before we think of Jesus. But the Son from eternity always thought of the Father before himself, and he did this in the power of Spirit. We can share in this holy dynamic if we trust in God’s promise. A more technical translation of Isaiah 40:30-31 reads, “Even youths shall faint and be weary...but they who *abide* with the Lord shall *exchange* their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”

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.

As per previous years, January is an opportunity to submit to John – any topics of interest for the Sunday 9:30am Sermon please.

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)

MUSICIANS NEEDED OVER JANUARY.

With our regular musicians having a break, we need some help in the morning service. Please contact John if you have any musical abilities.

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
Marilyn, Roger, and the family & friends of Marion Arundel.

Coffee & Chat is in recess at the moment for the Christmas break.

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



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TEAR partners with local people around the world to make good things happen, with respect, to give dignity to those with nothing.

Why not buy a \$5 card today as a Chrissie present for your friends, colleagues, and family who already have too much??

For more info see Denese.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES at St Marks:

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity – 24th December at 5pm

Christmas Day - 25th December at 9am

Boxing Day - 26th December at 9:30am

***Christmas Eve service at St Matthews Guildford:
24th December at 11pm for Holy Communion and Carols***

Saint Barts started in 1963 as a homeless shelter for men and has since grown into a progressive and inclusive organisation providing support to hundreds of men, women and families in WA experiencing homelessness, mental health challenges, trauma & hardship. In 2021 Saint Barts provided services to over 1,000 people and has met the challenge of maintaining its service levels despite lockdowns and restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic; which has seen homelessness increase significantly.

The Saint Barts's Christmas appeal continues until 7th December. Gifts of toiletries (men's and women's), toys and a special treat are welcome. A full list of suggested items is available in the church hall.

I would like to personally thank Saint Marks for their ongoing and continued support for Saint Barts. Julie NW."

Financial Information for October 2021:

Total income: \$10,604.35 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,008.00

Direct Giving - \$6,510.00

Open Plate - \$575.00

Other - \$1,511.35

Total Expenses: \$7,438.47

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