

## CHURCH TODAY

**9:30am:** Dale  
Bible Readings:  
Ps 149:1-9

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

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

Story: Advent 3 & 4 with Julie – [Final Godly Play for the Year](#)

**5pm Jesus Talk**

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** John  
Bible Readings:  
Ps 80:1-7

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:39-55  
Hebrews 10:1-10

**(No Godly Play during School Holidays)**

**5pm Jesus Talk (Final for the Year)**

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

## The Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, 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

**(Finishes for the Year on 19<sup>th</sup> December)**

*“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.*

12 December 2021

## The Comings of God

The Advent season celebrates the First and Second Comings of Jesus. It has a distinctive character setting it apart from the normal scheme of things. Biblically, the “normal” scheme of things includes wars, famines, earthquakes, and pestilences (Matt 24:6-7; Rev 6:1-8). A pandemic like COVID 19, whatever the range of variants, is a day-to-day thing, not insignificant but passing away and to be treated as such (1 Cor 7:29-31). To “follow the course of this world” is to follow the devil (Eph 2:2). Which is why any whose tone of voice in relation to vaccination or anti vaccination is seriously serious are misled! As theologians have long taught the Church, evil and Satan are not real in the same sense that Jesus is real. Good scholars have been teaching that wickedness is parasitic on good since the time of Augustine facing the “world” crisis of the collapse of the Roman Empire in the fifth century. Compared to Jesus our suffering is in the ultimate scheme of things a small thing. “Small”, not because God is too Almighty to be concerned, an unbiblical perspective on things, but “small” because in the coming of the Son of God as a human being the Lord and Creator of all humbled himself to such a point of lowliness as to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29; Phil 2:7; 2 Cor :21; 1 Pet 2:24). Evil was conquered by Christ for whereas it always boasts of great things about itself and its powers (Dan 11:36; 2 Thess 2:4), Jesus only ever pointed to his Father, “the Father is greater than I” (John 14:28). The common reality of the First and Second Comings is contained in a symmetry that is only visible from inside Jesus. The image of an infant born to a child bride in the little town of Bethlehem seems to have few things in common with the rider on the white horse accompanied by the multitudes of heaven coming to conquer the world and evict all ungodliness (Rev 19:11-21; 21). What ties them together is that the intention of God in Christ in both cases is the same, the desire to make those who are less than God more and more like God. The First and Second Comings of Christ exist for the enlargement of our humanity, to make us “fully alive.” (Irenaeus). This is worthy of praise.

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.

**All Bible Study Groups** are in Recess until February. Please prayerfully consider joining one of the Bible Study groups in the new year.

**Youth Group** is also in recess until February

**Jesus Talk** finishes for the year on 19<sup>th</sup> December

## MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



### **TEAR Fund Australia**

Can you imagine what it's like to have no water – not for a week or a month – but ever?? TEAR has.

Their Very Useful Gift Catalogue allows you to contribute a trivial amount to helping where real help is needed (from \$5 - \$2,000) – doing your part in the Kingdom of Heaven to bring justice to the least and the most separated from the luxury that you and I live in every day.

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 – 24<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm**

**Christmas Day - 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9am**

**Boxing Day - 26<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am**

***Christmas Eve service at St Matthews Guildford:***

***24<sup>th</sup> December at 11pm for Holy Communion and Carols***

### **Baptisms:**

On the **9<sup>th</sup> of January** we will have two baptisms – Baby Hunter in the church, and his father, Julian at Sandy Beach down at the river!

Please start to pray for these baptisms that all will go well, and unbelievers will hear the gospel.

Financial Information for November 2021:

**Total income: \$10,884.90** made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,680.00

Direct Giving - \$6,931.50

Open Plate - \$920.00

Other - \$1,353.40

**Total Expenses: \$10,065.20**

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