

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: Mark

Third Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Ps 95

Ex 17:1-7

Rom 5:1-11

Matt 6:19-34

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

(Godly Science) is on today for kids from Years 4-9).

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: Mark

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Ps 23

1 Sam 16:1-13

Eph 5:8-14

Matt 7:1-6

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(Godly Science) is on today for kids from Years 4-9).

5pm Jesus Talk

The Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, we ask you to grant that we, who rightly deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be forgiven in your grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **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.
(direct debit forms available at the back of the church)*

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

Welcome to

ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

*Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love
in Bassendean and beyond.*

12 March 2023

The Treasure of our Heart

What is the treasure of our heart? What are we seeking most in life?

Jesus' words today address his disciples' attitude to 'stuff': to possessions and money and food and drink and clothing. Someone has said that the ethical topic Jesus addressed the most in his teaching was in fact money/possessions. I haven't counted, but certainly it is one of the key areas Jesus (and his apostles) speak to. It is easy to live as if 'stuff' (our money/possessions), and what we do with it, is our own private matter, but Jesus warns that in fact it has deep spiritual implications.

In our passage today he encourages his disciples not to store up treasure on earth, but in heaven (v.19-21); not to have 'unhealthy eyes' in selfish greed, but to be 'healthy-eyed' in generosity (v.22-23); not to serve Money, but to serve God (v.24); and not to worry incessantly about our material needs, but to seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness (v.25-34).

Now none of that is to say that basic concern and prudence is bad, or that material 'stuff' itself is bad: quite the opposite, the Bible was revolutionary in its day for affirming that all God has created is good; he is the Giver of all good things. But our hearts are prone to sin. It is easy to become so focussed even on good things, that we forget the good Giver. It is easy to serve 'Money,' and not God, for "you cannot serve both God and money" (v.24).

I confess this is an area I personally find deeply challenging. We live in a society in which it is basically assumed that 'the one with the most toys wins', that the aim of life is to maximise our assets and experiences and pleasures *now*. My heart is drawn to storing up treasure here on earth, to keeping for myself, and to obsessing about my material needs (or, if I'm honest, luxuries!). Yet Jesus warns to live like that is merely to live like those who don't know God: "the pagans run after all these things" (v.32). Instead, he calls his disciples to "seek first his [God's] kingdom and his righteousness" (v.33). And he encourages his disciples that we can do so in the confidence that God our Heavenly Father knows what his children need and will provide; and that the treasure of life with God in his kingdom and with his approval is one which will never perish, spoil or fade.

So, how about us? Where are we storing up treasure? And what are we seeking first?

In Christ, who sought us,
Mark

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.

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.

Praying Together This Week: Help to live & share the gospel & for people to come to Christ; Those who are unwell; Christians being persecuted; Myanmar; Afghanistan; Ukraine; Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); Mark & Kate Grobicki, our Youth Group, our Children's Ministries.

Regular Parish Prayer Meeting.

When: Every second Saturday 11am-12pm **Dates:** 18/3, 1/4, 15/4

Where: in the church

Why: that the Lord might pour on us his Spirit in power so that we become a true missional (apostolic) congregation. **More Info:** please talk to Shirley or Mary.

Women Together – Saturday 18 March from 2-4pm

at Barb and Verna's Home – 65 Bernley Drive, Viveash – Afternoon Tea

Guest Speaker – Ann Clews on the topic: Giving & Receiving Encouragement

Please RSVP to Barb Wadley: 0407 476 436 or Donna Yates: 0401 615 819

The Disciplines of the Father – Understanding how God the Father perfected Jesus through relationships & how he will do the same in us.

7 Free Public Meetings by John Yates

South Perth Uniting Church – 2 Sandgate St, South Perth

Wed evenings from 15 Feb 23 6:30-8pm. See John for more info.

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 Mark – 0406 659 249

Also **Tuesdays** 6:30pm - location varies between Swan View and Bassendean
Contact Roger – 0408 096 022

Wednesdays 5-6pm in the church – Contact John – 0405 640 740

Men's & Women's Bible Studies:

Wednesdays 9-10am in the church led by John - 0405 640 740

Thursdays 7:30pm in Caversham at Charles and Charmaine's place. Contact Charmaine – 0421 868 321

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



Barnabas Fund

www.barnabasfund.org/au/

An international interdenominational organisation dedicated to meeting the practical and spiritual needs of Christians experiencing persecution and discrimination.

Recently Barnabas has been supplying aid to Christians displaced by Jihadi attacks in Cameroon, assisting impoverished believers in Lebanon, funding repairs for a Christian hospital in Pakistan and supplying food to Middle Eastern refugees in Jordan.

Aid keeps arriving in Ukraine, whilst relevant skills are provided for grassroots church leaders in South Sudan. Flooding in West Africa and internal displacement in Myanmar continues to terrorise multitudes. Food is being sent to drought affected Namibia, whilst ISIS attacks in Congo target believers.

Anti-conversion legislation is spreading across India despite supposed constitutional religious liberties. The list could be extended indefinitely, such as troubles in Mozambique, Iran, Central Asia, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Algeria... Please pray for this ministry and for our persecuted brothers and sisters across the globe in their ever acute needs.

For more info speak to John Yates.

There will be a **Pastoral Carer's Meeting** on **Sunday 26th March** straight after church.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 18th March at 8am** in the Church Hall.

The Speaker will be **Peter Pollock** – all welcome and bring a friend.

For more info see Roger.

Coffee & Chat starts up again on Fri 17 March:

In the Church Hall from 10am – 12pm on the **1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month**

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 learn about Jesus together. Dinner provided.

Saturdays 4-6pm, at the Church Hall - all welcome.

Term 1 Dates: 11/3, 25/3

Contact Andrew. Ros. or Brenton

Financial Information for January 2023:

Total income: \$9,909.80 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,680.00

Direct Giving - \$5,431.00

Open Plate - \$1,285.00

Other - \$1,513.80

Total Expenses: \$12,296.70

Please note church bank account details on the back page.