

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: John

Bible Readings:

Ps 146:1-10

Is 40:1-5

John 14:1-7

Heb 10:19-25

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

Story: The Holy Family with Julie)

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

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

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

The Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

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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.*

28 November 2021

The Way

John the Baptist said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.” (John 1:23). John was perfectly clear that he was not “the Christ” (John 1:21), but merely a finger pointing to “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). This is exactly the disposition which led Jesus to declare, “Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” (Matt 11:11). Christ’s testimony could mean either that *any* Christian (John 3:5), is greater than John, or that the humblest of believers in Jesus is the greatest of all. We should look a little more closely to some of Christ’s own teaching. “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.” (Matt 7:13). This teaching on the narrow way was too hard for the multitude, most of whom deserted him (John 6:60-66). Worse than this, on the way to the cross, even his favoured 12 looked for *another* way. But since Christ is “*the way*” (John 14:6), there can be no other way. Profoundly and practically, a famous pastor-teacher from another century wrote, “THINK it not strange, child of God, concerning the fiery trial that tries thee, as though some strange thing had happened. Rejoice! for it is a sure sign that thou art on the right track. If in an unknown country, I am informed that I must pass through a valley where the sun is hidden, or over a stony bit of road, to reach my abiding place--when I come to it, each moment of shadow or jolt of the carriage tells me that I am on the right road. So, when a child of God passes through affliction he is not surprised.” Paul “strengthened the souls” of the new disciples, “encouraging them to continue in the faith”, through “saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.” (Acts 14:22). Tough times in following Jesus aren’t a sign that we have missed the way, but that we are on the Way! “Christ has no velvet crosses.” (Samuel Rutherford).

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)

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

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

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.

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."

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 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.