

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: Dale

Corporate Prayer

Bible Readings:

Ps 134

Neh 9:1-6

Acts 4:23-31

Matt 18:15-20

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

Story: Circle of the Church Year with Ros)

(Godly Science) will also be on today for kids from Years 4-9).

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John

Forgiving Children

Bible Readings:

Ps 37:1-11, 40-41

Gen 45:3-11, 15

1 Cor 15:35-50

Luke 6:27-38

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

Story: The Story of King David with Julie)

(Godly Science) will be also on today for kids from Years 4-9).

5pm Jesus Talk

The Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you gave the law to guide our lives: grant that we may never shrink from your commandments, but, as we are taught by your Spirit, may fulfil your law in perfect love; through Christ our Lord and Master, 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.*

13 February 2022

No Joke

My spirit has been troubled recently (Acts 17:16) by ungodly public trends corrupting the thinking and speaking of the people of God. I am referring to jokes about politicians. At one level we don't expect much from them, but at another level, when they fail to perform, we quickly condemn them. Such a contradiction of inner values underlies the failure of most of us to pray for local government. Is it healthy to laugh at jokes about the man the Lord has chosen to be our Premier? Such behaviour fails this test: "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." (Eph 4:29). The Spirit wants a holier standard in Christ's Body, and he has the power to enable it. The Roman emperors were often wicked anti-Christian people. Yet Paul unhesitatingly teaches civil obedience, "Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honour to whom honour is owed." (Rom 13:7). Peter is just as clear, "Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme..." (1 Pet 2:13). More broadly, no Christian should break ordinary human rules, like "meddling" in the first century (1 Pet 4:14-15), or speeding today, which are for the common good. Government is not always right, but humility recognises that God is always righteous in deciding which government, or party, is presently in power. "For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed" (Rom 13:1-2). To honourably obey the law, any law which does not contradict the laws of Christ, is ultimately to obey God. This must be our disposition before God and people. However, I discern something very different. Many Australian Christians are in our "secret hearts" (Ps 51:6) "rebels of the nicest sort". (Would that we were revolutionaries!) Our struggle to understand how it is possible to honour and obey government healthily underlies our struggle to obey all that Christ has commanded us (Matt 28:20). Presently we are weak disciples, but when we are whole-heartedly committed to discipleship, we will know how to treat politicians.

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.

The next **Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday 19th February at 8am in the Church Hall. See Roger for more details.

Trading Table in the Hall

Thank you to those who have supported since setting this up. Approximately \$200 have to date been added to Parish funds. Please continue to "Bring" and "Buy" if able.

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

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 – These are starting up again this week (if not already)

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 at 31 Morgan Rd Redcliffe – Contact John – 0405 640 740
(Note change of address)

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.

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



Barnabas Fund

I was struck by the breadth of these headings in a recent barnabasaid magazine. "Afghanistan, providing support for Christians fleeing death; Christians hiding in Myanmar jungle praise God for Barnabas food aid; Eye clinic treats poor in South Sudan; Building of church in Kazakhstan is answer to prayers after years of harassment; Women widowed by jihadists in Cameroon cry out with joy at gift of goats; Barnabas funded pastor opens new doors for Christ in Georgia; Food gifts show convert families in Albania God's love in action." If you don't know where all these places are geographically, that is simply a revelation of the breadth of anti-Christian sentiment across the globe. Couple that with stories about physical persecution in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Turkey, Syria and Nigeria and the testimony is plain. Our brothers and sisters persecuted for the sake of righteousness (Matt 5:10) continue to need our prayers and practical support.

barnabasfund.org/au is one of our international mission partners

For more info see John Yates.

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.

Dinner is provided.

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

Term 1 dates:

12 Feb – Wet Games

5 March – Beach Night

19 March – Ultimate Frisbee

2 April – Quiz Night

Contact Andrew, Ros, Annie, or Steph.

Financial Information for January 2022:

Total income: \$10,922.45 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,376.00

Direct Giving - \$6,379.00

Open Plate - \$455.00

Other - \$2,712.45

Total Expenses: \$8,989.85

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