

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: Dale

Lent 3: Jesus and his Mother

Bible Readings:

Ps 87

Isa 49:8-21

Gal 4:21-31

John 19:23-27

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

Story: Faces of Easter 5&6 with Julie)

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

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: John

Lent 3: Jesus and his Family

Bible Readings:

Ps 27

Mic 7:1-17

Eph 3:14-21

Mark 3:31-35

(No Godly Play or Godly Science today – Family Service instead).

5pm Jesus Talk

The Prayer of the Week

O God, the fountain of life, to a humanity parched with thirst you offer the living water that springs from the Rock, our Saviour Jesus Christ: stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit, that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through 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

“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.*

20 March 2022

Beyond father and mother

Recently we've had teaching on the human father and mother of Jesus. Recalling this commandment, "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." (Ex 20:12), it may seem rather strange Jesus says, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." (Matt 10:37). He's not denying the importance of parents but insisting everything a father and a mother is meant to represent to a child is embodied in God as the perfect Parent. If "male and female" *together* make up the "image of God" (Gen 1:2-28), and God is infinite "Spirit" (John 4:24), putting mum and/or dad before the Lord is a case of idolatry. The old saying, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree." suggests that moral, behavioural, and spiritual family likeness may not always be a good thing. All this calls to mind an earlier Commandment, "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Ex 20:4-6). Unquestioning conformity to bad family makes a person in a family line subject to divine punishment, *unless* there's someone in that line who has loved God blamelessly on our behalf. This is Jesus! When the Jews of Jesus' time looked back to the righteousness of Abraham to automatically make them right with God, this incurred the Lord's displeasure, "And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham." (Matt 3:9). Only Jesus is directly connected to the likeness of God for us. As "the image of the invisible God" (Col 1:15) we should look always and only to Jesus for all our thoughts, words, and deeds. When we do this, thankfulness to dad and mum can remain, but without sinful conformity and divine displeasure.

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.

Mothers Union Meeting
Monday 21/3 at 1pm in the Church Hall.
All welcome.
See Pat Hoy for more info.

Trading Table in the Hall

Please continue to support the Trading Table in the Hall with excess consumables such as pot plants, fruit, preserves etc. See Pat or Shirl for more info.

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 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

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;
Ukraine;
John and Donna Yates
Unity in Christ for all Christians

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



AFES – ECU Mt Lawley Campus

The students at Edith Cowan, Mt Lawley, are now into their first semester and AFES and Christian Union are facilitating their planned outreach programs on campus. One of the programs is to follow up all the students they ministered to the previous year, encouraging them to either reconsider a relationship with Jesus or to continue with their faith in Jesus.

A most important outreach on campus is the Kickstart program. This is aimed at connecting with new students and encouraging them to consider Jesus through building relationships and ministering through “seeker” friendly activities. For example, pizza, praise and prayer nights, music concerts, and testimony and question outreach.

The AFES students have told me that although it can be tough being an “out” Christian on a uni campus these days, they are generally well received and listened to. Many of the outreach programs are well attended and there are plenty of opportunities to minister and share Jesus. They put this down to the prayers of supporters such as yourselves. As they said to me, without the prayer and financial support of the people at St Marks we could not serve the kingdom of God as we do! Please continue to uphold them in prayer.

For more info see Steve Nurse.

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:

19 March – Ultimate Frisbee

2 April – Quiz Night

Contact Andrew, Ros, Annie, or Steph.

Financial Information for February 2022:

Total income: \$9,980.00 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,640.00

Direct Giving - \$6,195.00

Open Plate - \$745.00

Other - \$1,400.00

Total Expenses: \$12,025.45

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