

## CHURCH TODAY

**9:30am:** John

**Lent 4: 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**

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** John

**Lent 5: Jesus and his Friends**

Bible Readings:

Ps 41

Prov 8

Acts 4:23-31

John 15:12-17

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

Story: Faces of Easter 7 with Ros)

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

**5pm Jesus Talk**

## The Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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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**St Marks Bassendean YouTube**



### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarksbassendean>

## 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*

**Church Council  
Locum (Minister):**  
John Yates  
**Church Wardens**  
Shirley Landon  
Roger Wright  
**Councillors**  
Mary Lindsey  
Charles Mugford  
Jennifer Murray  
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Welcome to

## ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

27 March 2022

## The Family of Jesus

Despite enormous technological change in the world, and many alterations as to what constitutes a “family”: a married couple, blended households, gay people with a child born via surrogacy etc, the family is as popular as ever. Does such bewildering diversity support or deny the bold claim by a famous evangelist (Luis Bush): “God Created Families to Advance the Gospel”. He supports this assertion by reference to a host of scriptures that speak to family life. Like passing on the faith to children, (Deut 6:5-7; Josh 24:15), encouragement to be loving husbands and wives (Eph 5:26-26; Tit 2:5) etc. There is little doubt, especially given the background of nation-wide faith in Israel, that for New Testament Christians there was an expectation that following Jesus and growing to be like him began and was nurtured in the home across successive generations. Today the notion of a “holy family” is very rare indeed, once Evangelical homes would house a “family altar” where prayer and Bible reading were practised. Such an idea seems quaint in our day. The only thing powerful enough to revive the family as the central hub of spiritual life is the Gospel. The Gospels make it clear that this was what Jesus message about the centrality of himself was intended to do. The fire he came to cast on the earth would not bring “peace,” in the sense of maintaining a cultural status quo, but division on the way to permanent holy peace, setting “father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” (Luke 12:49-53). “Family First” may have been the name of a once popular Christian political party, but it is hardly a gospel-centred truth. The covenant in Christ uniting Father, Son and Holy Spirit as the sole holy and eternal family, and which made the creation of human families possible in and for Jesus (Col 1:16) involves a calling out of individuals from every pre-existing institution to follow Jesus as first and last. Once I used to hear testimonies from young people of how much it cost them to follow Jesus as Lord of their life because other family members felt rejected. Where have all those stories gone. Not merely in a n older congregation, like ours, but any congregation? The first Jesus movement, following Jesus (Mark 3:31-35), saw itself as the one true family. This is a very great miracle we need pray for in our day.

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.

### Men's Breakfast – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 8am in the Church Hall

The Men's Breakfast for April will be on the **4<sup>th</sup>** Saturday of the month – 23/4/22 - as a once off change.

### 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.**

Amana Living is looking for Entertainers to perform for residents of St George's Care Centre – outside their windows while they are in lockdown. (You would not go into the care centre at any point). If you would like to bring some joy to the St George's residents or know someone who would, please contact Kate Purslowe – Allied Health Manager for Amana Residential Care on 0450 496 932 or at [kpurslowe@amanaliving.com.au](mailto:kpurslowe@amanaliving.com.au)

### 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:

**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.