

## CHURCH TODAY

**9:30am:** Dale

**Lent 5: Jesus and the Masses**

Bible Readings:

Ps 118:1-2, 19-29

Isa 50:1-9

Phil 2:5-11

Luke 19:28-40

**(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**

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** John

**Palm Sunday: Jesus and his Friends**

Bible Readings:

Ps 41

Prov 8

Acts 4:23-31

John 15:12-17

**(No Godly Play or Godly Science today)**

**5pm Jesus Talk**

## The Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, of your tender love towards us you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all should follow the example of his great humility: mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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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### Facebook:

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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*

**Church Council Locum (Minister):**  
John Yates  
**Church Wardens**  
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Charles Mugford  
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Welcome to

## ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

3 April 2022

## Friend of God

Whilst only Abraham is directly called "friend of God" in the bible (James 2:23), there are significant other references telling us that the Lord has always had a host of friends. Moses (Ex 33:11), Job (29:4). Jeremiah (3:4) are all examples. It is a serious mistake to separate having God as a friend and having human friends. If Jesus was given friends by his Father (John 15:14-16), and Jesus is God in the flesh, this means that as we follow Jesus, he will give us friends too. Whilst as a child and insecure youth, I oscillated between shy and social phases, since coming to the Lord at 21 he has always provided me with people I can confide in, friends for life. I am not at all saying that all, or even most, of our friends should be Christian (1 Cor 5:9-10), for this would make it impossible for believers to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world" (Matt 5:13-16). I am saying however that having Jesus in common with another human being creates a bond far bigger than ordinary emotions and interests. A bond in the Christ's blood (Col 1:20) which makes sacrifice for a friend something natural (Rom 5:10). Years ago, I was very moved by hearing an evangelist share that as a skipper he became very friendly with his crew, and was inspired to say to one, "Joe, I can't bear the thought of being in heaven without you." We are probably not natural evangelists. In which case we can listen to what Paul said to the young, lacking in confidence, Timothy, "As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." (2 Cor 4:5). Has it ever crossed your mind, that the God who "makes everything work out according to his plan" (Eph 1:11), has providentially guided your life so that you might have friends with whom you can share the gospel? If we have never thought about this, we must be living in unbelief concerning the wisdom and power of God. Pray to the Father that through Jesus' Spirit he might create some opportunities where it is truly "natural" to share something about your love for Jesus. It will certainly happen! What sort of a friend neglects sharing with a friend what is most important to us, and best for that other person?

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**

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