

CHURCH TODAY

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 during the School Holidays)

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

Fri 9:00am: John

Good Friday: The Finality of Human Suffering

Bible Readings:

Ps 22

Isa 52:13-53:12

Heb 10:1-25

Luke 23:32-49

Sun 9:30am: John

Easter Sunday: The Glorification of Humanity

Bible Readings:

Ps 17

Isa 65:17-25

Acts 13:26-41

John 20:1-18

5pm Jesus Talk

The Prayer of the Week

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 (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.*

10 April 2022

How Many Crowds?

Contrary to popular opinion, scholarly opinion is divided as to whether there were one or two crowds involved in the welcome of Jesus into Jerusalem, and his violent crucifixion shortly after. Often people ask, "How could those who so wildly welcomed him as King turn so quickly to demand his crucifixion?" The plain answer is that people can be that fickle. The mob who heard Jesus gladly in his own hometown of Nazareth swiftly turned, as a mass, to put him to death (Luke 4:1-30). We should not exaggerate the significance of this issue. It is plausible that two groups appear in Mark 11:9. "Those that went before" were persons who had come out of Jerusalem as a result of all the shouting. "Those who followed" and "cried out" were the Galileans who are the main supporters for Jesus. The Gospels show that the vast bulk of Christ's miracles, and his most famous teaching, like the Sermon on the Mount, were done in Galilee. Whereas Jerusalem is always a dangerous place for Jesus, the place destined for his death (Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:32). Some argue that our distance from the events of Jesus last week causes us to merge the two crowds into one and assume it was the same people who shouted "Hosanna" that also cried "crucify Him." whereas it was the jubilant Galileans who shouted "Hosanna" and the aristocratic, superficially religious Roman sympathisers of Jerusalem who cried "crucify Him". The "two crowds" argument appeals to our desire to think we could never change our personal convictions about Jesus. I could never be like those changeable wretches. That it was the *same* crowd whose rejected Jesus depends on the established fact that many false messiahs had come and gone, leaving devastation in their wake. Once the mob realised that this was not a revolutionary Messiah they turned back to the real power on earth, the Romans, who alone could legally destroy Jesus. If the human heart is incomprehensibly wicked, even to God (Jer 17:9), any attempt to solve the "crowds" problem is likely to fail. If we cannot grasp how some of those who saw the Lord raise Lazarus believed, but others wanted to kill him (John 11:4-46), it is appropriate to cease trying to understand the psychology of a mob that *may* have turned so vehemently on Christ. God's glory demands us forgive, not understand.

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 23rd April at 8am in the Church Hall

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

ABM Collections:

If anyone is collecting money for ABM could you please hand it into the church before the end of the month.

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

Jesus Ministries Myanmar

Whilst there have been about 20, 000 deaths from COVID, and the nation being under severe martial, Nagaland in the remote northwest of the country is relatively peaceful. The Nagas are a non-Burmese tribal group, once animists and headhunters, the vast majority are now Christians converts. However, well financed Buddhist groups have been using access to education to convert poor families. With access to cheap heroin, cannabis and methamphetamines, addiction amongst young people has become a major problem. Our friends in *Jesus Ministries Myanmar* have launched a gospel-based vision (Matt 16:18) and mission (Luke 4:19) in the town of Khamti called: *Powerful Youth Centre*. A block of land has been purchased with help from Australia and there are presently 5 girls and 12 boys in the programme. Current needs include onsite security and construction costs to assist in the ongoing care of these restless young people.

For more info see John Yates.

GFS – Wednesday Women - Women's Friendship Group

Join members of GFS for the Launch Event for a Women's Friendship Group which plans to meet twice a month.

The **Launch Event will be on Wednesday 4th May from 7-8:30pm at The Minchin Centre, Yule Ave, Middle Swan**. Please RSVP if attending: 0455 507 039 or office@gfsperth.com.au
See Shirl for more info.

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

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: TBA

Contact Andrew, Ros, Annie, or Steph.

Financial Information for March 2022:

Total income: \$10,926.20 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,455.00

Direct Giving - \$5,553.00

Open Plate - \$1,325.00

Other - \$1,593.20

Total Expenses: \$6,759.62

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