

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: John
Living in the Spirit

Bible Readings:

Ps 29:1-11

Num 11:16-30

1 Pet 4:10-19

John 16:4-15

(Godly Play for kids in K-Yr 3 and **Godly Science** for kids from Yrs 4-9 is combined today in the Hall).

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: Mark
22nd Sun after Pentecost

Bible Readings:

Ps 145:1-5, 17-21

Hag 1:15b-2:9

2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

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

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5pm Jesus Talk

The Prayer of the Day

God our Father, whose will it is to bring all things to order and unity in our Lord Jesus Christ: may all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin, be brought together under his sovereign rule of love; 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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Welcome to

ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

30 October 2022

Befriending the Holy Spirit

Some say the Holy Spirit is the most mysterious member of the Trinity. Whilst Fatherhood is a natural reality, and we can easily imagine Jesus in his humanity, how can a “Spirit” be a person? If we do not know what our own spirit is how much less capable are we of comprehending the Spirit of God? (Thankfully, “Holy Ghost”, has been abandoned in modern English translations.) That the original text of the Bible lacked capitals, complicates things further. Should John 4:24, for example, be translated “in spirit and truth” (ESV) or “in Spirit and truth” (NIV)? The Holy Spirit *can* be distinguished from all other spirits, because he does not bear witness to himself; the eternal being of the Spirit, not just his “role”, is to bring glory to the Father through his only Son. Whilst the diverse roles (wind, fire, water, oil etc) and actions of the Spirit (breathed, clothed, poured out, fall upon, washing, anointing, cleansing) may at first glance seem to confuse us, they are in fact perfectly integrated into the life of Jesus. Jesus, for example, “cleanses us” (John 15:3) by “breathing out” (John 20:22) the life-giving fire of the Spirit (Matt 3:16). In the perfect unity of the Father-Son love relationship we see the “love of the Spirit” (Rom 15:30). Jesus prophesied, “when the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.” (John 15:26). Whenever we have an insight into the Jesus story, we are experiencing the ministry of the Spirit. The testimony of the Spirit is experienced in the testimony of Jesus. This is why we are told, “the testimony of Jesus *is* the Spirit of prophecy” (Rev 19:10). The simplest and surest way of recognising if someone is a “Spirit-filled” person is to observe whether they bear witness to Christ with wisdom, faith, and boldness (Acts 4:8). All the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifest the action of the Spirit in his great work of revealing “Jesus is Lord” (1 Cor 12:3, 7). Finally, the unconditional love of God the Holy Spirit is unveiled in the fact that he has never inspired a biblical text telling us to love *himself*. This is evidence that the Holy Spirit is equally God with the Father and the Son (1 John 4:8).

John

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

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.

Praying Together This Week: Help to live & share the gospel & for people to come to Christ; Those who are unwell; Christians being persecuted; Myanmar; Afghanistan; Ukraine; Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); John & Donna Yates; Mark & Kate Grobicki & a suitable, local house for their family, our Youth Group.

Regular Parish Prayer Meeting.

When: Every second Saturday 11am-12pm **Dates:** 5/11, 19/11, 3/12 **Where:** in the church
Why: that the Lord might pour on us his Spirit in power so that we become a true missional (apostolic) congregation. **More Info:** please talk to Shirley or Mary.

Continued Prayer for our New Minister

Gracious God, we rejoice as we thank you for answering our prayers for a new Minister. Father, please cause this to be a time of healing, unity, and renewal in our church. Please continue to grant John great power to point us to Jesus. Lord, teach us to draw closer to Jesus and trust Him as the true head of the Church. Merciful God, grant Mark, Kate and their three young children peace about leaving their communities and assurance of your great faithfulness and steadfast love as they embark on a new chapter of their lives. We pray for those tasked with finding a suitable house for their family, that you would provide everything that is needed. Lord, fill our hearts with peace by your Spirit and do not let us be anxious about the future. Give us generous hearts to persevere in prayer for one another, our leaders, and our church 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

Also **Tuesdays** 6:30pm - location varies between Swan View and Bassendean
Contact Roger – 0408 096 022

Wednesdays 5-6pm in the church – Contact John – 0405 640 740

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



BCA – Bush Church Aid

The following outline has been the work of the BCA for over 100 years.

'God has worked in the small group of people who trudged through the rain on that May night in 1919 to form the society... God has worked through the hundreds of people who have gone out to remote places to live in tents, CWA Halls, or blistering hot corrugated iron houses... God has worked with those persons who had the endurance to travel miles and miles, just to minister to one person... God has worked with hundreds of people who have sat in offices typing, filing, paying bills, producing prayer notes or cutting out stamps... God has worked in the people who have dropped their pennies and sixpences and fifty cent coins into the money boxes... God has worked in the people who decided they may have retired from paid work, but not from ministry, and take to the roads in their vans... God has worked in the people who wrote Sunday School lessons, and ran youth groups with a handful of kids in a little church hall...' (Excerpts from *Never Too Far; Never Too Few* p.136 by Robyn Powell).

In God's plan to restore the world to a relationship with him, through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Bush Church Aid Society has played a part. Have you thought of a way to support BCA so that God can work with you through this organisation?

For more info speak to Murray.

The Commissioning Service for the Reverend Mark Grobicki will be held at St Marks Church Bassendean **on Monday October 31st at 7pm.**
All welcome.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 19th November at 8am** in the Church Hall.
For more info see Roger.

Coffee & Chat - in the Church Hall from 10am – 12pm on the **1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month**

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 4 Dates: 5 Nov, 19 Nov, 3 Dec
Contact Andrew, Ros, Brenton, or Steph.

Financial Information for September 2022:

Total income: \$9,153.27 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,455.00
Direct Giving - \$4,367.10
Open Plate - \$815.00
Other - \$1,516.17

Total Expenses: \$6,139.59

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