

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: Mark

Third Sunday of Advent

Bible Readings:

Song of Mary: Lk 1:46-55

Isa 35:1-10

Jam 5:7-10

Mat 11:2-11

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

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

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: Mark

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Bible Readings:

Ps 80:1-7, 17-19

Isa 7:10-16

Rom 1:1-7

Matt 1:18-25

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The Prayer of the Day

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and 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.*

11 December 2022

Christmas Joy

Welcome to St Mark's today,

I wonder whether you're feeling the Christmas 'joy'? Or perhaps more like you're falling over the line with the Christmas 'end of the year exhaustion'?

Are you feeling like the past year has been a great success and gone just as you'd hoped? Or perhaps more like one you'd rather hadn't happened?

However we are feeling about our circumstances, our Bible reading today tells us that we can have reason for joy, for hope, for praising God – because of his salvation brought in Christ.

In her famous song (known often by its Latin first word, *Magnificat*) Mary bursts into a song of praise to God. She praises God for his salvation: that now at last, in the events of that very first Christmas, God is acting to fulfill his promises made through the Old Testament. He is bringing his blessing and salvation. But what is perhaps most prominent in her song of praise, is who God is doing that for. And it is explicitly *not* the VIP's, the famous, the 'influencers' of the day. No, it is the humble, the hungry, the lowly. Mary sings that God "has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts," but "has lifted up the lowly".

Her words are a warning to those of us who may think it is okay to continue in our pride and rebellion against God. But a wonderful promise and encouragement to any and all who would turn to God in humility, seeking his mercy, calling for him to be our Saviour.

So, this Christmas, whatever your circumstances or bank balance or relationship status, you too can share in that Christmas joy, you too can join Mary in singing praise to God:

"My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:46-47).

In Christ,
Mark

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: 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); Mark & Kate Grobicki & a suitable, local house for their family, our Youth Group, our Children's Ministries.

Christmas Services for this year:

Christmas Eve Children's Nativity – **Sat 24 Dec at 5pm** at the Church
Christmas Day Service – **Sun 25 Dec at 9:30am** at the Church

Advent Service Rehearsal after church Sunday 18 Dec - Assistance is required for the Nativity Service on Christmas Eve – specifically with organizing and preparing the service in advance and on the day, plus providing supper afterwards. There are also flyers available to hand out to friends and family. – Please see Julie Cecchele or Barbara Mallett

Letterbox Flyer Drop – Alan has worked on a flyer to be handed out to the community talking about Christmas and including our Christmas services. If you can assist by delivering to letterboxes in your street or streets surrounding the church, please see Alan.

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 – On a Break over Dec/ Jan
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



TEAR FUND

St Mark's supports TEARFUND the legacy our dear sister, the late Professor Denise Playford, left us.

We are living in the middle of the largest global hunger crisis in over 40 years, as experienced in Mozambique, Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Uganda, Yemen, Afghanistan and Syria. The two greatest enemies facing the eradication of WORLD STARVATION are government apathy and personal time constraints.

TEARFUND'S mission is to promote food security in hard places. They partner with overseas organizations that have a commitment to build resilience and develop tools to enable people in these places to emerge from a crisis. They develop life-changing food security projects and community relationships that enable sustainable crops to be planted in at-risk areas and administer education programs to promote better hygiene and empower women and men to help themselves, their families, and their communities. They petition governments and pray for cooperation and support for emergency assistance in these struggling nations.

When you buy a goat, a chicken, or a toilet from the Christmas Card project, you are helping these people to feed and educate themselves. When you give this card to a loved one as a gift, they also can experience the joy of helping to eliminate poverty, starvation and feed our starving world both spiritually and physically.

For more info speak to Barbara Mallett.

Regular Parish Prayer Meeting.

When: Every second Saturday 11am-12pm **Dates:** 17/12 **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.

Coffee & Chat is now in recess for the Summer.

Youth Group is now in recess for the Summer

Contact Andrew Appleby if you are interested in helping in any way next year.

Financial Information for November 2022:

Total income: \$13,713.65 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,906.00
Direct Giving - \$5,595.00
Open Plate - \$686.00
Other - \$5,526.65

Total Expenses: \$15,361.12

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