

## CHURCH TODAY

**9:30am:** Mark

### Transfiguration Sunday

Bible Readings:

Ps 119:33-40

Lev 19:1-18

1 Cor 3:10-17

Matt 5:38-48

**(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**

## WED 22 FEBRUARY

**6pm:** Mark

### Ash Wednesday Service

Bible Readings:

Ps 51:1-17

Jonah 3

Heb 12:3-13

Mark 2:13-23

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** Mark

### First Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Ps 32

Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19

Matt 6:1-6, 16-18

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### The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and 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*

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Welcome to

## ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

19 February 2023

## Who Will We Love?

Brothers and sisters,

Who will we love?

As our readings take us through Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount, we have seen Jesus call his disciples to a new, counter-cultural way of life. As those who by his grace have the true blessing of being included in God's eternal kingdom, they are not to settle for a shallow 'tick-box' righteousness, but to pursue a righteousness which reflects the very character of God. Our reading today calls us to reflect God's love.

If we're honest, so often our 'love' is dependent on how others love us. 'If you show me love and acceptance and kindness, I'll try do the same to you; but if you don't, well you don't deserve mine!' But Jesus radically calls his disciples to love *not* just to those who are like us or love us, but all, even our enemies: "do not resist an *evil* person" (Mt 5:39), "love your *enemies* and pray for those who *persecute* you" (5:44).

Why? Because that is what God is like: "that you may be children of your Father in Heaven". For the good news of God's love revealed in the Bible is that God does not love those who deserve his love, but those who don't. As Jesus says, "He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous." (Mt 5:45). God loves and shows kindness and generosity not just to the 'good', but even to the evil. And that love has been expressed in the highest degree in Christ laying down his life not for the 'good', but the evil. "This is how God demonstrated his love for us, while we were *sinner*s, Christ died for us... while we were God's *enemies* we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son" (Rom 5:8,10).

Will we merely love those who are like us or love us? Loving all, even our enemies, will of course not be easy. But it will reflect the love we ourselves have received from God. So, who will we love?

In Christ, who loved us,  
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.

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, our Youth Group, our Children's Ministries.

### Regular Parish Prayer Meeting.

**When:** Every second Saturday 11am-12pm **Dates:** 18/2, 4/3, 18/3

**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.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 18<sup>th</sup> February at 8am** in the Church Hall. For more info see Roger.

**Women Together 2023 – Save the Dates – Sat 18 March & Sat 27 May**

**The Disciplines of the Father** – Understanding how God the Father perfected Jesus through relationships & how he will do the same in us.

### 7 Free Public Meetings by John Yates

South Perth Uniting Church – 2 Sandgate St, South Perth

**Wed evenings from 15 Feb 23 6:30-8pm.** See John for more info.

### 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 in Bayswater – Contact Mark – 0406 659 249

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

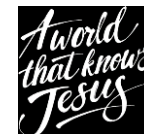
**Wednesdays** 5-6pm in the church – Contact John – 0405 640 740

Men's & Women's Bible Studies:

**Wednesdays** 9-10am in the church led by John - 0405 640 740

**Thursdays** 7:30pm in Caversham at Charles and Charmaine's place. Contact Charmaine – 0421 868 321

## MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



### CMS – Church Missionary Society

The Church Missionary Society's vision is a **World that Knows Jesus**.

CMS missionaries work hard to learn native languages and cultures. However, is this necessary? Absolutely, as although 20% of the world's population speaks English, for most people it is a second or "other" language.

People that missionaries work with say: "When I speak to you in English, I feel like I'm at school. When I speak to you in Maltese, I feel like I'm at home".

Because God is a **speaking God** who spoke to people directly and through His prophets, he wants us to speak and to speak the "heart" language of the people.

"My word that goes out from my mouth, it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it" (Isaiah 55: 10-11)

Speaking the gospel really matters and speaking is the means that God uses to grow His church. A culturally appropriate understanding of and coming to grips with Bible concepts such as "righteous", "worship", "fellowship", and "justification" and being able to explain them in culturally appropriate terms to your audience takes a skilful learner who is able to think "outside the box". Research has shown that studying foreign languages produces lateral thinkers.

CMS believes that learning the local language is critical to allow people to hear and understand. Also reading the Bible in their own mother tongue is of paramount importance so that people all over the world may see that "God speaks our language".

**For more info speak to Barbara Mallett.**

**Coffee & Chat** is still in recess for the Summer months. It will start again once the weather cools down.

### 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 learn about Jesus together. Dinner is provided.

Saturdays 4-6pm, at the Church Hall - all welcome.

Term 1 Dates: 25/2, 11/3, 25/3

Contact Andrew, Ros, or Brenton

### Financial Information for December 2022:

**Total income: \$10,105.00** made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,445.00

Direct Giving - \$6,450.00

Open Plate - \$995.00

Other - \$215.00

**Total Expenses: \$13,000.23**

Please note church bank account details on the back page.