

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: Mark
Second Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:
Ps 121

Gen 12:1-4a
Rom 4:1-5, 13-17
Matt 6:7-15

(No Godly Play today due to the Long Weekend)

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

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: Mark
Third Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:
Ps 95

Ex 17:1-7
Rom 5:1-11
Matt 6:19-34

(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

The Prayer of the Day
Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; 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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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.*

5 March 2023

Our Father in Heaven

Who is the God we pray to?

In our reading from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount today, we get to what we now know of as the 'Lord's Prayer'. And one of Jesus' key points is that the 'what' (content) of prayer flows directly from the 'who' it is are praying to.

Jesus tells his disciples they do *not* need to “babble” on like the pagans, “for they think they will be heard because of their many words” (Mt 6:7). The pagan ‘gods’ may be ignorant or unwilling to answer, and so needed to be pestered in prayer. But not so the God revealed in the Bible, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! “Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” (v.8). And so Jesus teaches his disciples to pray a simple prayer, which begins with the confidence of that radical truth: “Our Father in heaven” (v.9).

The Lord's Prayer is so well known. And yet just this first line is revolutionary. In many ways, everything else in the Lord's Prayer simply flows from it. For once we know God as our good and glorious Father, it makes all the sense in the world that we (first) ask for His name to be honoured, His kingdom to come and His will to be done, and (second) ask Him for provision, pardon and protection.

Do you know God to be your Father in heaven? By Christ's immeasurable grace, we can be forgiven and reconciled to God and included in his family, brought into relationship with him no less than as his loved sons and daughters. And who we pray to shapes what we pray.

Let me quote from Anglican theologian JI Packer: “The Lord's Prayer is in family terms: Jesus teaches us to invoke God as our Father, just as he himself did... If we are to pray and live as we should, we must grasp the implications of God's gracious fatherhood... as the Prayer Book says, he is “always more ready to hear than we to pray,” and is “wont to give more than either we desire or deserve.”... To know this truth of God's fatherly love to us gives boundless confidence not merely for praying, but for all our living...” (JI Packer, *Growing in Christ* p.163).

In Christ, through whom we cry ‘Abba, Father’,

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:** 4/3, 18/3, 1/4

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.

Women Together – Saturday 18 March from 2-4pm

at Barb and Verna's Home – 65 Bernley Drive, Viveash – Afternoon Tea

Guest Speaker – Ann Clews on the topic: Giving & Receiving Encouragement

Please RSVP to Barb Wadley: 0407 476 436 or Donna Yates: 0401 615 819

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



Barnabas Fund

www.barnabasfund.org/au/

An international interdenominational organisation dedicated to meeting the practical and spiritual needs of Christians experiencing persecution and discrimination.

Recently Barnabas has been supplying aid to Christians displaced by Jihadi attacks in Cameroon, assisting impoverished believers in Lebanon, funding repairs for a Christian hospital in Pakistan and supplying food to Middle Eastern refugees in Jordan.

Aid keeps arriving in Ukraine, whilst relevant skills are provided for grassroots church leaders in South Sudan. Flooding in West Africa and internal displacement in Myanmar continues to terrorise multitudes. Food is being sent to drought affected Namibia, whilst ISIS attacks in Congo target believers.

Anti-conversion legislation is spreading across India despite supposed constitutional religious liberties. The list could be extended indefinitely, such as troubles in Mozambique, Iran, Central Asia, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Algeria... Please pray for this ministry and for our persecuted brothers and sisters across the globe in their ever acute needs.

For more info speak to John Yates.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 18th March at 8am** in the Church Hall.
The Speaker will be **Peter Pollock** – all welcome and bring a friend.
For more info see Roger.

Coffee & Chat starts up again on Fri 17 March:

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 learn about Jesus together. Dinner is provided.

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

Term 1 Dates: 11/3, 25/3

Contact Andrew, Ros, Brenton, or Steph.

Financial Information for January 2023:

Total income: \$9,909.80 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,680.00

Direct Giving - \$5,431.00

Open Plate - \$1,285.00

Other - \$1,513.80

Total Expenses: \$12,296.70

Please note church bank account details on the back page.