

CHURCH TODAY

9:30am: John

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Ps 23

1 Sam 16:1-13

Eph 5:8-14

Matt 7:1-6

(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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Ps 130

Eze 37:1-14

Rom 8:6-11

Matt 7:7-12

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

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5pm Jesus Talk

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.*

19 March 2023

Do Not Judge

"Do not judge." Today, in our culture of self-expression and individualism, many say these words. Perhaps many do not realise they come from the lips of Jesus. What did Jesus mean by them?

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus has encouraged his disciples that, as his followers, they are graciously included in God's kingdom, and adopted into God's family. And as such, he urges his disciples to now live differently. To seek to reflect the righteous character of their Heavenly Father, and to seek first his kingdom and righteousness. However, one of the dangers is that pursuing a different way of life might breed 'judging'; in context, being judgementalism, harsh criticism, and undue condemnation of others. (Note that the word 'judge' has the basic meaning of 'assess', and only context determines what kind of 'assessing' is in view. See 1 Cor 5:12 for an instance where 'judging' is explicitly commanded!) Jesus warns that if we treat others with a lack of grace, we will receive the same from God. Through Christ, God offers us his forgiveness, forbearance, acceptance and generosity; is our basic attitude to show the same to others?

Jesus offers a famous example of one type of judging he does not want his disciples to engage in: trying to take the speck out of another's eye when we have a plank! Do we condemn others, when we in fact have far worse sin in our own lives? Jesus rightly calls that hypocrisy. Now do note that, Jesus is not precluding all assessing and correcting; indeed, having first removed the plank from our own eye, then we can see clearly to help remove another's speck. Jesus wants his disciples to be a community where we do help one another grow in righteousness (to fail to do so is in fact a failure of love). I do need you to point out the specks (and bigger!) in my life. But will we seek eye-surgery ourselves first?

Thankfully, our Father in Heaven is a God who loves to remove the 'planks' of sin in our life; to forgive us in Christ, and transform us by his Spirit. So, will we come to him for his grace, and then extend that attitude to others too? Will we be self-righteous, condemning and over-critical; or will we offer help from the humility of knowing we are those who have needed surgery ourselves, and any sight we have is the gracious gift of God to us?

In Christ, who makes the blind see,
Mark

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.

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:** 18/3, 1/4, 15/4

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.

Kevern Rapkin – the Funeral Service for the late Kevern Rapkin will be held on Thursday 23 March at 1:30pm at St Marks Anglican Church Bassendean.

There will be a **Pastoral Carer's Meeting** on **Sunday 26th March** straight after church.

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



BCA – Bush Church Aid

“How can anyone preach unless they are trained and sent?” (opening words of a letter from BCA). BCA Sponsors people to train for ministry. “The future of this society, even the future of the Anglican Church, depends on it.”

Currently, there is a critical need for more well-trained ministers in rural & remote areas of Australia. Could you consider making a donation to help fund ministry students who have a heart for working in the bush? The aim is to fund at least 3 candidates over the next 2 years. BCA hopes to provide at least 3 bursaries providing financial assistance.

Theological education is expensive. BCA ‘will go the distance’ to alleviate the costs of study’ with students ‘going the distance’ to serve in a bush church.

Donation forms and envelopes are available on a table at the back of the church – and please peruse the BCA Magazine called ‘The Real Australian’ – a few copies are freely available on the table too.

For more info speak to Murray.

Quiz Night Fundraiser - The Classical School Mt Lawley where David and Talia Elsing are working is having a Quiz Night Fundraiser on **Saturday 25 March at 7pm.** \$30 ticketed door entry + cash sales for nibbles and drinks at bar. BYO food to share with table. Tables of 6. Book a table ahead or find a table on the night. 7 rounds of 10 questions each. Prizes for winning teams.
For more info speak to Julie Cecchele.

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 provided.

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

Term 1 Dates: 25/3

Contact Andrew. Ros. or Brenton

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.