

## CHURCH TODAY

**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)

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

### 5pm Jesus Talk

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** Mark

### Sixth Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Ps 31:9-16

Isa 50:4-9a

Phil 2:5-11

Matt 7:13-29

**(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

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has brought us to life, so by his presence living in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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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**St Marks Bassendean YouTube**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkz-PyfZ7TSSOOVsh7OUegQ>

### 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*

### Church Council

#### Minister:

Mark Grobicki

#### Church Wardens

Shirley Landon

Roger Wright

#### Councillors

Alan Hunt

Mary Lindsey

Jennifer Murray

Judyth Smythe

Marilyn Wright

Welcome to

## ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

26 March 2023

## Seek and You Will Find

Dear brothers and sisters,

Do you pray? Are we a church who prays?

Perhaps one reason we might be slow to pray, is because of our view of God. Perhaps we think God is uninterested, distant, unable, or unwilling? Perhaps we feel that approaching God would be like an ordinary citizen of a country trying to get an audience with the prime minister or president? Or a junior employee trying to get an answer from the bigshot CEO? But what if approaching God is in fact like a loved child approaching their father or mother?

In our passage today, Jesus encourages his disciples that God is our loving heavenly Father who delights to give good gifts to his children: "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:9-11)

Through Jesus, who died for all our evil, we can be adopted by God, and know our holy righteous Creator and Judge as our loving Father. And so, if even human parents, with their sin and selfishness (or is that just me?), give good gifts to their children, how much more will God, our perfectly good and loving and generous Father in heaven, give good gifts to those who ask him? As one of the Anglican Prayer Book's collects puts it, "you are always more ready to answer than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve". *That* is our Father in Heaven.

So, will we confidently ask Him to give us 'good gifts'?  
Will we ask God to give us the good gift of a character which reflects his righteousness, his purity, his love?  
Will we ask God to give us the good gift of forgiveness of our sins and acceptance into his kingdom?  
Will we ask God to give us the best gift of himself, that he would be with us by his Spirit, now and for all eternity?

If we do, Jesus promises we can have the confidence, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

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.

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.

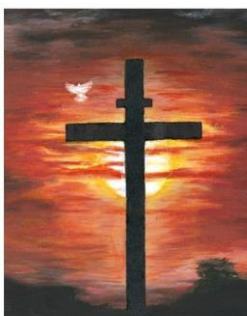
**Praying Together This Week:** Help to live & share the gospel & for people to come to Christ; Those who are unwell; Christians being persecuted; Myanmar; Afghanistan; Ukraine; Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC); Mark & Kate Grobicki, our Youth Group, our Children's Ministries.

### Regular Parish Prayer Meeting.

**When:** Every second Saturday 11am-12pm **Dates:** 1/4, 15/4, 29/4

**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.



*Celebrate Easter*  
at St Mark's Anglican Church, Bassendean

**6th April Easter Thursday 6PM**

traditional service reflecting on Jesus' last night

**7th April Good Friday 9:30AM**

with kids' programme

**9th April Easter Sunday 9:30AM**

with kids programme and special Easter morning tea

### 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.**

**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.

There will be a **Pastoral Carer's Meeting** today **Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March** straight after church.

**Coffee & Chat** is in the Church Hall from 10am – 12pm on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.