

CHURCH THIS WEEK

9:30am: Mark
Third Sunday of Easter
(and ANZAC Day Remembrance)

Bible Readings:
Ps 116:1-4, 12-19
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Pet 1:13-25
Matt 8:18-22

No Godly Play or Godly Science during the School Holidays)

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: Mark
Fourth Sunday of Easter
(St Mark's Day)

Bible Readings:
Ps 23
Acts 2:42-47
1 Pet 2:1-10
Matt 8:23-27

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5pm Jesus Talk

Sentence of the Day:

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.." (John 15:12-13)

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
whose beloved Son for our sake
willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross:
give us courage and patience
to take up our cross daily and follow him;
who lives 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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Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

23 April 2023

Counting the Cost

Dear friends,

Today we begin our service by commemorating Anzac Day. We pause to remember those who served to defend and protect the freedoms which we enjoy in this country. It is sobering to reflect on the costs and sacrifices made, both by those who left, and those who stayed. While no doubt many set off to war with mixed motives, most went with a deep awareness of the costs they would need to be committed to bear: deprivation, illness, wounding, even death.

It is this theme of cost which Jesus raises in our gospel reading today. If we are to 'set off' to follow Jesus, what will it involve? Matthew 8 presents a picture of Jesus' miracles: he is the Authoritative Lord who brings healing and order. So does that mean following him is a ticket to comfort, prosperity and getting what I want in life? Well, not so fast. In the midst of those miracles, Matthew records two people offering to follow Jesus.

The first says "I will follow wherever you go", to which Jesus replies "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head" (Mt 8:19-20). Following Jesus will be costly. It will mean laying aside comfort, security, affluence, and reputation. Another person says to him, "first let me go and bury my father," to which Jesus provocatively replies, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead" (Mt 8:21-22). His call is to follow him first, not second; whatever other (even good) priorities, commitments, relationships, and aspirations we have in life, they are to yield first place to him. That is the 'cost' of following him.

But why would we do this, place him first and endure suffering for his sake? Because, firstly, he is the Authoritative Lord, Immanuel, God with us. Yet more: because, secondly, he did just that for us and our salvation. Even he, the Authoritative Lord had "nowhere to lay his head;" even he endured suffering, rejection, mocking and death, to defeat our enemies sin and death, and win for us the eternal freedom of life with God.

Whatever the cost, Jesus says, "follow me". It may cost us even our lives, but He alone gives Life. So will we?

In Christ, who laid down his life for his friends,
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:** 29/4, 13/5, 27/5

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.

Hope Explored – An opportunity to explore the hope offered by the life, death & resurrection of Jesus.

When: 3 sessions with dessert & drinks – **7:30pm Fridays 28/4, 5/5, 12/5** at St Marks Bassendean. For more info speak to Mark.

St Mark's Church Family Lunch – **Sunday 30 April** (St Mark's Day) in the church hall after church. Please bring a plate/ dessert/ drink to share.

Coffee & Chat is in the Church Hall from 10am – 12pm on the **1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month**

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



TEAR Fund Australia

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. Prayer is at the heart of TEARFUND, and this is how they advise how to pray for TEARFUND partners in their local contexts.

- Sudan – uncertain political situation and water shortage.
- Uganda – drought.
- Ethiopia and Somalia– war, displaced people through war and drought.
- Yemen – war disrupted economy.
- Zimbabwe – pray that calm and stability will prevail re the outcome of elections.
- Mozambique – people deal with distress of cyclones.
- Afghanistan – 2/3 of population still need humanitarian assistance.
- Pakistan – floods destroy homes and crops.
- India – TEARFUND partners training farmers in sustainable cropping.
- Sri Lanka - economic crisis prevents parents from providing basic school equipment.
- Nepal – TEARFUND encourages girls to remain at school.
- Bangladesh – successful aid projects enabling communities to be independent.
- Myanmar – military coup & COVID
- Laos – limited health care. TEARFUND equipping parents with education and nutrition.
- Cambodia – Partner helping people become more engaged with local issues.
- Indonesia – health and nutrition.
- Australia – Nungalinga College training Indigenous students and running Faith and Family Wellbeing Course.
- Solomon Islands – climate change and rising ocean level making water salty and restricting crops.

St Mark's supports TEARFUND, the legacy left by our dear sister, the late Prof. Denese Playford.

For more info speak to Barbara M.

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 2 Dates: TBA

Contact Andrew, Ros, or Brenton

Financial Information for March 2023:

Total income: \$12,675.56 made up as follows

Envelopes - \$2,055.00

Direct Giving - \$8,070.00

Open Plate - \$750.00

Other - \$1,800.56

Total Expenses: \$13,805.71

Bank Account Details:

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***
We encourage people to use direct deposit or direct debit (forms available at the back of the church).