

CHURCH THIS WEEK

9:30am: Mark
Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Bible Readings:
Ps 139:1-11, 23-24
Gen 28:10-19a
Rom 8:12-25
Matt 13:1-23

(**Children's Church** is on today for children in K-Yr 3)
(**Kid's Time** is on today for kids from Years 4-9).

5pm Jesus Talk

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: Mark
Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Bible Readings:
Ps 128
Gen 29:15-28
Rom 8:26-39
Matt 13:24-30, 36-43

(**Children's Church** is on today for children in K-Yr 3)
(**Kid's Time** is on today for kids from Years 4-9).

5pm Jesus Talk

Sentence of the Day:

I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

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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The Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you, that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome to

ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

23 July 2023

Am I (Still) Listening to Jesus?

Are you a good listener? It's possible to hear, but not really be listening. So, imagine a wife (not saying who) who says something very important to her husband (not saying who!): he nods along; she asks, "Are you listening?" He says, "I am!" She queries, "What did I say?" And he says, "Ummm..." (Sorry Kate!). Well, Jesus doesn't want us to do that with his words, to hear with our ears but not really take them on board.

Today in our gospel reading (Matthew 13:1-23) we read a famous parable Jesus told, known as the 'parable of the sower,' or perhaps more accurately, 'the parable of the soils.' A farmer sows seed and depending on the type of soil it lands on, there are four different outcomes. Now don't worry Jesus isn't suddenly giving farming lessons! He goes on to explain the parable. The seed is "the message of the kingdom," "the Word," that is, the gospel news that Jesus is Lord and Saviour. The soils are types of people's hearts. What happens when someone hears the gospel? Four outcomes. Some people immediately reject it. Some accept it at first, but their faith falters when there's a real cost to following Jesus. Some have their faith choked slowly by the weeds of worries and wealth. But some persevere in faith, and in them the gospel has a huge impact, bringing salvation and transformation. That explains why people had such diverse reactions to Jesus' message as we read in the gospels. And still do today.

For us, as the people of St Mark's, it's an encouragement to be generous but realistic 'sowers' of the gospel. We can't control how people will respond, and sadly not everyone will respond with persevering faith, but we can sow generously, knowing for some God will use it to bring eternal life.

And more, it's an encouragement to examine ourselves and ask: are we (still) listening to Jesus' words? Will we let either 'bad' things (like suffering) or 'good' things (like prosperity and the Aussie dream) choke our faith in Christ? Or will we keep on, knowing that Jesus alone has words of eternal life, words which can bring nothing less than salvation and transformation and life in God's Kingdom, even for me and you?

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:** 22/7, 5/8, 19/8

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.

Kids Church Assistant Leaders:

Could you help our St Mark's kids know and grow in Christ? We need a few extra assistant leaders, to help approx. once a month. If you're interested, please speak with Julie, Donna or Mark.

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

Morley Salvos are looking for a Full Time Café Manager for their new Milk & Honey Café. If anyone is interested in applying please look online at Seek.com or see Shirley for more info.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study will recommence on Monday 7th August at 7pm.

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 Bassendean at Charles and Charmaine's place. Contact Charmaine – 0421 868 321

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



CMS WA



We support the Church Missionary Society in sending missionaries out into many different situations of need.

The Fairclough family (Jason, Hannah with 3 small children) currently serve through GBU (Gruppi Biblici Universitari – University Bible Study Groups) in the University in Florence. GBU is part of the world-wide IFES network (International Fellowship of Evangelical Students) that we also support through the Australian branch (AFES) at Edith Cowan University.

The GBU motto is “sharing Jesus from student to student.” The Faircloughs report their “amazement at the students’ zeal for Christ while studying and living in a very challenging environment in their churches and universities.”

I can personally relate to this while studying at UWA in the hippy era of the '70s. Without my Christian friends at the Evangelical Union, UWA would have presented a lonely and hostile environment to a naïve 17-year-old.

Jason and Hannah would like us to pray that:

- God will grow Christian students in Christ and help them persevere.
- God will sustain the many student groups without local staff to support them.
- God will guide and bless the decision they have made to serve long-term in Italy.

On July 29, I will attend the Annual CMS WA Missions Conference in Perth to learn more about CMS.

For more info, please speak to Barbara Mallett.

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 3 Dates: TBA

Contact Andrew, Ros, or Brenton

Financial Information for June 2023:

Total income: \$14,482.10 made up as follows

Envelopes - \$3,250.10

Direct Giving - \$5,772.00

Open Plate - \$1,180.00

Other - \$4,280.00

Total Expenses: \$14,126.81

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).