

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

**9:30am:** Mark  
**Tenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Bible Readings:  
Ps 17:1-7, 16  
Gen 32:22-31  
Rom 9:1-5  
Matt 13:31-35, 44-52

(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  
**Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost**

Bible Readings:  
Ps 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Gen 37:1-4, 12-28  
Rom 10:4-15  
Matt 14:13-33

(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:

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." (Matthew 13:44)

### The Prayer of the Day

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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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#### Church Council

#### Church Wardens:

Shirley Landon  
Roger Wright

#### Councillors:

Alan Hunt  
Mary Lindsey  
Jennifer Murray  
Marilyn Wright

#### Honorary

#### Associate

#### Minister:

Rev. John Yates



## Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

**6 August 2023**

## Giving Up Everything – In Joy?

Dear brothers and sisters,

'Is it worth it?' Is it worth it being a Christian, following Jesus, living as he calls us to? Do you ever wonder that? Do you ever (like me) need reminding that it is?

In our passage today, we have two pairs of two parables Jesus told. In the first pair (Matt 13:31-33), Jesus compares the situation of the kingdom of God with a mustard seed and yeast, and the point seems especially to express how the kingdom of God (which Jesus said had begun through him) may appear insignificant, but in fact will be all-encompassing. Like a mustard seed which is the 'smallest' of garden seeds, but yet grows (not just into a carrot or bunch of broccoli! but) into a tree. Or like yeast, small as it is yet it works through a huge amount of dough. Who would have guessed something so small could have become something so big and significant? Since Jesus first spoke these words, they have been proved true in many places. From a single man in an obscure part of the ancient Roman empire, the church has grown throughout almost all the world. In our context today, where following Jesus is (again) a minority thing to do, we can be encouraged by Jesus' promise that his rule will one day displace all others.

And precisely because of that, we can be encouraged to carry on with Jesus no matter the cost. The second pair of parables (Matt 13:44-46), both describe a person giving up everything they have to gain something far better. One person sells everything they have to gain a treasure in a field, another to gain a pearl of great value. Jesus was very clear that to follow him costs us everything, we must 'lose our lives,' 'deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow him' (see Matt 16:24-25). Yet did you notice the person willingly sells all they have "in joy"? They are thrilled! It costs all, but really it is the bargain of the century! Because what we get is knowing Jesus and being included in his eternal kingdom, forgiveness, inclusion, love, grace, life. And all that, because he gave up his all, that he might give it to us!

So, brother, sister, go on "in joy": if you know Jesus, you have the greatest treasure.

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:** 5/8, 19/8, 2/9

**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.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August at 8am** in the Church Hall.  
For more info see Roger.

There will be a **Pastoral Carers meeting** on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August** after the 9:30am service.

**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**

### 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

### Bush Church Aid



It is pleasing to read in the AGM report that St Marks is continuing to donate 10% of its income to the missions which it supports.

One of those missions is BCA which, for over 100 years, is continuing to “Go the Distance” to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ across rural, regional and remote Australia.

BCA is asking for your support for a ministry training programme. Rural dioceses have limited resources to train newly graduated theological students, so **BCA is committed to providing financial support for trainees across the country.**

BCA currently supports a variety of positions training new ministers for country ministry in a number of Dioceses. BCA is asking for your help as it looks to expand this training programme and support current trainees with the aim to raise \$300,000 in its 2023 mid-year appeal. Donation forms and envelopes are available on the table at the back of the church. Will you pray with BCA and make a gift to help make a success of this appeal?

To understand the training needed to help students cope with ministerial life in a remote area, please read the article “Bunbury Bulletin” pinned up on the noticeboard in church or in the hall. (Bunbury can provide for its own diocesan training programme because it's not remote or struggling for the required funds).

For more info, please speak to Murray.

**Prayer for Healing – Sun 20 August** straight after the 9:30am service.

**Prayer for Ministry & Mission – Sat 2 Sep 3-5pm**

See Mark for more info.

**Monday Night Women's Bible Study** will recommence on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.

### 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: 12/8; 26/8; 9/9

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).