

CHURCH THIS WEEK

9:30am: Mark
Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Bible Readings:
Ps 149
Ex 12:1-14
Rom 13:1-10
Matt 18:1-20

(**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
Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Bible Readings:
Ps 114
Ex 14:19-31
Rom 14:1-14
Matt 18:21-35

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5pm Jesus Talk

Sentence of the Day:

Jesus said, "If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?... In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish." (Matthew 18:12,14)



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SUNDAY MEETINGS

Sundays at 9:30am – Prayer, Praise, Proclamation & Holy Communion

Sundays at 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.

Contact

Church Council

Church Wardens:

Shirley Landon
Roger Wright

Councillors

Alan Hunt
Mary Lindsey
Jennifer Murray
Marilyn Wright

The Prayer of the Day

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and so great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

10 September 2023

Dear brothers and sisters,

Muhammad Ali, the great African American boxer, famously said "I am the greatest". Now we may or may not be quite as self-confident as he was! But I guess in life and work and relationships, most of us would prefer to have the positions of honour and influence. And so, we can relate to the disciples' question, when they come up to Jesus and ask, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 18:1). Hey, which of us is or will be the greatest?

Jesus gives a revolutionary answer. "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 18:3-4). In that culture, children were society's *nobodies*, as low as you could go in the social pecking order. And Jesus says that little child is his picture of 'greatness'. In God's kingdom, the 'great' are the lowly. I think that's because in God's kingdom what is important is genuine love and service. And so, the 'greatest', is one who takes on a low position to serve others. As Jesus did for us, lowering himself even to death on a cross, for our salvation. In God's kingdom, the 'great' are the lowly.

This has implications for our own salvation: Jesus warns if we aren't willing to humble ourselves, and take on a lowly position, we won't enter the kingdom ourselves (v.3). And it has huge implications for how we treat others. Jesus goes on to draw out at least three implications for communal church life. It really matters how we treat all, even the 'low' (v.5); it really matters if we cause any other person to stumble (v.6-7); and it really matters that we seek to restore others whose salvation is so precious to God (v.12-20).

Here are some questions we might want to ponder and chat about this week:

- What might it look like for us to "take the lowly position" to follow Jesus?
- How well do we welcome and care for the 'lowly' in the church?
- How concerned are we about whether we cause any other to stumble into sin?
- Do we love wandering Christians enough to seek to correct and restore them?
- And: How do we see each of these things lived out in the life of Jesus?

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:** 16/9, 30/9, 14/10

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.

Women Together – Saturday 16 September from 2-4pm at Barb and Verna's Home – 65 Bernley Drive, Viveash for Afternoon Tea with **Guest Speaker – Cara Heng** speaking on the topic of Caring for the iGeneration.

Please RSVP to Barb Wadley: 0407 476 436

Future Dates for Women Together for 2023: 25 Nov – Various music and poetry

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 16th September at 8am** in the Church Hall. For more info see Roger.

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



TEAR Fund

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

TEARFUND is working in hard places and currently in six of the top 11 most difficult place to be a Christian in the world. Here poverty, injustice, conflict, and persecution (sometimes all at the same time) are part of daily life making services, resources and opportunities difficult to reach. TEARFUND supports local Christian organizations on the ground and engages in holistic ministry to address the physical and spiritual needs of the people. Conversations are channelled through difficulties to find hope and celebrate restoration even in small achievements. TEARFUND reflects Jesus' ministry of reaching out to these hard places, so they become assessable and visible.

Our gifts to TEARFUND assist the work of partnered NGO agencies in these hard places to supply:

- Clean water sanitation, nutrition & healthcare in **Somalia**
- Training in climate-resilient farming in **South Sudan & Ethiopia**
- Food, hygiene kits & blankets in **Afghanistan**
- Safe water points in **Yemen**
- Vocational training & livelihood opportunities in **Myanmar**
- Certificate II in Faith & Family Wellbeing course for First Peoples of Australia in the **Northern Territory**
- Set up self help groups in poor urban communities in **South East Asia**

For more info, please speak to Barbara M.

Coffee & Chat is 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 3 Dates: 9/9

Contact Andrew, Ros, or Charmaine

Financial Information for July 2023:

Total income: \$15,164.96 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,613.05

Direct Giving - \$7,401.00

Open Plate - \$965.00

Other - \$5,185.91

Total Expenses: \$11,474.20

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).