

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

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

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

(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  
**Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost**

Bible Readings:  
Ps 105:1-6, 37-45  
Ex 16:2-15  
Phil 1:21-30  
Matt 19:1-12

(No Children's Church or Kid's Time during School Holidays)

**5pm Jesus Talk**

### Sentence of the Day:

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. (Psalm 130:3-4)

### The Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive: grant us grace to forgive as we have been forgiven, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkz-PyfZ7TSSOOVsH7OUegQ>



## 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.

## Church Council

### Church Wardens:

Shirley Landon  
Roger Wright

### Councillors

Alan Hunt  
Mary Lindsey  
Jennifer Murray  
Marilyn Wright

## Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

**17 September 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Forgiveness. It's something most of us would like from others – other people, or God himself. But also, something which we often struggle to give. Forgiveness doesn't mean excusing or enabling ongoing harm and sin, but it does mean giving up our 'right' to payment or punishment and aiming for reconciliation. And if we are deeply hurt by someone even once, truly forgiving is understandably one of the most difficult things imaginable. Perhaps we feel, I've given that person enough chances already. Or that they should suffer like I suffer. Or that they don't deserve to be forgiven.

In our Gospel reading today, Matthew 18:21-35, Peter asks Jesus "how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" It's actually a very generous offer. But Jesus' response is astounding: "not seven times, but seventy-seven times" – i.e., without limit! And Jesus tells a parable to illustrate both the motive and necessity of ongoing forgiveness for his followers. There's a servant who owes the king *zillions* of dollars and can't pay it back. But in his great compassion the king forgives the whole amount. In the story, that stands for God's wonderful, complete, costly forgiveness of the sins of any person who turns to Jesus. But then something happens: that servant refuses to forgive the comparably tiny debt owed him by another servant. When the king finds out, he is outraged and has the servant punished, asking "Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" The problem is the inconsistency: the man wanted to receive mercy but would not give mercy. And Jesus brings this home for his disciples: "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

In our families, marriages, friendships, or church relationships, this side of Heaven we will be sinned against. Forgiveness is costly to us and never easy. But it is the way of a Christian to others because it is first the way of God to us. Christ died to pay the debt of our sins, so that we may be freely and completely forgiven. If we like to be members of God's kingdom of forgiveness, will we extend forgiveness to others? Will we have mercy, just as God has so abundantly had mercy on us?

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:** 30/9, 14/10, 28/10

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 4 Dates: TBA

Contact Andrew, Ros, or Charmaine

Financial Information for August 2023:

**Total income: \$13,390.00** made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,595.00

Direct Giving - \$6,842.00

Open Plate - \$1,578.00

Other - \$2,375.00

**Total Expenses: \$16,224.80**

### 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).