

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

**9:30am:** John  
**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**

## NEXT WEEK

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

Bible Readings:  
Ps 78:1-4, 11-16  
Ex 17:1-7  
Phil 2:1-13  
Matt 19:13-30

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

**5pm Jesus Talk**

**Sentence of the Day:**  
To me, to live is  
Christ and to die is  
gain. (Philippians  
1:21)

**The Prayer of the Day**  
O God,  
without you we are not able to please you:  
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit  
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### St Marks Bassendean YouTube

<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.*

**24 September 2023**

## Jesus' Voice: Yes and No

When I opened my computer this morning, I found a notice from Midland Anglican parish for a meditation and listening session accompanied by a big YES. Then there was an email from a Christian in NSW just as plainly stating NO. This took my mind back to the time of the same-sex marriage postal vote when certain believers were convinced that the Lord had told them the proposal would fail.

Clearly, the Church today is bound up by various political ideologies of the right or left whose unexamined assumptions determine our voting. Contrast this with the teaching of the New Testament, Jesus said, "Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one". (Matt 5:37). In other words, it's not so much what you vote but whether you have consulted the Lord about it. (Much like the lack of Spirit-inspired declarations to do with vaccinations for COVID.) Paul adamantly declares, "Do I make my plans according to the flesh, ready to say "Yes, yes" and "No, no" at the same time? 18 As surely as God is faithful, our word to you has not been Yes and No." (2 Cor 1:17-18).

We are warned about "double mindedness" as a state displeasing our Father (James 1:8), for it cannot be that Jesus is indecisive or unclear; "Christ cannot be divided into different groups! (1 Cor 1:13). James testifies, "But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation." (James 5:12). Self-confident certitude may force us into actions which do not bring glory to God. Have you considered that 63 percent of Indigenous people identify as Christian whilst only 3 percent of the rest of us are regular church-goers? This must count for something. A close Christian friend, Margaret Jacobs, whose Indigenous family are quite famous nationally (<https://www.abc.net.au/religion/coming-up-on-compass-come-together/102487820>) was asked on camera what she would be voting. She explained she was still seeking the Lord for direction, but firmly believed that when she came to cast her ballot she would know for sure. This is not a political or ideological statement, but one of careful trust in the Lord.

John

## 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:** 23/9, 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.

**Save the Date for Women Together for 25 Nov 2023** – Various music and poetry.

**Coffee and Chat** will be on **Friday 29/9/23** from 10am-12pm at **30A Bassendean Parade, Bassendean** – please note change of venue.

**Joke Corner:** A Sunday School teacher was teaching the children the story of the Nativity and how the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh for Jesus. One little girl piped up and said – a Wise Woman would have brought nappies!

### **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).