

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

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

Bible Readings:

Ps 19

Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Phil 3:4b-14

Matt 20:1-16

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

**5pm Jesus Talk**

## NEXT WEEK

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

Bible Readings:

Ps 106:1-6, 20-24

Ex 32:1-14

Phil 4:1-9

Matt 20:17-28

**(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:

It is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8–9)

## 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.

### The Prayer of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant us such a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## 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.*

**8 October 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Welcome to St Mark's today, especially if you are here for Alex's baptism, it is wonderful to have you with us. In this Pewsheets Message I'd like to say something about the Voice, and then about our passage for today.

By the time we meet next Sunday, we will have had the Referendum on the Voice to Parliament. I do not believe it is in my role to tell you *what* to vote, but, as John did a couple of weeks ago, I do wish to encourage you *how* to vote: please vote in prayerful dependence on God, seeking to honour God and reflect his ways, and in a spirit of humility and kindness to others who may vote differently. The issues are complex, yet as we prepare to vote, as Christians we have a responsibility and privilege to follow (not political parties but) Jesus, in other-centred love to all others in our nation. May we, as Paul says, "whether you eat or drink [or, in this case, vote yes or no!] or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor 10:31).

Our Gospel passage today reminds us that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ delights to show extravagant generosity to the underserving. Jesus tells a parable to illustrate: imagine a farmer goes out to hire casual workers to work in his vineyard: some work all day, some 9 hrs, some 6, some 3, and some only 1 hour. And then the shock: the farmer gives everyone the exact same pay! How would that make you feel? Those hired first grumble, but the farmer responds that he has not underpaid them (they get exactly what they agreed to work for). "Or are you envious because I am generous?" (Matt 20:15). That's the wonderful thing about God: he is crazy-it-doesn't-make-sense generous to the undeserving. He offers the exact same gift of forgiveness of sin and eternal life with him to everyone. Whoever we are, whatever our lives have looked like so far, if we come to him through Jesus, he won't give us less, but far more than we deserve. As we sing:

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me,  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see."

Our prayer for Alex as he is baptised today, and for all of us, is that we may know and rejoice in this undeserved grace of God given us in 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:** 14/10, 28/10, 11/11

**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 November 2023

– Various music and poetry.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 21st October at 8am** in the Church Hall.

For more info see Roger.

**Coffee and Chat** will be on **Friday 27/10/23** from 10am-12pm at **30A Bassendean Parade, Bassendean** – please note change of venue.

### 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



### AFES Edith Cowan University

It is hard to believe that October is just around the corner, and as we look back over this year, we are grateful for the many blessings received. There have been many opportunities to evangelize on and off campus. Generally, the response has been favorable, with some genuinely seeking more information about Jesus, the Bible, and the church.

The various outreach programs we conduct always attract interest and are a good way to initiate face-to-face outreach.

Finance is always an issue, and we need to raise more through financial partnerships to expand the ministry. Please pray for this.

Another prayer point is that Christian students will be motivated by the Holy Spirit to reach out and evangelize fellow students.

We also need to pray that God will give AFES staff wisdom, courage, and strength to fulfill their calling in an environment that can be challenging.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support and prayers. Without you, we could not do what we do to advance the Kingdom of God.

For more info, please speak to Steve.

### 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: Oct 14, 28; Nov 22, 35; Dec 9

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).