

## CHURCH THIS 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**

## NEXT WEEK

**9:30am:** Mark  
**Twenty-First Sunday of Pentecost**

Bible Readings:  
Ps 99  
Ex 33:12-23  
1 Thess 1:1-10  
Matt 21:1-17

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(Kid's Time is on today for kids from Years 4-9).

**5pm Jesus Talk**

**Sentence of the Day:**  
The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.  
(Matthew 20:28)

**The Prayer of the Day**  
Loving Father, whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for him: give us the will to be the servant of others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died for us, and yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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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.

## 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.*

**15 October 2023**

Dear brothers and sisters,

What is the great Australian dream? Our Lottery ads show pictures of the 'good life', like lying in a sunlounger by the pool, simply clicking your fingers for your cocktail to be replenished. It's an image of comfort, ease, and power. And even if we can't win the Lottery, most of us wouldn't mind the idea of early retirement, an upgraded house, and a personal butler! But is that what greatness really is?

In our gospel reading today, Jesus says four simple and revolutionary words: "not so with you" (Matthew 20:26). His disciples are to pursue a different greatness. James, John and their mother have asked Jesus for the top spots in his kingdom. And the other 10 disciples are indignant – because they didn't get in first! But Jesus says that kind of ambition is worldly: the Gentiles "lord it over" one another (v.25). But "not so with you". "Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave" (v.26). Jesus has a different measure of greatness: service. In his kingdom, the way up is the way down. Not self-seeking, but self-sacrifice.

And that is what he did for us: "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (v.28). As we've read through Matthew's gospel, we've seen Jesus revealed as the majestic King of God's kingdom, with dazzling authority and power. But this King came not to be served, but to be serve; not to get but to give. And in the most costly way possible: giving his life as a ransom for many. The Bible's diagnosis is that all people are in slavery to sin and death. But Jesus says his death will be the means by which we may be set free; forgiven, reconciled to God, and given eternal life. The greatest became the lowest, for our salvation.

And if we have been saved and served by Jesus, this transforms the way we live. Jesus' service of us is the fuel igniting our service to others. It is so easy to live no differently from the culture around us, self-serving, wanting power, ease and recognition. Jesus says, *Not so with you*. Instead, in our families, our workplaces, our neighbourhoods, and our church, will we follow Jesus' example of lowly, costly service? Not self-seeking, but self-sacrificing? Not 'what can I get?', but 'what can I give?' As Christ did for 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); Our Youth Group, our Children's Ministries; Mission Partner AFES ECU.

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

### **Save the Date for Women Together for 25 November 2023**

– Various music and poetry.

### **Mid-Week 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

#### Financial Information for September 2023:

**Total income: \$9,521** made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,100

Direct Giving - \$6,566

Open Plate - \$855

**Total Expenses: \$10,494**

#### 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).

## John Yates Teaching Series: Worship Old and New

Greetings All,

You are invited to this new 8 week series which will be held at St Mark's on **Sunday's 5pm from 29<sup>th</sup> October to 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

It deals with the current worship crisis in the Church, the central symptom of which is the lack of deep discipleship in our city/state/nation.

The Church has failed to enter our exalted heavenly position in Christ around the worship of the Lamb (Eph 2:6; Col 3:1-3; Heb 12:18-24). We have become ensnared in our own stories rather than sharing in God's story of creation, Incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, recreation, new heavens and earth. A story exclusively revealed in the lived-out humanity of the Son of God. Rather than seeking the presence of God in Table (Lord's Supper, Ancient Church) or Word (Reformation) many have uniquely tried to find the presence of God through singing. We need a revival in Spirit (charisma) and communion (eucharist), "eucharismatic worship".

Sessions will be recorded. Please pray about your level of participation.  
Thanks, John

**YOUTH GROUP**  
**ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BASSENDEAN**  
TERM 4 2023

Oct 14 - Netball night  
Oct 28 - Art Explosion  
Nov 11 - Family Bush Dance  
Nov 25 - Games night  
Dec 9 - Progressive Dinner

ST MARKS CHURCH HALL, 2 WILSON ST, BASSENDEAN (ENTRY OFF PARKER ST)

**SATURDAYS 4-6PM**

**YEARS 4-9**  
**DINNER PROVIDED**

### **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. Contact Andrew, Ros, or Charmaine