

CHURCH THIS WEEK

9:30am: Mark
Transfiguration Sunday
Bible Readings:

Ps 50:1-6

2 Kings 2:1-12

Rom 1:18-32

Mark 9:2-9

(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

WED 14 FEBRUARY

6pm: Mark

Ash Wednesday Service

Bible Readings:

Ps 51:1-17

Isa 58:1-12

2 Cor 5:20b-6:10

Matt 6:1-6 (7-15), 16-21

NEXT WEEK

9:30am: Mark
First Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Ps 25:1-10

Gen 9:8-17

Rom 2:1-29

John 1:19-28

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5pm Jesus Talk

Sentence of the Day:

In the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed — a righteousness that is by faith from first to last. (Romans 1:17)

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 LORD, we ask you favourably to hear the prayers of your people; that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

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Welcome to

ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

11 February 2024

The Great Rescue

Dear brothers and sisters,

What do you think you need rescuing from?

We might think we need saving from lots of things:

- from rising interest rates, and the financial squeeze;
- from that work deadline, or that illness, or that difficult relationship;
- from climate change, or over-development or corporate greed; or much more.

And those things are genuine and valid concerns. Yet in our passage today Paul sets out what the Bible says is the most serious and fundamental thing we need rescuing from.

In Romans 1:16-17, Paul said "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings *salvation* to everyone who believes." And that raises the question: *Salvation* – or rescue - from what?

The answer is in the very next verse: "For, the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people." (Romans 1:18). That might not sound very PC, but according to the Bible what we most need saving from is God's anger at human sin. Paul then spends the next two chapters exposing how all people, Jew and Gentile, religious and non-religious, are given over to sin and so need rescue from God's wrath.

And to be honest, it is pretty dark reading. In our reading today, Romans 1:18-32, Paul shows how Gentile (today we might apply it as, non-religious) rightly stand under God's wrath. Paul shows there is a fundamental problem both in their relationship with God and their relationships with one another. Some of what he says there is deeply counter-cultural and sensitive to us today, especially about sexuality – so can I say, please do come and speak with me or others here if you would like to talk about these things more. But Paul's big point isn't to single out one thing as worse than another, but to show that all of Gentile (non-religious) society is given to sin and rightly under God's wrath. And indeed, the same sober reality is true still today for us and those around us.

But remember, like putting a black cloth behind a diamond to show it more clearly, Paul is exposing the darkness of human sin only so that we might see more clearly the brilliance of Jesus and the salvation he offers, to everyone who believes. That salvation which is offered no less today to us and those around us. Praise God! Is that a rescue you know and have experienced yourself?

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); Israel & Gaza; our Youth Group, our Children's Ministries, for people from Bassendean to come to some of our Christmas services.

Regular Parish Prayer Meeting - Every second Saturday **11:30am-12:30pm** in the church

Dates: 17/2; 2/3; 16/3

For more Info: please talk to Shirley or Mary.

The **Women's Bible study** recommences on Monday 12th February at the new time of 10am to 12noon. The venue remains the same- Judy Smythe's home in Bassendean. All women warmly welcome - just bring yourself and a Bible. Contact Judy or Donna - 0401615819

Ash Wednesday

Next **Wed 14th February** we begin Lent with our Ash Wednesday Service at **6pm** in the church.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 17th February at 8am** in the Church Hall. For more info see Roger.

Save the Dates – Women Together for 2024

9 March; 4 May; 27 July; 14 September; 9 November

See Barb Wadley, Donna Yates, Verna Fernie for more info.

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study:

Mondays 10am-12pm (**New time**) in Bassendean – Contact Donna – 0401 615 819 (**Starts 12/2**)

Men's Bible Studies:

Tuesdays 6:30pm in Bayswater – Contact Mark – 0406 659 249 (**Starts 6/2**)

Also **Tuesdays** 6:30pm in Swan View - Contact Roger – 0408 096 022 (**Starts 6/2**)

Men's & Women's Bible Studies:

Wednesdays 9-10am in the church led by John - 0405 640 740 (**Starts 7/2**)

Thursdays 7:30pm in Bassendean at Charles and Charmaine's place. Contact Charmaine – 0421 868 321 (**Starts 8/2**)

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



Scripture Union

Praise God for another superb summer of Scripture Union camps, thanks to the work of more than 200 national staff and thousands of volunteers. My family participated as leaders on Glen Echo 1, a camp held on a farm in Albany where 30 teenagers spent a week climbing mountains, kayaking, swimming and going on an adventure of the heart as they discovered more about God's love for them. Like the other camps operating around the country, the chance for children to encounter Christian community is transformational. It was such a blessing for our family to have this refreshing start to the year, encouraging us to continue to trust in the Lord and his never stopping, never giving up, unbreaking, always and forever love.

In 2023 SU ran 286 camps and missions, supported 1029 schools through trusted and trained school chaplains, and trained 4289 workers, volunteers and interns to serve their local communities. Thank you for your prayers and financial support which helps make this happen!

For more info speak to Ros.

Coffee and Chat is still in recess for the Summer.

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 5-7pm, at the Church Hall - all welcome.

Term 1 Dates: 17/2 – Board Games; 2/3 – Lindsay's Shenanigans; 16/3 – Bayswater Waves Family Night
Contact Andrew, Ros, or Lindsay

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).