

CHURCH THIS WEEK

9:30am: Mark
First Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:
Psalm 25:1-10
Genesis 9:8-17
Romans 2:1-29
John 1:19-28

(**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
Second Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:
Psalm 22:23-31
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 3:1-20
John 1:29-34

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Sentence of the Day:

All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. (Romans 2:12)

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.*

18 February 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today in the Church calendar is the first Sunday of Lent. A time of 40 days leading up to the great events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Now I'd love to encourage us to be making the most of this season of Lent to grow in our knowledge of Christ, our appreciation for what he has done for us, our devotion to him and his ways, our service of others. But we must be very careful we do such things for the right reasons. It is easy to make Lent about our doing – people ask 'what are you doing for Lent?', 'what are you giving up for Lent?' But the heart of Christianity is not what we do for God, but what God has done for us. God has acted in Christ to save us, because we – all! – need saving.

That is the big point Paul makes in our reading from Romans 2 today. In the second half of Romans 1, Paul had shown that Gentile (we might apply it as non-religious, immoral) people are given over to sin and rightly deserve God's punishment. But now in chapter 2, he turns to his Jewish readers, those who are religious and know God's law and have all the right religious pedigree, and he asks: even though you know what is right, do you always do what is right? And if not, don't you see that you deserve God's punishment too?!

How would you finish the sentence, 'God will accept me because...' It is easy to think we'll finish that sentence, '... because I'm a pretty decent person'. 'Because I'm not like those people.' 'Because I believe in God... I go to church... I know the Bible... I have been baptised... I say my prayers... I give to charity... I even gave up Netflix for Lent!' Now don't mishear Paul, those are all good things to do! But, we must not fall into the mistake of thinking those good things mean we don't need saving. No, when looked at objectively according to God's standards, we all sin. Even the comparatively 'good' and religious desperately need saving too. Even us.

But God has provided a saviour: Jesus. He who did live a perfectly good life, and yet gave himself for our sin, and has been raised as Saviour of all who call on his name. There is only one way to finish the sentence, 'God will accept me because' – 'because of Jesus'.

In Christ our Saviour,
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

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.

Women Together – Saturday 9 March from 2-4pm for Afternoon Tea at Barb and Verna's house.

The speaker is Ann Clews on the topic of Loving Encouragement.

RSVP to Barb Wadley or Donna Yates

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 Dates 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 4-6pm, 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

Financial Information for January 2024:

Total income: \$13,113.90 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,645.00

Direct Giving - \$7,285.00

Open Plate - \$1,430.00

Other - \$1,753.90

Total Expenses: \$13,780.48

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).