

CHURCH THIS WEEK

9:30am: Bishop Kate Wilmot
Second Sunday in Lent
Bible Readings:
Psalm 22:23-31
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

(**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
Third Sunday in Lent
Bible Readings:
Psalm 19
Exodus 20:1-17
Romans 3:21-26
John 2:13-22

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5pm Jesus Talk

Sentence of the Day:

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
(Romans 3:23)



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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

The Prayer of the Day

Everliving God, your Spirit made us your children, confident to call you Father. Increase your Spirit within us and bring us to our promised inheritance in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

25 February 2024

Dear brothers and sisters,

A special welcome today to Bishop Kate Wilmot, who is with us to confirm, receive and encourage us in the faith. Our set gospel reading for today seems especially fitting for such an occasion! For in it we hear Jesus' call to follow him and die – and so to live.

Jesus' call to follow him is first a call to die to ourselves. Identifying with Jesus, choosing to follow Jesus, is not something to be done like my footie supporting, a little half-heartedly, and when it suits and is going well! No, Jesus is very clear "If any [no exceptions there!] want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). It is a call not just to deny us chocolate or wine or Netflix for 40 days of Lent, but to deny our very self, our self-focused ways living. It is a call to "to lose [one's] life for my sake and the sake of the gospel" (v.35) – to follow Jesus no matter what costs there may be, whether losing my comforts or reputation or advancement; suffering opposition; even – as indeed has been and remains the case for millions – to very literally lose one's physical life for Jesus.

So should those being confirmed run away as fast as they can?! Not when we see that Jesus' call is also a call to come and live. "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?" (v.35-36). Like a person giving up monopoly money to get real dollars, how much better to lose everything else and yet gain eternal life in Christ, forgiveness and reconciliation with God and adoption and hope? That is what Jesus so graciously offers all who would follow him.

And he does so because he gave his life for us. That is the shock in the first verses of the reading: that Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God "must undergo great suffering... and be killed" (v.31). Never! says Peter. But yes: Jesus willingly laid down his life for our sins, so that he might give us life. His call is to follow him and die and live – because he is the Saviour of all who do, even me and you.

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

Regular Parish Prayer Meeting - Every second Saturday **11:30am-12:30pm** in the church
Dates: 2/3; 16/3; 30/3
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

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.

Coffee and Chat is still in recess for the Summer.

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study:

Mondays 10am-12pm (**New time**) 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 in Swan View - Contact Roger – 0408 096 022

Men's & Women's Bible Studies:

Mondays 5pm in the church led by John - 0405 640 740

Wednesdays 9-10am in the church led by Mark – 0406 659 249

Thursdays 7:30pm in Bassendean at Charles and Charmaine's place. Contact Charmaine – 0421 868 321

New Mission Rep needed for Barnabas Fund – Our church supports various missions including Barnabas Fund and we need a new rep to take over from John. Duties include keeping up to date with what Barnabas Fund do and writing a short article for this newsletter about 3 or 4 times a year. Please speak to Mark if you can help.

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.

Website Notices – if anyone has any notices for the church website please contact Verna at yfernie@gmail.com

For all **Pewsheets notices** or if you would like to have the pewsheets emailed to you each week please email Jacqui at jacqui@davidsonprojects.com.au

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: 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).