

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

**9:30am:** Mark  
**Third Sunday in Lent**

Bible Readings:  
Psalm 19  
Exodus 20:1-17  
Romans 3:21-26  
John 2:13-22

(**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  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Bible Readings:  
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22  
Numbers 21:4-9  
Romans 3:27-4:24  
John 3:14-21

(**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:

Now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. (Romans 3:21-22)

### The Prayer of the Day

We thank you, heavenly Father, that you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: we pray that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us to joys eternal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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.*

**3 March 2024**

### But Now.

Have you had the experience of being or feeling like you were in an impossible situation, but then someone came along and was able to help? Like being broken down on the side of the road in the middle of the night and a dead phone – and then someone driving past, stopping, and getting you to safety? Or like being unemployed and on the streets – but then someone giving you a job and place to stay. Paul explains something like that happening in our passage today – only far more significantly.

In Romans chapters 1 and 2 he pressed the point that Gentiles and Jews, the irreligious and religious, seemingly good and seemingly bad, are all in fact facing the rightful wrath of God on their sin. As Paul concludes in chapter 3: "There is no one righteous, not even one." (Rom 3:10) Before God, our sin means we are in an impossible, hopeless situation: guilty and deserving his wrath. "But now". (v.21) But. Now. Those words usher in a vista of light and hope into the darkness of our sin-induced predicament. "But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been made known... this righteousness is given through faith in Christ Jesus to all who believe." (v.21-22) A righteousness is available, freely – not a self-righteousness based on our (failed) efforts to be good or religious, but a true righteousness given through Jesus. Now, instead of being under God's wrath and condemnation, we can be "justified", declared 'in the right' by God our judge.

But how? As one person has asked: 'How could God be right and declare right those who are not right?' How can God declare sinners not guilty and right before him? Answer: Jesus' death on the cross. "God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement through the shedding of his blood." (v.25) Jesus' death was the intentional sacrifice whereby God's anger at sin might be turned away from us. At the cross, the blowtorch of God's anger was turned on himself. Our sin atoned for.

It is true that "all have sinned". There is no one who is too good to need salvation - even us. But it is also true that "all are justified freely by his grace" (v.25). There is no one too bad to be saved – even us. As we sing (Before the Throne of God Above):

'Because the sinless saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the just is satisfied, to look on him and pardon me.'

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.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8am** in the Church Hall. For more info see Roger.

**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



**Barnabas Fund** ([barnabasfund.org/au](http://barnabasfund.org/au))

Barnabas is an interdenominational organisation dedicated to meeting the practical and spiritual needs of Christians experiencing persecution and discrimination. Help is supplied from Christians, to Christians, by Christians. Village leaders and residents tore down a private home where Christians were gathered for worship in rural Laos in violation of the constitution. Please pray that the law will be upheld. In Pakistan, after a Muslim mob rampaged through a Punjabi city Christian area, burning dozens of churches, the Supreme Court has found an organised cover up. Barnabas has been supplying aid for many Christian families made homeless, including warm quilts and food. Islamists have boasted of killing ten Christians in a series of attacks waged over two weeks against Christian villages in northern Mozambique. They base this on the Koran (Q 9.5). Around 45,000 believers have been killed in Nigeria since 2009. Please pray for divine mercy on the persecuted church globally.

**We need a new church rep for the Barnabas Fund – please speak to Mark if you can help.**

**Website Notices** – if anyone has any notices for the church website please contact Verna at [vfernie@gmail.com](mailto:vfernie@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](mailto: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).