

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sun 9:30am: Mark
Pentecost 2

Bible Readings:

Ps 42-43

Isaiah 42:8-13

Acts 6:8-14; 7:51-60

Luke 8:26-39

(**Children's Church** is on today for children in K-Yr 3)
(**Kid's Time** is on today for kids from Years 4-9).

Jesus Talk 5pm House fellowship – contact John or Donna - 0401 615 819

NEXT WEEK

Sun 9:30am: Mark
Pentecost 3

Bible Readings:

Ps 77:1-2, 11-20

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:1-25

Luke 9:51-62

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Sentence of the Day:
Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. (**Acts 7:55**)

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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
Barbara Mallett
Jennifer Murray
Marilyn Wright

The Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, you light even suffering and death by the light that shines from the face of Christ: grant that in our earthly trials we may remain united to your Son in his suffering, that we may be united with him in the power of his resurrection; for he reigns at your right hand, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

22 June 2025

"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit"

Brothers and Sisters,

On what does our relationship with God depend? Many people might feel, it's based on our keeping a bunch of requirements: 'If I do x, God will accept me, and bless me.' For this way of thinking, relationship with God is based on observing laws. Or some people might feel, it's based on me having access to a special place: 'If I go to x, God will accept me and bless me.' For this way of thinking, relationship with God is based on having access to God in a special location - perhaps even in a church building, or some other 'holy place'. But the good news of Jesus is that we can all have relationship with God through faith in *him*.

In our reading from Acts today, we meet the first Christian martyr. It's not one of the apostles as we might expect. But another godly, Spirit-filled disciple named Stephen. Stephen is out preaching about Jesus, and when his opponents can't refute him, they make up two charges against him which were considered very serious: that he was disregarding the Old Testament Law, and in particular the Jerusalem temple. Stephen's courageous response is effectively to turn the tables on his accusers. He shows that it is in fact them who are disobeying God and resisting his Spirit, and that is because they have rejected Jesus. He recounts a very full history of Israel, mainly drawing attention to how Israel continually disobeyed God (who, he makes clear, does not live in man-made buildings), and then brings it home: "you are just like your ancestors, you always resist the Holy Spirit!" (7:51). Their problem is that they have rejected God's "Righteous One", who is in fact raised to life and "standing at the right hand of God" (7:56).

Stephen is confident of his relationship with God, but it isn't based on his keeping the Old Testament Law or being in a special location. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, has died for sins and been raised as Saviour. So, Stephen's relationship with God is based simply but firmly on him knowing Jesus. The warning is not to be stiff-necked and reject Jesus. The assurance is that for all who turn to Jesus, we can confidently pray, as Stephen did as he was brutally killed, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit" (7:59) – and know that he will.

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.

Coffee and Chat is on in the **Church Hall** from **10am – 12pm** on the following dates:
11 July; 8 August.

All welcome.

Donations for Capital Works

If you wish to make a donation for the work to be undertaken in the Church Hall, please make payment to the following Account:

Anglican Community Fund
BSB: 706-001
Account Number: 30001235

Please identify the payment as "Hall Donation".

More information from Jenny

Women Together Dates for 2025:

26 July; 20 September; 8 November

Bible Study Groups

Women's Bible Study:

Mondays 10am-12pm in Bassendean – Contact Donna – 0401 615 819

Men's Bible Studies:

Mondays 5pm in the Church - Contact John - 0405 640 740

Tuesdays 6:30pm in the Church Hall - Contact Roger – 0408 096 022

Men's & Women's Bible Studies:

Wednesdays 9-10am in the Church – Contact Mark – 0406 659 249

Thursdays 7:30pm in Bassendean - Contact Charmaine – 0421 868 321

Upcoming dates for your diaries:

- **Sat 21st June** – Men's Breakfast
- **Sun 29th June** – Annual Meeting of Parishioners
- **Sun 6th July** - St Mark's Families lunch after church
- **Fri 11th July** – Coffee & Chat
- **Sat 19th July** – Men's Breakfast
- **Sat 26th July** – Women Together

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 21st June at 8am** in the Church Hall. For more info see Roger.

The next **Pastoral Carer's Meeting** is on **Sunday 6 July** after church.

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



Scripture Union

Over a decade ago, a Northern Territory church leader had an idea: a camp program for the children of her remote area to hear about God's big story. Although that leader has since passed away, her legacy lives on in Bush Camp.

In an area where kids' clubs are non-existent, Bush Camp is helping children and young people encounter God's word.

The camp takes young people out of the day-to-day and on a Biblical journey through the stories of God creating the world and, at the most recent camp, the story of Moses. Bible stories are shared in Kriol by local leaders, alongside games and memory verses.

Although the camp is led moment to moment, planning for the teaching happens ahead of time, at the Indigenous Leaders Training Weekend in Katherine.

"We spent all weekend in the shade of a massive tree . . . Every mention of trees and roots, especially Psalm 1, now has far more meaning," reflects Andrew Beavers, SU Australia Camping and Missions Specialist.

While training under a tree has its technological challenges, relationships flourished, and these leaders were equipped to support their young people in local communities with relevant, bespoke training.

Thanks for being a part of making ministry in these most remote spaces possible by equipping and releasing local leaders and volunteers to serve.

For further information, please speak to Ros Appleby.

Junior Youth Group

For young people in **years 4-8**. Dinner provided (Donation welcome to cover cost).

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

Term 2 Dates: 21/6; 17/7

Contact Andrew or Ros.

Senior Youth Group

For young people in **years 9-12**. Dinner provided (Donation welcome to cover cost).

Saturdays 5-7:30pm, at 57 Chapman St, Bassendean (Judy's House)

Term 2 Dates: 21/6; 28/6

Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.

Financial Information for May 2025

Total income: \$12,977.42 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,470.00

Direct Giving - \$5,650.00

Open Plate - \$1,735.00

Hall donations - \$753.42

Other - \$2,369.52

Total Expenses: \$20,410.98

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).