

CHURCH THIS 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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(**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

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Galatians 6:7-18
Luke 10:1-12

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Sentence of the Day:

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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, in Christ Jesus you turned death into life and defeat into victory: increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over evil in his strength; in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

29 June 2025

Good News for All

There are many remarkable things in our reading from Acts 8 today. Let me focus on two:

First, persecution won't stop God's plan of bringing the news of salvation in Jesus to all people.

For those of us here last week, we saw Stephen become the first Christian martyr for his courageous testimony to Jesus and rebuke of the Jewish leadership. And it doesn't stop with Stephen: "On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria" (Acts 8:1). Paul, we're told, actively worked to "destroy the church" (8:3). Would that be the end of the church? Far from it! Terrible as the persecution indeed was, God used it to instead grow the church: "those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went" (8:4)! A bit like hitting a fire with a hammer might send sparks into the air which in turn start burning elsewhere, so the persecution in fact resulted in the light of the gospel burning in new places. Just as Jesus' suffering was used by God to bring salvation to the world, so too we can know that suffering in Jesus' church is used to spread the news of salvation.

Second, ethnic and geographic boundaries won't stop God's plan of bringing the news of salvation in Jesus to all people.

Up to this point in Acts, the gospel had only been proclaimed to Jews, and only in Jerusalem and Judea. But Jesus had told his disciples that the Holy Spirit would empower them to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Now, for the first time, we see the news of Jesus being taken beyond ethnic Jews and beyond the borders of Jerusalem and Judea. Luke focusses on Philip, who "went down to a city in Samaria and proclaimed the Messiah there" (8:5). And as Philip shared the news of Jesus, accompanied by mighty miracles, many Samaritans believed in Jesus. This is a big deal, for Samaritans were despised by Jews as racial half-casts and religious heretics. Could they be included in God's people? Yes! Jesus had died for the sins of all and been raised as Lord of all – there is salvation in his name for all, even Samaritans, even us, for "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Acts 2:21).

In Him, 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:

- **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

Local Churches Prayer Renewal

As part of our local Bassendean Ministers Fraternal, we are inviting Christians from our area to come together for a time of prayer. We want to seek God in prayer that He may move through His people for His purposes. Join us for an evening of prayer - "Extraordinary prayer for extraordinary times"

Monday evening 30 June, 7pm at Basso Church, 4 Ivanhoe Street Bassendean.

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: 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: 28/6

Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.

Financial Information for May 2025 (*Corrected from last week*)

Total income: \$13,785.02 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,470.00

Direct Giving - \$5,650.00

Open Plate - \$1,735.00

Hall donations - \$753.42

Other - \$3,176.60

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).