

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

**Sun 9:30am:**

**Pentecost 5**

Bible Readings:

Ps 82

Isaiah 43:25 - 44:3

Acts 9:1-19

Luke 10:25-37

**(No Kids Church during the School Holidays)**

**Jesus Talk 5pm** House

fellowship – contact John or

Donna - 0401 615 819

## NEXT WEEK

**Sun 9:30am:**

**Pentecost 6**

Bible Readings:

Ps 52

Isaiah 44:6-8

Acts 9:20-31

Luke 10:38-42

**(No Kids Church during the School Holidays)**

**Jesus Talk 5pm** House

fellowship – contact John or

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### Sentence of the Day:

‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

**(Luke 10:27)**



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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

Almighty God, you have taught us through  
your Son that love is the fulfilling of the  
law: grant that we may love you with our  
whole heart, and our neighbours as  
ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

**13 July 2025**

## Are You a Convert Like Saul?

The radical nature of the conversion of Saul on the Damascus Road is justly famous and has enormous implications for all Christians.

Ordinary people like us however are skilled in self-excuse. We are not Jews nor Pharisees and certainly not religious fanatics as was this man. Moreover, we have never had a conversion experience like his, the appearance of the exalted Jesus from heaven. As such we can hardly expect to hear the Lord sending us out as disciples to foreign places or peoples at risk to our lives.

Who in their right mind would embrace call, like mine, to keep going to Myanmar (Jan 2026 is next) with its intestinal parasites (e.g. my recent Jan 25 acquisition of H. Pylori and Amoeba), and with armed soldiers at street corners? What then motivated a well-educated scholar (Acts 22:3; Phil 3) to reach out to sinful ritually unclean Gentiles (Gal 2:15)? Paul's actions were always controversial. But why?

The simplest explanation is that he was transformed by grace from being the “foremost of sinners” (1 Tim 1:15) and sent by Jesus Christ to live in his likeness (1 Cor 11:1). Are you familiar with this old question, “If you were put on trial for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?” Paul can boast against his adversaries, “From now on, don't let anyone trouble me with these things. For I bear on my body the scars that show I belong to Jesus.” (Gal 6:17).

The key to Paul is his experience of radical grace. “by the *grace* of God I am what I am, and his *grace* to me was not without effect...I worked harder than all the other apostles, yet not I, but the *grace* of God that was with me.” (1 Cor 15:10). He knew he was chosen before the world was made (Eph 1:4) and that Christ's “*grace* is sufficient... for power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Cor 12:9). Attributing all to grace, the apostle leaves no room for our petty excuses.

The major lesson for St Mark's from the call and conversion of Saul is, “Will we accept the grace of the Gospel to reach out to the social outcasts / “tax collectors and sinners” as Paul did in the likeness of the One who called him so powerfully on the Damascus Rd? Will we go to those outside the gathered Church rather than expecting them to come to us. Have we a Spirit-filled passion that the lost become for the crucified Jesus “trophy of grace”!

In Christ, John

## 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:  
**8 August**. All welcome.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 19<sup>th</sup> July at 8am** in the Church Hall.  
For more info see Roger.

**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

## LOST & FOUND: A SERIES OF CONVERSATIONS FOR OUR TIME

International speaker and author **Glen Scrivener** will be in Perth in **August** to help us see how the Christian story gives fresh meaning to values like equality, compassion, and love.

There are two public talks (north and south), a city-wide youth night, and a powerful Perth-wide gathering at the Convention Centre. Your friends need Jesus... and this gives them a chance to hear the gospel. [www.lostandfoundperth.com](http://www.lostandfoundperth.com)

**Women Together – Saturday 26 July from 2-4pm** for Afternoon Tea at Barb and Verna's house.

Speaker – Belinda Johnson will share her story including 10 years as an English teacher in a drug rehab centre in Kazakhstan. RSVP to Barb Wadley or Donna Yates  
Future Dates for 2025:

**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

## MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



### Bible Society

In Big Kids Sunday School recently we discussed how the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection could go to 'the ends of the earth' as Jesus commanded. Some suggested they go themselves and we discussed the need to learn a different language in order to share the good news. Then someone suggested sending them bibles, but they needed to be translated into other languages, so we talked about the work of the Bible Society here and overseas.

The Bible Societies have teams made up of speakers of the language plus others knowledgeable in bible language who work together with Bible Society's consultants to translate the bible into other languages. It's an exacting process.

"I told my sister. 'I'm not good at translating in Iwajja'". Serina recalls. "Then she encouraged me, 'Well, if God is giving you this work, he's ahead of you and he will direct you.'" Serina was one of many who gathered in Darwin for a Bible translator's workshop at Nungalinya College in November 2024. This workshop saw nearly 50 translators from 16 different language groups represented.

In 2024, Bible Society Australia and Wycliffe Bible Translators collaborated to establish a state-of-the-art video recording studio to produce Auslan Bible resources for the Australian Deaf community. To see and share Bible stories in Auslan, visit Auslan Bible's YouTube channel at **YouTube.com/@AuslanBible**

For further information, please speak to Joy 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 3 Dates:** TBA

**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 3 Dates:** TBA

**Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.**

### Financial Information for May 2025

**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).