

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sun 9:30am:

Pentecost 12

Bible Readings:

Psalms 100

Deuteronomy 10:14-16

Acts 17:24-31

John 5:24-27

(**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:

Pentecost 13

Bible Readings:

Psalms 95

Isaiah 6:1-7

1 Peter 1:13-15

John 6:60-69

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Sentence of the Day:

God is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. (**Acts 17:25**)

The Prayer of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in these things; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkz-PyfZ7TSSOOVsH7OUegQ>



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

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

31 August 2025

Knowing God: God Un-Needful

Welcome to St Mark's today.

We're continuing in our topical series on 'Knowing God' and today get to the truth that God is Un-Needful. We are dependent on God and others, but God is perfectly independent – God does not depend on us, or any other thing. God is self-existent, and self-sufficient.

Here is how JI Packer helpfully reflects on this truth:

Children sometimes ask, "Who made God?" The clearest answer is that God never needed to be made, because he was always there. He exists in a different way from us: we, his creatures, exist in a dependent, derived, finite, fragile way, but our Maker exists in an eternal, self-sustaining, necessary way—necessary, that is, in the sense that God does not have it in him to go out of existence, just as we do not have it in us to live forever. We necessarily age and die, because it is our present nature to do that; God necessarily continues forever unchanged, because it is his eternal nature to do that. This is one of many contrasts between creature and Creator... In our life of faith, we easily impoverish ourselves by embracing an idea of God that is too limited and small...

The Triune God of the Bible is not *needy*. For all eternity past before the creation of the world, the Father and Spirit and Son existed in perfect love and glory and life. God did not create the world or humanity because he needed us, or our fellowship, or our love, or worship! In contrast, we need God. As Paul says, "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else." (Acts 17:24-25)

God does not need us, but we do need God. We depend on God for our existence, our provision, and salvation. In Christ, God the Son – in very nature glorious and un-needful God – became incarnate as a needy human being and gave his life on the cross for sin and has been raised as Saviour of all – because we need him to work salvation for us. Paul asks the Corinthians, "what do you have that you did not receive?" (1 Cor 4:7). We need our un-needful God – and he is pleased to grant salvation to all who call on his name.

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.

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
Account Name: Anglican Parish of Bassendean

Please identify the payment as "Hall Donation".

If you wish to make the donation in cash, please place it in an envelope marked Hall Donation.

More information from Jenny

Upcoming Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 31 August: 11:30am – Church Prayer

Sunday 7 September: Celebrate Father's Day at St Marks

Saturday 20 September: Men's Breakfast & Women Together

Sunday 21 September: Bishop's Visit with Special Morning Tea (please bring a plate)

Save the Dates - Women Together 2025:

20 September – Kate Grobicki 'A Conversation with Kate'

8 November – Cara Heng 'Going through hard times with God'

If you would like to receive this Pewsheets via email each week or for any notices that need to go in the Pewsheets please contact Jacquie Davidson on 0433 799 034 or jacquied333@gmail.com

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

Missionary Support here at St Marks

Did you know that our congregation here at St Marks, supports various missionary organisations through our giving and in prayer?

We donate 10% of our offerings received each quarter to these missions listed below: (our church representative is also listed here)

Bush Church Aid (BCA) – Murray Smallman - <https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/>

Church Missionary Society (CMS) – Anna & Lindsay Rhodes - <https://www.cms.org.au/>

Scripture Union (SU) – Rosalind Appleby - <https://www.suwa.org.au/>

Jesus Ministries in Myanmar – John Yates (No website)

Jireh Uganda – Barbara Wadley – www.jirehuganda.org

The Bible Society – Joy Appleby - www.biblesociety.org.au

We also make an annual donation to **ABM (Anglican Board of Mission)** - <https://www.abmission.org/>

Please take some time to look at the websites above and continue to support these missions in prayer. Talk to our church representatives for more info.

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: 30/8; 13/9

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.

Term 3 Dates: 30/8; 6/9; 13/9; 20/9

Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.

Financial Information for July 2025

Total income: \$25,104.80 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,283.00

Direct Giving - \$7,171.00

Open Plate - \$1,135.00

Other - \$2,608.00

Donations - \$11,907.80

Total Expenses: \$14,084.52

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).