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(No Kids Church during the School Holidays)

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

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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

Sentence of the Day:

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

(Psalm 103:8)

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome to

ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love in Bassendean and beyond.

28 September 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me".

In our sermon series on 'Knowing God', today we come to this wonderful, liberating, life-changing truth: God is gracious and merciful. The Apostle John tells us that while no one has seen God the Father, God the Son has made him known. As we look to Jesus we see what God is like. And what is that? John says it is this: "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). What is the heart of Jesus, the heart of God, towards a "wretch" like me? Towards someone who is weak, failed, often foolish, regularly sinful? Jesus has revealed it to be: grace.

Grace is the wonderful, surprising offer to not treat someone as they deserve, but give favour they don't deserve. Jesus tells an intentionally shocking parable about two men who go to the temple to pray. One epitomises the 'good religious' person. This person thanks God that he isn't a terrible sinner like *those* other people, and recounts all his good religious deeds. The other person epitomises the 'bad irreligious' person. He simply stands far off, beats his chest, and says, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." And here's the punchline: Jesus says it was second person, not the first, who went away accepted by God (Luke 18:9-14). Tragically, some don't see their need for God's mercy. If we are confident of our own righteousness, and blinded to the reality of our sin, it will keep remain against us. But no matter who asks – even the epitome of the 'bad irreligious' person – if we ask for mercy, God delights to grant it.

Grace was and is the 'beating heart' of Jesus towards sinners. So much so that it took him to the cross, to die for our sins, laying down his life that we may have life with God. That is undeserved, unearned, over-the-top grace! Grace which not only cancels our debts, but adopts us as beloved children. If we turn to him in faith, and ask him for mercy, he pours it out upon us.

And it is God's grace which transforms us. To extend grace to others. To "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"; and "forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Luke 6:36; Col 3:13). Do you know God's amazing grace to save even a 'wretch' like me? And if you do, by the work of the Spirit, will you extend amazing grace to others?

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

Save the Dates - Women Together 2025:

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

Missed a sermon?

Our recent sermons are now online on the church website!

www.stmarksbassendean.church

If you would like to receive this Pewsheet via email each week or for any notices that need to go in the Pewsheet 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



BCA – Bush Church Aid

Have you read about BCA activities on the hall notice board? – and responded?

A good response is being a neighbour to people experiencing isolation in remote towns like Kununurra.

Elizabeth Green, who spent her childhood in Kununurra, has written an article in the recent Spring BCA magazine. "In 1965 it was a remote town. There was no local doctor. We had fans, not air-conditioning, and no television. I missed fresh milk and crunchy green apples. My mum placed a grocery order every SIX MONTHS which would be shipped to Wyndham for collection – toothpaste, soap, toilet paper, tins of Sunshine powdered milk, vegemite, cans of tuna and baked beans. We had little money but mum would make us ice cream from powdered milk and milo, bake biscuits and cook casseroles."

Many of the hardships of the 1960's might not be as evident today, as they were, but the distances travelled and the isolation still remain.

This month, Kununurra celebrates 60 years of BCA partnering with gospel workers. Parise God and pray it continues for another 60 years.

Thank you readers for gifts which you make to help take the life-changing message of Jesus to remote Australians.

For further information, please speak to Murray.

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 4 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.

Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.

Term 4 Dates: TBA

Financial Information for August 2025

Total income: \$19,581.45 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,668.00 Direct Giving - \$8,056.00

Open Plate - \$570.00 Other - \$2.443.95

Hall Donations - \$6,843.50

Total Expenses: \$20,494.05

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).