

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sun 9:30am:

Pentecost 20

Bible Readings:

Psalms 65

Genesis 15:1-21

2 Timothy 4:4-8, 16-18

Luke 18:15-30

(**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 21

Bible Readings:

Psalms 119:137-144

Genesis 17:1-16

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Luke 19:1-10

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Sentence of the Day:

To the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

(Romans 4:5)



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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 and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us to love what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Contact

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

26 October 2025

Flawed People, Faithful God

Dear brothers and sisters,

Over the coming weeks as we lead up to Christmas, we will look at (highlights of) Genesis 12-30. (Following on from us looking at Genesis 1-12 last year.) Someone has summarised this section as 'flawed people, faithful God,' and I reckon that's pretty spot on!

In Genesis 11-12, God chooses Abraham (well, technically still called Abram) and promises him 4 things: Relationship, Descendants, Land, Blessing. Or as has been helpfully put: that in and through Abraham there would be "God's people, in God's place, under God's rule and blessing."

Great – God is a promise-maker. But, in Genesis 15, our passage today, the question Abraham has for God is, is God a promise-keeper? Umm, God, what about those descendants (v.3) and land (v.8) you promised? God responds by reaffirming his promises and making a 'covenant' – like signing a formal agreement – that he will do as he has promised. And over the course of the next chapters, we will indeed see God acting to fulfil his promises. As Lindsay reminded us last week, God is a promise-maker, and a promise-keeper. God is faithful. Even when his people – yes the very 'founding fathers' – are flawed. And even when we are flawed, God is faithful to his promises.

That is something Abraham himself affirms: "Abram believed the LORD" (v.6a). And when he did, we're told, "and he [the LORD] credited it to him [Abram] as righteousness" (v.6b). This is the pattern of Christian faith (trust). God has given us his gospel word about his son, Jesus: that he died for sin and has been raised as Lord. A Christian is someone who trusts that word. And when we do, like God did for Abraham, God 'credits' it to us as righteousness too. As Paul writes, "to the one who does not work, but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness" (Romans 4:5). And that is good news indeed for every one of us. Have you placed your trust in God?

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

Missed a sermon?

Our recent sermons are now online on the church website!

www.stmarksbassendean.church

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

Can you Help Shine the Light of Christ this Halloween?

Like last year, we will serve our community with a free sausage sizzle on Halloween. **4-8pm on Oct 31st**. If you can help cook, serve and chat, please speak with Mark.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

26th Oct - Church Family Prayer Meeting

31st Oct - Lighting Up Halloween

2nd Nov - Pastoral Carer's Meeting

2nd Nov – Hall Clear Out

8th Nov - Women Together

Save the Date - Women Together 2025:

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

There will be a **Pastoral Care Meeting** after church on **2nd November**.

MISSION PROJECT UPDATE Information for your Prayers



Scripture Union Australia

In an age of phones, screens, and digital distraction devices galore, reading and attention levels are said to be dropping, not just among young people, but among adults too.

And yet we know that God's word is active and living and has a message for all of us when we take the time to listen and explore. One of Scripture Union Australia's core activities is Christian Education in Schools. In the most recent edition of SU News (available in the hall) volunteers around Australia share the challenges and joys of sharing the gospel message and helping young people connect in ways that meet them where they're at.

Read about how school volunteers in the ACT are showing kids the Bible is far from boring, and how kids in the NT are begging for more Bible stories during lunchtime craft sessions.

Even as the volunteers serve the children, they also receive:

"Being in the school with the Aboriginal students and trying to think about how to share in culturally appropriate ways, has taught me to read the Bible from a perspective that is closer to the original culture than my own, resulting in my faith being changed in the process," reflects a SU Australia worker.

Pray for inspiration, energy and creativity for Scripture Union Australia volunteers in schools who are bringing God's word to children and helping them engage with God's big story. Please see Ros for more information.

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: 25/10; 8/11; 22/11; 6/12

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: 25/10; 1/11; 8/11; 15/11; 22/11; 29/11; 6/12

Financial Information for September 2025

Total income: \$17,042.12 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,455.00

Direct Giving - \$7,326.00

Open Plate - \$1,540.00

Other - \$3,476.12

Hall Donations - \$2,245.00

Total Expenses: \$14,722.54

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).