

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sun 9:30am:

Pentecost 22

Bible Readings:

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

Genesis 18:20-33; 19:12-17

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

(**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 23

Bible Readings:

Genesis 21:1-13

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

Isaiah 12:1-6

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

Sentence of the Day:

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (**Psalms 145:17-18**)



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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, we ask you to grant that we, who rightly deserve to be punished for our evil deeds, may mercifully be forgiven in your grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Contact

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

9 November 2025

Will Not the Judge of All the World Do Right?

In our reading in Genesis today, we come to Genesis 18-19, the famous – or rather infamous – account of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is not pleasant reading. Earlier in Genesis, we read that Abraham's nephew Lot and his family had separated from Abraham and gone to live in Sodom (Genesis 13:10-13). But whatever economic advancement might be found there, Sodom was not a place for moral advancement. In the narrative, God has heard "the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin is so grievous" (Gen 18:20) and, like a detective tipped off, sends two angels to investigate. What the angels find confirms the reports in the gravest way: no fear of God or concern for others, but desire for exploitation, hurt and sexual immorality (Gen 19:4-9). The angels rescue Lot and his immediate family, and God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:24-25). In all this, God the judge does what is right (Gen 18:25).

Firstly, God does, and will do, what is right in punishing sin. The Apostle Peter wrote that "[God] condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly" (2 Peter 2:6). One of the oldest lies of Satan is that God won't punish sin ("you will not surely die" said the serpent!). This past historic event teaches us that God will act, in perfect truth and justice, to rightly punish sin in the future. Jesus and his apostles consistently called people to repentance before the day of God's wrath. Have we?

Secondly, God does, and will do, what is right in rescuing the righteous. Again, Peter writes, "and if he [God] rescued Lot, a righteous man... then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials" (2 Peter 2:6,9). God will not treat the righteous like the unrighteous. We see that God not only punishes, but also rescues. Lot is rescued because of his 'comparative' righteousness (he wasn't as bad as the people of Sodom), and Abraham's intercession for him (Gen 18:16-33; 19:29). In God's kindness, we who repent of our sin and turn to Jesus are clothed with his righteousness, and have no less than Jesus himself interceding for us (Rom 8:33-34)! Do you know this hope found only in "Jesus, who rescues from the coming wrath" (1 Thess 1:10)?

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

Preparing for the Hall Works

Can you help prepare the hall before the building works commence?

Saturday 15th Nov 9am

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

8th Nov - Women Together

15th Nov – Clear out church hall

Women Together – Saturday 8 November from 2-4pm for Afternoon Tea at Barb and Verna's house.

Speaker: Cara Heng 'Going through hard times with God.'

RSVP to Barb Wadley or Donna Yates

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: 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.

Term 4 Dates: 8/11; 15/11; 22/11; 29/11; 6/12

Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.

Financial Information for October 2025

Total income: \$19,416.29 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$2,438.00

Direct Giving - \$6,776.00

Open Plate - \$1,270.00

Other - \$3,560.79

Hall Donations - \$5,371.50

Total Expenses: \$15,513.05

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).