

CHURCH THIS 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

(**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:

Christ the King

Bible Readings:

Genesis 22:1-18

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 1:68-79

Isaiah 2:1-5

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Sentence of the Day:

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

(Isaiah 12:2)

The Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void: give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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

Welcome to

ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love in Bassendean and beyond.

16 November 2025

God = Promise-keeper

God is a promise-maker. And, as we see in our reading in Genesis today, God is a promise-keeper. Again and again in the Bible, God promises blessing we do not deserve, and cannot achieve ourselves, and acts in his divine power to bring it about.

As we have read through Genesis these past weeks, we have seen God's promises to Abraham to give him relationship with God, descendants, land to live in, and blessing – ultimately to all the peoples of the world. The focus has been on the promise of descendants. But, so far, God has not kept that promise. Abraham and Sarah are now close to 100 and 90! Yet, God had reaffirmed that promise, saying that within a year Sarah would indeed have a child. It seems impossible! But, not with God: "Now the Lord was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah what he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him." (Gen 21:1-2) God always does what he promises. God makes possible the humanly impossible. God brings life out of death.

In the Bible, the greatest promise made by God, and kept by God, is the birth of another promised child. The promise that God would send our world a Saviour, the Messiah. That God would come to us in a child, Immanuel, God-With-Us. And on the first Christmas, "the Lord did what he had promised". Through Christ, we have many of God's promises fulfilled for us: reconciliation with God, forgiveness of our sins, the indwelling of his Spirit. We too can say, "The Lord did what he had promised". And so we can know that the Lord will finish what he has begun in us: he will bring us home to glory, through judgement to resurrection eternal life with God and God's people in his new creation around the throne of his Son.

And Sarah's response to *finally* having a child: joy. The child is named Isaac, meaning "he laughs," and Sarah rejoices, "God has brought me laughter" (Gen 21:6). To be a Christian is to have this kind of joy, laughter, hope. Knowing that God has kept his promises to us. And will keep the rest. For all eternity, we will joyfully praise God, for "the Lord did what he had promised."

In Christ, our promised Lord and Saviour, 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



You can also download the Podbean App on your phone and search for St Mark's Bassendean and find the sermons there.

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



Bible Society Australia

Healing hearts in Jordan: A Journey of Restoration through God's Word

In Jordan, where an estimated 1.4 million refugees live - many outside formal camps - the emotional and spiritual wounds of war, displacement, and loss run deep. The Bible Society of Jordan, supported by Bible Society Australia, is responding with compassion and purpose. Their trauma healing program is equipping local churches to become safe spaces where people can begin to process their pain and rediscover hope.

The healing is not only emotional- it's spiritual. "Trauma...causes confusion about who God is...is he the source of the evil that is happening? Is this a punishment? Is this because God is not looking at them, not caring for them" says Haya, a staff member from the Bible Society of Jordan. "It brings them back to the biblical perspective, the truth...restoring that broken relationship that the pain and the grief and the trauma caused."

In 2025 the Bible Society of Jordan has plans to launch a community counselling school to train 25 church-based therapists. Their trauma healing program has been running for over 9 years, with the local Jordanian churches being central to this mission. "I've seen 100s if not 1000s of people come back after the program praising the Lord...people crying tears and kneeling down to the floor, next to the cross as they are nailing their pain to the cross," Haya shares. (Taken from The Sower, Spring 2025)

Please see Joy 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: 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: 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).