

CHURCH THIS 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

(**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:

1st Sunday of Advent

Bible Readings:

Genesis 24:1-21

Romans 13:9-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Isaiah 11:1-10

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Sentence of the Day:

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
(Colossians 1:15)

The Prayer of the Day

Stir up, we pray you, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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.*

23 November 2025

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Sacrifice of the Beloved Son

What would you sacrifice for God? And do you know what God has sacrificed for you? In our readings in Genesis, today we come to one of the most moving accounts in the Bible. Last week (Genesis 21) we saw how God keeps his promise to miraculously give Abraham and Sarah a son, Isaac. But now (Genesis 22), God "tests" Abraham, and asks Abraham to go to Mount Moriah and sacrifice Isaac as a burnt offering. It's a gut-wrenching narrative, as they go, and walk up the mountain, and Abraham is about to do it – when God intervenes and provides a ram instead for the sacrifice. Abraham 'passes' the test; he shows he "fears God" (v.12), trusting and obeying God even to be willing to sacrifice his only, beloved Son.

In the fullness of the Bible – especially apt as we move towards Christmas – we read of how God the Father gives his "one and only Son" (John 3:16); "whom I [God] love" (Matt 3:17). Like Isaac, Jesus carries the wood up the mountain; but unlike Isaac he knows where he goes, he goes willingly, and he is not spared. "The LORD will provide" – *Jehovah Jireh* - and he has in the most costly, magnificent way, providing his Son, for our salvation.

We too are called to sacrifice for God. When obeying God's word feels difficult and costly, be reminded how much God has sacrificed for us. "He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?" (Rom 8:32)

Preparing for the Son

Yes, can you believe it, Advent starts next Sunday! A question to ask is, how can I/we make the most of Advent as a time of looking to Christ? In particular, before Advent starts you may like to consider getting an Advent book or devotional you could read. These days there are many great resources at Koorong or Reformers bookshops, or for download - here are a couple I'd recommend:

- For adults: Gifts of Grace (Jared Wilson); The Dawn of Redeeming Grace (Sinclair Ferguson)
- Free Download: The Christmas We Didn't Expect (David Mathis); Good News of Great Joy (John Piper)
- For families: The Adventure of Christmas (Ed Drew); The Greatest Gift (Ann Voscamp); 25 Days of Christmas (online – childdiscipleship.com)

In Christ, the Son, 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

No hall shouldn't mean no fellowship. Morning Tea over the coming weeks:

- Sun 23/11: In the church
- Sun 30/11: Invite a friend for coffee
- Sun 7/12: Baptisms + picnic at Sandy Beach!
- Sun 14/12: Invite a friend for coffee
- Sun 21/12: At Grobickis

Christmas Services:

- Christmas Eve Nativity 5pm
- Christmas Day 9:30am

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.

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

Pray with us for the work of the Bible Society in Jordan

Father, we are so grateful for the power of your word to transform lives.

Thank you that your work lights up our paths, and that when we hear your word, our faith is strengthened.

Thank you that your word is alive and does not return void, and it accomplishes what it says it will do.

Thank you for the mission you've given us to spread your word to those who need it most. Thank you for our Bible Society partners around the world who work in the mission field, whether it is in translating the Bible, distributing Scripture, or making it accessible to others.

Lord, we ask that you bless the Bible Society of Jordan who are running the trauma healing sessions for those who are wounded by war and tragic events.

We lift up the individuals undergoing trauma healing sessions.

As they are introduced to you, the God who heals them, and to the truth of your word, may they begin to heal, learn to forgive, and be set free.

As they find their identities in Christ and become your children, may they also be peacemakers, sharing the good news with others.

Blessed are you, Lord, our God, who reigns forever! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.
(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: 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).