

CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sun 9:30am:

Epiphany 6

Bible Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

John 8:31-59

Psalms 119:1-8

(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

6pm WED 18 Feb

Ash Wednesday Service

Bible Readings:

Psalms 51:1-17

Jonah 3

Hebrews 12:3-13

Mark 2:13-23

NEXT WEEK

Sun 9:30am:

First Sunday in Lent

Bible Readings:

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

John 9:1-25

Psalms 32

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Sentence of the Day:

[Jesus said] "Very truly I tell you, whoever obeys my word will never see death." **John 8:51**

The Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, in Christ Jesus you turned death into life and defeat into victory: increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over evil in his strength; in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

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Church Council

Church Wardens:

Shirley Landon

Roger Wright

Councillors

Alan Hunt

Mary Lindsey

Barbara Mallett

Jennifer Murray

Marilyn Wright

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.

Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

15 February 2026

If God were your Father...

I read a story about a man who for Christmas was given an ancestry DNA test. It perhaps seemed like a nice present for a man with an interest in family history. Except for when the results came back and showed that the man's biological family was a totally different family! Imagine the shock that poor man felt. Yet there's a shock perhaps even worse than that which Jesus issues in our gospel reading from John 8 today.

The first question Jesus raises is, are we free, or slaves? Jesus urges that his hearers need more than a moment of belief in him, but to continue on: "If you hold to my teaching, you really are my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). Their response is, we are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves. But Jesus means a different, deeper, spiritual sense: they might be Abraham's physical descendants, but: "everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). Sin, which promises us freedom, actually enslaves our souls. Whatever our physical ancestry or religious pedigree, everyone who sins is a slave. The good news, though, is that "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). So, who are we?

The second question Jesus raises is, are we children of God, or the devil? He warns that those looking to kill him cannot think they are children of God. "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God... You belong to your father, the devil, and want to carry out your father's desires" (John 8:42, 44). Talk about a shock! But again, Jesus isn't slinging insults: like giving the results of a DNA test, he wants them to see the truth of their spiritual family. Jesus is no less than God the Son, the great I AM. To reject Jesus reveals a spiritual DNA not from God but from Satan. If we are of God, we will love Jesus. So, who are we?

Have we come to Jesus, the Son, to be set free? Have we come to Jesus, I AM, to be made members of God's family? For, as Jesus promises, "whoever obeys my word, will never see death" (John 8:51).

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.

Information on donations for the Hall and associated Capital Works:

Budgeted amount - \$50,000

Amount received up to 31

December - \$85,771.22

More information from Jenny

Ash Wednesday

Next **Wed 18 February** we begin Lent with our Ash Wednesday Service at **6pm** in the church.

Meeting for St Mark's Music & Play Team

Friday 20 Feb from 9am-11:30am at the Church.

See Anna for more details.

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:

Tuesdays 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



Jireh Uganda

Jireh Uganda is a small WA based charity supporting destitute villagers in three impoverished Ugandan villages.

Reports from our Kampala Coordinator Chrispin highlight widows and single mothers with children who are no longer without hope. From a relatively small gift for agricultural, livestock, or small business start-ups, beneficiaries make the most of every opportunity in enterprising and caring ways far above what is required by JU for sustainability and growth. For example, just a few chickens, or goats or pigs not only provide sustenance for a family, but the sale of future produce also covers the cost of education and health needs. Many beneficiaries save to rent land for growing crops or commence a small business like selling chapati and eggs.

We are thankful for the prayers and generous financial support of St Mark's assisting Jireh Uganda's life transforming programs. Thank you, bless you.

Tax deductible donations can be made at <https://jirehuganda.org/how-to-help/>

Please speak with either Verna or Barb for further information.

Junior Youth Group

For young people in **years 5-8**. Dinner provided (Donation welcome to cover cost).

Saturdays 5-7pm, at the Church Hall - all welcome.

Term 1 Dates: 21/2; 7/3; 21/3

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 1 Dates: 14/2; 21/2; 28/2; 7/3; 14/3; 28/3

Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.

Financial Information for December 2025

Total income: \$67,271.64 made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,870.00

Direct Giving - \$6,714.00

Open Plate - \$1,035.00

Other - \$3,302.64

Hall Donations - \$54,350.00

Total Expenses: \$83,184.55

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).