

## CHURCH THIS WEEK

**Sun 9:30am:**

### Ascension Sunday

Bible Readings:

Acts 12:1-24

1 Peter 5

Luke 24:44-53

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

(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 Sunday

Bible Readings:

Acts 12:25-13:12

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

(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

### Sentence of the Day:

Jesus said, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." (Luke 24:46-47)



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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, your Son ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord: keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and bring all people to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Welcome to ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

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

17 May 2026

### "But the word of God continued to spread and flourish" (Acts 12:24).

If you look around us in our culture and communities, how would you say the cause of Christ is going? Will indifference and opposition to Christ and his gospel win? Perhaps it feels so. The average person around us probably seems to have no great interest in God, heaven, hell, and salvation in Jesus; and many a person around us is not just indifferent but totally opposed to those truths. The media and influencers of society mock the claims of Christ. And often Christians seeking to be faithful to Christ face insult, slander, exclusion, demotion, or worse. But our passage from Acts today reminds us that the risen and ascended Jesus is mightier than the mightiest human power, and his Word will not be defeated.

Acts 12 begins with King Herod of Judea putting the apostle James to death with the sword (v.1-2). Opposition is real, and costly. As then, so today – to 'belong to Jesus' (which is what it means to be called a "Christian," Acts 11:26) is to belong to one who was rejected and crucified. And then, when Herod sees that this pleased the Jewish leadership, he proceeded to have the apostle Peter imprisoned, planning his trial and death (v.3-4). It must have seemed like Herod had the upper hand, and the opponents of Christ and his people were winning out. What could the church do? "The church was earnestly praying to God for him" (v.5)! They were weak and opposed, but they could pray to God who is mightier than all. And so, whatever Herod's plans, God works his: he sent an angel and miraculously rescued Peter from prison (v.6-19). And the chapter ends not with Peter's death, but with the supposedly mighty Herod himself dead. When the crowds called him a 'god,' and he did not give glory to the true God, God had him struck down (v.20-23).

So, Luke ends, "But the Word of God continued to spread and flourish" (v.24). Opposition, yet outreach. Grief, yet growth. This has been proved true countless times since that day. Think of the opposition-yet-growth of the gospel in the early Roman empire, or Soviet Russia, or Communist China. We can expect the same today. Opposition and suffering for Christ's people is real – but Christ the risen King will keep advancing his Word, bringing his salvation to the ends of the earth, and even for those around us.

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 30 Apr 26 - \$93,307.22**

More information from Jenny

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 6pm Combined Pentecost

**Service** – Every year local churches come together on Pentecost Sunday. This year's service will be held at **Bassendean Church of Christ, 6pm**. If you'd like, you may meet at St Mark's at 5:45pm and walk from here.

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June Encouragement Day

**10am-3:30pm** - Join on the WA Day public holiday for a day's fellowship and teaching from Bishop Peter Brain on 'Keeping in Step with the Holy Spirit'; St Luke's, Maddington, \$20 incl meals; RSVP to [peterchrisbrain@gmail.com](mailto:peterchrisbrain@gmail.com).

There will be a Pastoral Carers Meeting after church on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – see Shirley for more info.

### St Mark's Music and Play

Fridays of School Term from 9:30-11:30am at the Church Hall for children aged 0-5 and their parents/ carers. See Anna Rhodes for more info.

### 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



### Scripture Union Australia

Scripture Union is grateful for St Mark's ongoing donations to their camping and schools ministry where young people and their families are introduced to the love of God. This month we pray for the more than 1000 volunteers serving in WA and making SU one of the biggest faith-based volunteer movements in the state.

*"God, thank you for every SU volunteer who gives their time, resources, and energy to serve young people. Without them SU's work would be impossible.*

*Please encourage them when they need it, and remind them that their work has eternal impact. Raise up more willing hands, and let our volunteers serve with joy and unity.*

*We pray for Matthew Appleby attending SU's Emerge Leadership Camp May 15-17. Thank you for this chance for him to explore the reality of Jesus-shaped leadership. We pray Matthew would discover how You have created him to lead himself and others in a way that blesses many. May Matthew and many other campers from Emerge go on to lead others closer to Jesus through SU volunteering and in all areas of their lives.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen."*

For more info please speak with Ros.

### 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 2 Dates:** 23/5; 6/6; 20/6

**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 2 Dates:** 16/5; 23/5; 30/5; 6/6; 13/6; 20/6; 27/6

**Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.**

### Financial Information for April 2026

**Total income: \$20,303.55** made up as follows:

Envelopes - \$1,435.00

Direct Giving - \$11,732.00

Open Plate - \$1,410.00

Other - \$3,676.55

Hall Donations - \$2,050.00

**Total Expenses: \$17,396.60**

### 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).*