CHURCH THIS WEEK

Sun 9:30am:
Pentecost 23
Bible Readings:
Genesis 29:14b-30
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Matthew 1:1-6,16
Psalm 107:1-8,35-38

(**Children's Church** is on today for children in K-Yr 3)
(**Kid's Time** is on today for kids from Years 4-9).

NEXT WEEK

Sun 9:30am:
Pentecost 24
Bible Readings:
Genesis 32:1-31
1 John 1:1-9
John 20:24-31
Psalm 63

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SUNDAY MEETINGS

Sundays at 9:30am:

Prayer, Praise, Proclamation & Holy Communion

Church Council

Church Wardens:
Shirley Landon
Roger Wright

Councillors
Alan Hunt
Mary Lindsey
Barbara Mallett
Jennifer Murray
Marilyn Wright

Sentence of the Day:

The LORD said to Jacob, "Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go."
(Genesis 28:14-15a)

The Prayer of the Day

We praise you, heavenly Father, that you have knit together your chosen ones in one communion and fellowship in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtues and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who truly love you, through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting,
Amen.

Welcome to

ST MARK'S BASSENDEAN

Discovering and demonstrating Jesus' love in Bassendean and beyond.

1 November 2026

All Saints

Today in the church calendar we mark All Saints Day (or in Old English, All Hallows Day, hence last night being All Hallows Eve, Halloween!). So, who are these saints, these 'hallowed ones'? Are they the lucky few with particularly perfect lives or powerful spiritual deeds? No. The Bible wonderfully teaches that 'all saints' are *all Christians*.

In our readings from Genesis at the moment, we get a reminder that those God calls and chooses and blesses are certainly not the perfect. Today we see the origin of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Jacob has twelve sons. But Jacob himself is a deceiver, a liar, and a fraudster. Those 12 sons come through *four* women: two wives (Leah and Rachel) plus their two attendants who they give to Jacob in rivalry (Bilhah and Zilpah). "Here is a family fathered by a lying trickster and mothered by far from perfect women…. Nevertheless, God is at work and twelve patriarchs are born. Again, divine grace triumphs over human sinfulness." (Andrew Reid)

That's the key: divine grace to sinners. God's faithfulness to his promises despite the unfaithfulness of people. God had chosen Jacob and God promised him: 'I am with you and will watch over you wherever you will go' (Gen 28:15). God promised him that he would have descendants 'like the dust on the earth' (Gen 28:14). And that's exactly what God brought about.

God's faithfulness to his gracious promises despite human unfaithfulness is our hope too. It's the reason that we too may be "called to be his holy people", literally, "his saints" (1 Cor 1:2). As we turn to trust in Jesus we are "sanctified" [or 'holy-ified', 'saint-ified'!] in Christ Jesus" (1 Cor 1:2). Because Jesus the Holy One took on our unholiness, dealt with it at the cross, so that we may be included as God's holy people.

Today we might pause to remember 'all the saints' who have gone before us. We don't pray *to* them or *for* them. Instead, we can give God thanks for them and ask that God would encourage us by their example, to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the Light of the World. Our hope, like that of all God's 'holy ones', is in God's faithfulness displayed in Christ: "He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor 1:8-9)

In Him, 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.

There will be a **Pastoral Care Meeting** on **Sunday 15 November** after church.

The next **Men's Breakfast** is on **Sat 28 November at 8am** in the Church Hall.
For more info see Roger.

As you may know there have been some new babies born into our church family in the last few weeks. If you would like to make a meal for Louise & Haydn and baby Florence or for Anna & Lindsay and baby Hazel, please speak to Kate or click on these links here to volunteer for a meal:

https://takethemameal.com/XWAN5311

https://takethemameal.com/VBJA4889

Upcoming Dates for your Diary:
Sat 31 Oct – Halloween Sausage Sizzle
Sat 7 Nov – Youth Group
Thurs 12 Nov – Coffee and Chat
Sat 14 Nov – Women Together
Fri 20 Nov – Sun 22 Nov – Families Weekend Away
Wed 25 Nov – Lindsay & Anna Rhodes CMS Info Night (7pm)
Sat 28 Nov – Men's Breakfast

Women Together – Saturday 14 November from 2-4pm for Afternoon Tea at Barb & Verna's house.
Speaker is Joy Appleby.
RSVP to Barb, Donna, or Verna.

Coffee and Chat - 10am to 12pm in the **Church Hall.**
12th November 2026 – Christmas Cards & Decorations - Workshop
10th December 2026 – Christmas Party

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

Missionary Support here at St Marks

Did you know that our congregation here at St Marks, supports various missionary organisations through our giving and in prayer?

We donate 10% of our offerings received each quarter to these missions listed below: (our church representative is also listed here)

Bush Church Aid (BCA) – Murray Smallman - https://www.bushchurchaid.com.au/

Church Missionary Society (CMS) – Anna & Lindsay Rhodes - https://www.cms.org.au/

Scripture Union (SU) – Rosalind Appleby - https://www.suwa.org.au/

Jireh Uganda – Verna Fernie & Barbara Wadley – www.jirehuganda.org

The Bible Society – Joy Appleby - www.biblesociety.org.au

We also make an annual donation to **ABM (Anglican Board of Mission)** - https://www.abmission.org/

Please take some time to look at the websites above and continue to support these missions in prayer. Talk to our church representatives for more info.

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 4 Dates: 31/10; 7/11; 5/12; 24/12 **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. **Contact Lindsay or Charmaine.**
Term 4 Dates: 31/10; 7/11; 14/11; 28/11; 5/12; 12/12

Financial Information for September 2026

Total income: $18,255.89
made up as follows:
Envelopes - $1,115.00
Direct Giving - $6,400.00
Open Plate - $1,370.00
Volunteer Grant - $2,000.00
Donation - $1,999.00
Other - $5,371.89
Total Expenses: $16,854.42

Bank Account Details: - Please note change to Bank Account Number – it now has 8 digits not 9 as previously.
Anglican Community Fund
BSB: 706 001 **A/c No**: 30007071
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).