



# BASSO CHURCH

20th Dec 2020

*fixing our eyes on Jesus*

## THE CONTACT

### Sunday's Sermons

**Worship Service:** Luke 2: 25 - 35 "What Child is This"

Ian Kirk

**Tonight:** Carols by Candlelight from 6.30pm

10am Service—livestream [bassochurch.org.au/church-online/](https://bassochurch.org.au/church-online/)

### It's Christmas!

What a year we've had! Who'll forget the shops running out of toilet paper. What was that about? But more seriously, people lost jobs, and others struggled with loneliness and depression. What about when we had to isolate from each other? It was a time of fear and uncertainty.

But here we are at Christmas; and of all the Christmas's we've had, this is a pretty special one. What a time to appreciate joy and peace and hope – words that we associate with Christmas. This is because of what was declared at the birth of Christ to some shepherds in the vicinity of Bethlehem. An angel said to them "Do not be afraid; for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people; for today in the town of David a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ the Lord." Then many angels came, declaring "Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased." In the angelic proclamation there's the mention of "great joy" and "peace"; but also "hope" - because the Saviour had been born.

Jesus was born to die for us in order to save us from our sins; and to grant us eternal life. He was born to bring us back into personal relationship with God, if we would believe in Him. What a message of joy and peace and hope for a world still reeling from Covid-19.

Ian Kirk—for *Echo Community Newspaper*

### Prayer Points

- For our Carols by Candlelight tonight. Praise God for the beautiful weather. Pray for many to come and for the birth of our Saviour to be highlighted and for people to be drawn to Him.
- Pray for our 9am Christmas Day service – pray that God would speak to us about His love for us and the great gift of His Son to save us.
- For our expectant mothers—Liina P, Emma R and Maddie M.

### Coming Events

**Tonight—6.30pm**  
Carols @ Basso

**Fri 25 Dec 9am**  
Christmas Day Service



### **Prayer Points continued...**

- For those unwell and who struggle with ongoing sicknesses: Rod V, Daryl T, John H, Ernie H, Kerry M, Sylvia O, Les B, Tony F, Jean B, Bobby H and Douglas McQ.
- For the recent birth of Ezra to Connie & Reden, and Chester to Amy & Isaac. What a joy to behold these little lives, and for the blessing that they have been born into Christian homes.
- For those who have been struggling throughout this COVID year, and praise God for the Christmas hampers we can give out to encourage various ones in need.

### **Carols by Candlelight**

Our Carols by Candlelight is on TONIGHT!!

Please uphold this event in prayer—we're looking forward to a lovely time singing carols together with the community, sharing the true meaning of Christmas.

### **Thanksgiving Service**

Today we have the honour of holding a Thanksgiving service for our young bubbas, including Chester S, Fletcher M, Isla U, and her newborn brother, Ezra. We thank God for our little ones. May God have His hand on our children, as we uphold them, and our families, in prayer.

### **Christmas Day Service**

Friday 25 December | 9am | at Basso Church and Livestreamed

We extend an invitation to everyone to attend our Christmas Day service, either in-person, or livestreamed. You can invite your friends and family to come, or watch along, at [www.bassochurch.org.au/church-online/](http://www.bassochurch.org.au/church-online/)

**Please note there will be no evening service on Sunday 27th December.**

### **Church Office Closed between Christmas and New Years**

Our church staff are having a well deserved break after Christmas—so the Church office will be closed from Monday 28th December through to Friday 1st January. There won't be a weekly Contact on Sunday 3rd January. Any pastoral matters can be referred to our Elders during this time. Thank you!

### **Christmas Hampers**

Each year at Christmas, the church organises food vouchers for those in need. If you would like to support this ministry, please place your money donation, marked "Hampers", in the offering.

**COVID-19 Mandatory Contact Register**—Thank you all checking in as you arrive to church, either through the QR code system, or our paper register.

### **Church Rosters**

Our church service rosters are available for collection, in the breezeway after church. Thanks to everyone at Basso who serves!

### **Morning teas**

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help on the morning tea roster—we love our coffee-and-a-chat time! We are looking for someone to take on the job of filling and setting up the urns each Sunday—if you don't mind coming to church early and setting up, please see Kerry Jacques.

**Thank You!** A big thank you to the team that took up the opportunity to deliver the Town of Bassendean *Thrive* magazine in our area—you raised \$1800 for the church!

**COCOA, Churches of Christ Overseas Aid.** Each year, we take up an annual Christmas Day offering for COCOA, to support their work with the underprivileged around the world. You would have received an envelope for the COCOA Annual offering in last week's contact, or you can visit their website at [www.gmp.org.au/strongertogther](http://www.gmp.org.au/strongertogther), for those who want to donate on line.

**Global Mission Partners (GMP)** have Gift Catalogues available, in the foyer—great if you're looking for a thoughtful way of giving at Christmas time.

### **Hope India Fundraising**

Stanley A is running a "Little Gift Shop" to raise funds for Hope India mission. This is open every Saturday from 10am to 4pm, at their home on 180 Amazon Drive, Beechboro,

### **Mission Murmuring**

**Vicki, Juan**, write of the blessing of a Swiss teacher helping with the children's education. Local churches are mostly empty due to COVID restrictions. The local pastor and his family recently visited, and they had a wonderful lunch and warm fellowship—they aim to encourage each other to hang in there and support where they can. They recently had their business certificate declined, which leaves an uncertain future. Please continue to pray for wisdom regarding this matter. Their confidence is in the Lord, who holds the future. Without the business renewal their football season stopped abruptly, which was heart breaking, but as a family they are cycling in the cool autumn weather, and allowing their bikes to be used by others. Prayer for grace and wisdom to navigate uncharted waters and to be a blessing to locals, while waiting to do His will.

**Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating birthdays this week**, including Alan W and Laura H (20th), Esther S and Rod F (22nd), Bobby H (23rd), Chloe G (25th) and Colleen K (26th). A special mention to Bobby H, who is turning 90 on the 23rd!



**Our Carols by Candlelight event is on TONIGHT!!**

We're looking forward to a wonderful night of carolling together, and proclaiming the true message of Christmas to the community. Please uphold this event in prayer. Here's some information about tonight for you....

**Parking:** The car park and back lawn area will be open for parking up until 6.30pm. Cars parked in that area will not be able to leave until after the Carols event (around 8.30pm), so if you need to leave early, please park elsewhere. You can make use of the train station or street parking if you wish.

**Set Up from 2pm:**

For those helping set up, we are meeting here at 2pm to start setting up. We will be directing people on what they can do to help set up. We will be looking to have some people clean the toilets, as part of our preparation.

**Helpers ready and in place by 6.15pm:**

For those helping to sell candles, and hand out free song books/food etc, we would like you to be in place, ready to go by 6.15pm.

**COVID Safe practices, and Security:**

We have taken measures to ensure this event is COVID safe, and will have COVID Safety Marshals on hand during the night.

Please make use of hand sanitiser, practice social distancing, and please do not attend if you're not feeling well.

Because the event is outdoors, we do not have to maintain a contact register, but if people choose to, they will be able to check-in via our QR code, or on a paper register.

Please note also, that for security reasons, the breezeway and toilets will be accessible, however the church chapel, halls and kitchen areas will be closed off during the Carols event.

**Thanks everyone!**



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Let us know if you want to join our group emails and text messaging system



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Church Services:** Sundays 10 am; 6pm

Livestream 10am: [YouTube channel](#) or at [www.bassochurch.org.au/church-online/](http://www.bassochurch.org.au/church-online/)

All mid-week activities (including Basso Kids Sunday School) are on break over the School Holidays.

SERVICE ROSTER

**For next Sunday— 27th December**

- Leading:** K Bruce
- Communion:** J Fabry
- Reader:** D Kirk
- Side Helpers:** B Brand, P Haynes, D House, A Pittaway
- Welcome Team:** Team 1
- Crèche:** A Crommelin, L Jacques or other
- Sound:** M Mooy, L Rakers
- Video:** E Borgogno
- Cleaners:** TBA

**No Evening Service on 27th December**

OFFERINGS

**Online:** Set up a direct debit order directly with your bank, or a one-off gift. If your gift is for a specific purpose, *please use the reference to note* (e.g. "Faith Promise" etc.)

Account Name: Church of Christ Bassendean

BSB: 016 255 Account: 424 705 151

**Deut 16:17 "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you."**

Finances as Faith Promise Pledged: \$33,190 Building Fund Total: \$102,420.21

at 29th Nov: Faith Promise Received: \$14,876 Building Fund YTD: \$6,608.09