



BASSO CHURCH 27th Dec 2020

fixing our eyes on Jesus

THE CONTACT

Sunday's Sermons

Worship Service: Romans 7: 21 - 25 "Jesus—Always the Same" Rod Manton

No evening service tonight

10am Service—livestream bassochurch.org.au/church-online/

Power to Change the World

"You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth." Psalm 71:5

We still wrestle with the same problems that preoccupied Plato and Aristotle centuries ago: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where are we going? We search for answers, but the signs all seem to say "no exit".

But the cross boldly stands against the confusion of our world, a beacon of hope in the midst of darkness and doubt. In the cross, Christ not only bridged the gap between God and us, but there we find the answers to life's deepest questions. There we discover our true identity; forgiven sinners who now belong to God. There we discover our true destiny: a glorious eternity with God in Heaven. There we discover our true purpose: to love God and serve Him with all our might.

Never underestimate what Christ did for us through the cross. By it our salvation was won, and by it our lives—and our world—can be transformed.

What difference does the cross make in your life?

Billy Graham—*Hope for Today*

Prayer Points

- Praise God for our Carols by Candlelight service last Sunday night. We give thanks to God for the many who came and for the opportunity we had to share the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Christ our Saviour and Lord.
- For a good and refreshing break for us all; especially those who serve in our various ministries.
- For those who have been struggling throughout this COVID year.

Prayer Points continued...

- Pray for each other as we reflect upon the challenging year we've had with COVID, but also let us reflect on our God being our Rock and our Refuge through all the situations of life. He is the One who rules sovereignly over all things, and who is the great shepherd of His people in Christ.
- For those unwell, and 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 our expectant mothers—Liina P, Emma R, Maddie M; as well as Naomi H. What a joy to hear that Paul & Naomi are expecting in the middle of next year.
- Praise God for the Christmas hampers we could give out to encourage various ones in need.
- For pastor Ian as he ministers at Jurien Bay church this morning.

Thankful Hearts

As this incredible year comes to an end, and we usher in a New Year—we will be setting aside some time during next Sunday's morning service, for reflection and giving thanks for the year that we've had—and God's lovingkindness to us.

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 next Sunday 3rd January. Any pastoral matters can be referred to our Elders during this time. Thank you!

Christmas Hampers: Thank you to everyone who has generously given toward our Christmas Hampers. In addition to giving to those in need, we were able to deliver encouragement hampers to our members now in nursing homes, including Hazel Perkins, and our folks at Ritcher Lodge, including Thelma J, Margaret V, Bev P, Shirley W, Vince E and Barry C. They wanted to pass on their thanks to our Basso Church Family for thinking of them— all were very grateful.

Hope India Fundraising

Stanley 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.

Church Rosters

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

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you all again for the wonderful shoeboxes we filled back in September, ready for the Operation Christmas Child project—our 88 boxes joined the total of 23,879 boxes that have been sent to Madagascar and Fiji this Christmas. Let's pray for this Christmas outreach mission, for lives to be touched through the generosity of others, and the gospel message given.

Mission Murmuring

Pete, Mel, Asia write that Pete has enjoyed teaching Ancient World History to the 9th grade students, and will be staying on for another semester. Pete has been approached to mentor a student and a teacher too. Mel takes the bulk of the regional leader role, as Pete is teaching due to teacher shortages. James is 11th grade and leading a 7th grade bible study at school. Abigail is 9th grade and loves her swimming. She doesn't mind Pete teaching her history at school. Phoebe is 7th grade, with a love of sports, and has some good friends in her year group. With virtual meetings constantly on the go every day, it's busy to juggle everything. Physical distancing has enabled many of their workers to reflect and reevaluate their ministry. Pete continues in the church planting group. A regional date night online enabled couples to deepen their communication skills. Various development and encouraging meetings continue on line to meet varying needs from their many varied workers.

Elise's latest Newsletter is on the Missions Noticeboard. Elise gives thanks for the time over this year that she has had with family back in Western Australia. She arrived in Perth back in February, and has been unable to return to the Philippines due to COVID travel restrictions. This time has been precious, with family and grandchildren, and also a time of healing for her personally. Continue to pray for Elise, as she leads bible studies in her home town, and also online to several Filipino young people.

Bible Society—The Bible is coming to life for thousands of Indigenous peoples, with a new app—Pitjantjatjara Bible app. This will be a great literacy aid, as people can follow, and hear the scriptures being read aloud. Users can search for and play verses and chapters, and find links to their heart language -hymn books, Christian YouTube channels and devotional materials. Pitjantjatjara is the first language of 3000-5000 Aboriginal Australians. It is one of the strongest languages in Central Australia. A recent trial saw young children enthralled with the Bible stories, heard in their own language. They were amazed and fascinated with the stories of Jesus and the disciples. This app is being made available in local communities, with a lot of excitement and interest.

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Kerry M and Phoebe S (both today!), Warren H and Michele S (both 28th), Joshua J (30th), and Shirley P, Joanne O and Paula G (all on 2nd January).

And for the following week, a happy birthday also to Jodie B and Josephine W—both on the 8th January.



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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/

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

SERVICE ROSTER

For next Sunday— 3rd January

Leading:	S Borgogno
Communion:	P Haynes
Reader:	M Manton
Side Helpers:	J Burnett, K Host, J Fabry, J Kirk
Welcome Team:	Team 2
Crèche:	A Crommelin, L Jacques or other
Sound:	M Mooy, M McLeod
Video:	C Bruce
Morning Tea:	J Sundra M Errington
Cleaners:	Team 2
Evening Service:	R Manton

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