



BASSO CHURCH

fixing our eyes on Jesus

19th Dec 2021

Sunday's Sermons

THE CONTACT

Worship Service: Luke 2: 1—7 "The God Who Rules"

Ian Kirk

Tonight— Carols by Candlelight from 6.30pm (programme starting at 7pm)

Both services —livestream bassochurch.org.au/church-online/

The Busy Season!

Have you noticed? This is the "busy season"! Roads are busy, shops are busier, and life is busiest. There's the attending of graduation services and Christmas parties, the buying of presents, the setting up of Christmas trees with their decorations and lights, the sending of Christmas cards, the organising of Christmas Day, as well as getting your place looking great! "The big clean-up" I call it! No wonder we're all exhausted by the end!

But the heart of the Christmas story is so different. It's away from the busy-ness. It's about a baby being born in a stable in a small village called Bethlehem, away from the hustle and bustle of the big city of Jerusalem.

It's about shepherds in the stillness and darkness looking after their sheep near Bethlehem, before the angel came to announce the most amazing news. I believe there's something important to learn from this. We need to be still to take in the glory of Christ's birth; when God's eternal Son became a baby, when God fulfilled His promises and sent the long-awaited Saviour into our world, and when God gave the greatest gift of all; the gift of His Son.

And the reason is staggering - so that we could be forgiven, be made right with God and have eternal life, if we put our faith in Jesus.

I love Christmas; even with all its busy-ness. But let's take some time to reflect on and rejoice in the Saviour's birth.

Ian Kirk—for Echo Community Newspaper

Prayer Points

- For this Christmas season that we might take the time to reflect on the birth of our Saviour, and take the opportunity to tell others of the true meaning of Christmas.
- For our Carols service tonight. Pray for a great turn-out and for the Lord to minister to our hearts as we reflect and rejoice and respond to God's love and our Saviour's birth.
- For those in our midst who are in need; whether because they've lost their jobs due to not being vaccinated; for have increased anxiety and depression during this challenging time we live in – especially from Covid.

Coming Events

TONIGHT!!
Basso Carols

Sat 25 Dec
Christmas Day
Service 9am



Prayer Points continued...

- Pray for the leaders and helpers of our weekly ministries that are on break over the Christmas holidays. Pray that they may be spiritually refreshed over the break.
- For Lea and Leon S's daughter, Karissa, who had to be flown to Perth following complications from the birth of her baby girl, on Tuesday. Bubs is doing well. Lea and Leon are up north with the family.
- For Trevor M as he recovers from a back injury, and for Michelle and Eva.
- For Stephen S as he recovers from an horrific accident. Praise God that Stephen is in good spirits, and is thankful for the Lord's care over him.
- For David McK who is very unwell, and for Trish as she supports her husband.
- For Robin S, who is suffering much pain from a foot injury.
- For those unwell and who struggle with ongoing sicknesses: Kerry M, Peter Sh, Tony F, Sherri T, Ella F-S, Deb U and John H.

Carols at Basso

Tonight from 6.30pm | Basso Church and Livestreamed

Our Carols by Candlelight is on TONIGHT! Our programme will officially start at 7pm, but come early for a free ice-cream, and some fun interactives for the kids. We pray that this will be a time for us to reflect and rejoice on the birth of our Saviour. The event will also be livestreamed, if you're not able to come in person.

Christmas Day Service

Saturday 25 December | 9am | 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!

Please note there will be no evening service on Sunday 26th December or Sunday 2nd January.

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 27th December through to Friday 31st December. There won't be a weekly Contact on Sunday 2nd January. Any pastoral matters can be referred to our Elders during this time. Thank you!

Basso 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.

Church Rosters are available for collection in the breezeway after the morning service. Thank you to everyone who serves our family at Basso Church.

Family Room for School Holidays

Just a reminder that there is no creche over the Christmas and New Year season. Instead, the creche room will be turning into a “Family Room”, where parents of young kids can make themselves and their little ones comfortable in our lesser hall, with the service being livestreamed into the room.

Our Mid-week Ministries have finished for the year. We pray that the leaders and helpers will be refreshed during the Christmas break.

These ministries will re-start with the 2022 School year—and we are excited to be having a new ministry start up next year—a *Creative Writing group!* This group will be open to the community, and will be lead by our avid writer, Don G. We'll have more details about this in the new year.

Emergency Exit points from the Chapel: The double-doors either side of the stage are our main emergency exit points.

Thank you!! A big THANK YOU to everyone who came along to sing Carols for the community at the local shopping centre and Twilight Markets, over the last week. Thank you too, for Flora MacD and Tracy H in leading the groups—what a blessing to our community!

Thank you—from Ella F-S, who wants to thank the church family very much for their prayers whilst she was in hospital (please keep praying!), and wishes to send greetings for a blessed Christmas and New Year to all.

Mission Murmurings

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. Envelopes for the COCOA Annual offering are available in the foyer, or you can visit their website at www.gmp.org.au for those who want to donate on line.

Vicki, Juan, Sydney are now working within the refugee team with the Anglican church in Sydney. They write that friendships and seed sowing opportunities have opened up quite easily. They live in a very ethnically diverse neighborhood, and following their time in the Middle East, are amazed at the freedom to share the Gospel. They are also saddened at the hardness of hearts of some, in their unbelief of God and the scriptures. They aim to “Love your neighbor”- whether the doors fly open, edge open, or stay tightly closed. Prayer is needed for wisdom to love them all. vicjuan0127@swissmail.org

Hope India Mission (Stanley and Jhansi's mission group) are running their annual Christmas Appeal. Donations can be made directly to Hope India Mission (BSB: 066 117 Account: 10006119), or in the offering at Basso Church (envelope marked "Hope India Mission"). You can also purchase \$20 Curry Meal vouchers, with \$9 of every voucher going towards Hope India Mission.

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including Alan W and Laura H (both 20th), Esther S and Rod F (both 22nd), Bobby H (23rd) and Chloe G (25th).



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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 and 6pm

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

Our mid-week activities will restart with the 2022 School year.

Please note there will be no evening service on Sunday 26th December or Sunday 2nd January.

Keep up to date with what's going on via our website: www.bassochurch.org.au/whats-on/

SERVICE ROSTER

For next Sunday— 26th December

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| Leading: | G Jacques |
| Communion: | J Hamilton |
| Reader: | D Fox |
| Side Helpers: | D Powell, E Manglicmot K Farrar, J Brenton |
| Welcome Team: | Team 2 |
| Crèche: | [Family Room] |
| Sound: | M Mooy, L Rakers |
| Video: | P Stronach |
| Morning Tea: | K & L Host |
| Craft Set-Up: | [School Holidays] |
| Cleaners: | S & R Reichenbach, A Pittaway |
| Evening: | No evening service |

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 at 12th Dec 2021: Faith Promise Pledges (22) - \$29,070 Building Fund Total: \$173,824.37

Faith Promise Received: \$13,955 Building Fund FYTD: \$48,566.45