



BASSO CHURCH

fixing our eyes on Jesus

3rd Nov 2024

THE CONTACT

Worship Service: Luke 9:28-36 "Listen to Him"

Ian Kirk

Evening Service: Luke 14: 15-24 "An Invitation"

Ethan Borgogno

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

Love in a Shoebox

Once a year there is a drive to collect shoeboxes – not empty shoeboxes but “filled up” shoeboxes; filled with gifts for children. We nickname these shoeboxes “Love in a Shoebox”; for they are given as a loving gift to children in troubled and poverty-stricken places of the world.

Eleven countries, including Australia, participate in this massive exercise. It’s mainly done through churches, but anyone can participate. Some start in the middle of the year, buying gifts for children and packing their boxes. The boxes are then delivered to depots in October, for shipping to other places of the world – in readiness for Christmas.

The number of love boxes last year was a staggering 11.3 million worldwide. This year, our Australian boxes are going to war-torn Ukraine, Philippines, Cambodia, Fiji and the Solomon Islands. These love boxes are given to all children without discrimination.

What great joy these children experience when they open their shoebox and see the loving gifts given to them from someone they don’t know. It is often the only gift for Christmas they receive.

Afterwards, local pastors share with the children and their families about the Christmas story – the greatest gift from the God they might not know; the gift of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. They learn that Jesus came and died for us and rose again so that we can be forgiven and be blessed and have the gift of eternal life; when we put our faith in Him. What a gift!

Ian Kirk for *Echo Community Paper*

Coming Events

Sun Nov 10

Honouring the Elderly & Hospitality Sunday

Early December

Basso Kids Celebration



Prayer Points

- For our elderly as they face various challenges. Praise God for their solid witness and faithful prayers – next Sunday we will be honouring the elderly.

Prayer Points continued

- For the Basso Kids (Sunday School) celebration in early December. Pray for teachers and students as they prepare for the songs and plays – and for many families to come.
- For the 86 love boxes we could put together for Operation Christmas Child. Pray for the Lord to use each box to help children and parents come to hear of God's love and trust in Jesus.
- For the Anzac Terrace kids club as they prepare for performing a Christian Christmas play before the whole school, and for Eden Hill kids club as new kids come along and as the group grows.
- For Ethan B as he serves the Lord as our ministry intern; especially amongst our young people and the teenage youth group.
- For Hannah O in her recovery after breaking her leg badly. Pray also for the O family as they care for Hannah. Praise God that Hannah didn't need surgery.
- For Eileen E and Harry G as they grieve after the passing of their loved ones.
- For Eileen's mother Pat who is in hospital facing complications from treatment received from an eye condition.
- For those recovering from illness/injury that God would strengthen them and give them peace.

Hospitality Sunday | Sunday November 10th | Lunchtime

Join us as we gather in each other's homes to share lunch after the church service. This is always an enjoyable opportunity to encourage one another and connect with our church family. Please see Judy or Annette to attend.

Honouring The Elderly—Next week, during our service, we will dedicate a special time to honouring our elderly members here at Basso Church. We are grateful for our senior citizens who enrich our lives with their wisdom, experience, and service to God. Join with us next Sunday, as we express our appreciation for their guidance and support.

Connie & Geoff S daughter, Isla, has recently been diagnosed with nephrotic syndrome and will undergo treatment for kidney damage over the next 12 months. Isla's immune system is compromised, and she will require ongoing care. Please pray for healing and encouragement during this challenging time.

Women's Prayer Partners—Sue and Lea are organising prayer partners for 2025! Having a prayer partner can significantly enhance your daily life through support, encouragement and friendship. Participation is voluntary, and you can choose a prayer partner name card starting Saturday, December 7th, at our final Christmas Morning Tea. If you have any questions, contact Sue W.

ATIN - Asia Update Thank you, Basso Church, for your prayers and generous gifts over the past few months. Your support has allowed us to enhance our weekly feeding program and Bible studies for local children. Our after-school kids' club has grown to 50 regular attendees, who participate in activities and learn about the Lord.

Unfortunately, around 40 families have been affected by recent typhoon flooding, with some losing their homes and livelihoods. Many have taken refuge in the ATIN Hub. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to help shine His light in the community by distributing food parcels to these families. Please continue to pray for those affected in the Philippines. If anyone can assist with financial donations to help distribute food parcels and aid in the Masbate/Mobo area, please speak to Kevin or Sam T.

Great Gift Catalogues 2024/25 offer meaningful gifts through Australian Churches of Christ Global Mission Partners (GMP) that make a significant impact on children and their families. Gifts like bees, goats, and chickens not only support individual families but also provide broader community benefits. To see how these gifts can change lives, read the story "When a Pair of Socks" on page 1. Catalogues are available in the foyer.

Change of contact details: Vivian P & John B have new contact information. Online readers, please contact the church administration for the details to update your Church Directory.

Mission Murmuring: Challenge Newspaper reports an amazing 2024.

In Australia, 30,000 copies are printed monthly, with interest growing in South Australia and Victoria. The Broome outreach has used the paper extensively. In South Africa, 200,000 copies are printed bi-monthly, with 65,000 going to prisons. Inmates respond with 400-1,000 replies each time. Kenya prints 20,000 copies twice a year for 107 prisons.

The Zimbabwe edition reaches South Africa, serving many Zimbabwean churches. In the USA, 5,000 copies are printed bi-monthly, while 25,000 go to 300 prisons. A Hispanic edition is launching for Cuba, and the Philippines prints 50,000 copies three times a year with Sam and Kevin T involved in the distribution. The Good News Paper is making a significant impact worldwide. Thank you for your support!

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating birthdays this week—including:
Annette E & Kate P (both 4th), Micah J (5th), Abigail C (7th),
May God bless you all on your special day!

Happy Birthday!



BASSO CHURCH—CONTACT US

Pastor: Ian Kirk (Days off, Mon | Sat) **Ministry Support:** Alana Borgogno

Ministry Intern: Ethan Borgogno

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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/

Sun 9.00am Basso Kids Sunday Schools
(ages 3-15)

Mon 1.30pm Ladies Home Group

Tue 9.00am Community Craft and Coffee
7.00pm Home Groups:
Teen Group yrs 9-uni
Adult Group via Zoom

Wed 7.00pm/7.30pm Home Groups

Thur 8.00pm Fortnightly Home Group
via Zoom

Fri 6.00pm Junior Youth Group
7.30pm Teen Youth Group

Monthly Prayer Meetings:

Sundays: First Sunday of the month, 9am
Tuesdays: Last Tuesday of the month, 6pm
Thursdays: Second Thurs of the month 6pm

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

SERVICE ROSTER

For next Sunday— 10th November

Leading:	I Kirk
Communion:	C Beavis
Reader:	F MacDonald
Side Helpers:	P Lebbos N Jacques K Chiffings J Hamilton R Owens J Barrett
Welcome Team:	Team 3
Crèche:	R & M Manton
Sound:	M Mooy S Errington
Slides:	L Rakers
Video:	T Catterall
Morning Tea:	J & N Kasdorf
Cleaning:	Team 2
Evening:	I Kirk

Attendance last Sunday Morning: 189

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."

Offerings as of Faith Promises pledged :\$

27th October.

Faith Promises received: \$

Building Fund FYTD: \$