



BASSO CHURCH

fixing our eyes on Jesus

15th Dec 2024

THE CONTACT

Worship Service: Luke 10:38-42 “Taking Time to Take In”

Ian Kirk

Evening Service: Carols by Candlelight

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

The Fallen Angel

A few years ago, we did our annual activity of setting up our Christmas tree. We decorated it with golden beads and balls and lights. The final task was to put the angel on top of the tree; a priceless ceramic angel - an heirloom. I had the task of doing this.

With exquisite execution, I put the angel in place. It looked so perfect – for a moment. Suddenly, the tree began to lean over. I could see what might happen. I made a dive to catch the angel – but it was too late! It smashed into a dozen pieces; it was ceramic! I tried to recover all the pieces of the fallen angel and thought I might be able to fix it. But it was never going to happen. We now have a nice plastic angel!

The reason the angel fell was because of the foundation of our Christmas tree. I hadn't locked in the bottom of the tree to its "feet". The weight of the ceramic angel was enough to topple the tree.

This "accident" reminds me of the importance of building our life on a solid foundation so that we don't topple. Jesus is that right foundation. He is a mighty rock who supports us if we trust in Him and build our life on Him. Even when we topple, He is able to pick us up and restore us if we would turn to Him. For this purpose, He came into our world.

Ian Kirk for *Echo Community Paper*

Coming Events

Prayer Points

- For time to personally reflect on God's gracious and great gift to us; the gift of His Son: *"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift"* (2 Cor 9:15)
- For our family and friends who are not saved – that God would touch their hearts and draw them to Jesus – our hope and peace and joy.

Tonight 6pm
 Carols by Candlelight
Wed Dec 25th 9am
 Christmas Day Service
Wed Jan 8th
 Girls Big Day In



Prayer Points continued

- For our Carols tonight. Pray for our choir, musicians and song leaders. Pray for people to be drawn and for us to be used by God to share who Jesus is and the good news about why He came.
- For those who were baptised last Sunday (Rosalie W, Jemimah J, Zoe B, Sam C and Elise K) in their walk with God and as they grow in Jesus.
- For Thomas & Michelle D who were married last Thursday. Pray for them in their health challenges, and for them to enjoy the bliss of married life as they walk with Jesus.
- For those who are struggling with financial and/or relationship issues.
- For Ken B, Mick C, Hannah O and Jackie K as they recover and heal after recent operations.
- For those recovering from illness/injury that God would strengthen them and give them peace.

Welcome to Elise L who is visiting us at Basso this morning. Be sure to catch up with her to hear the latest updates on the shop enterprise and her work with Palawano Gospel Ministries. Also see Mission Murmurings for news.

Basso Carols | Tonight! | Doors open at 6pm

Tonight, we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with beautiful carols, nativity plays, bible readings, and ice-cream! Let's shine our spirit of joy and hospitality to our church family and community. Invite your friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues to join in the celebration of our Saviour's birth. Flyers are still available in the foyer to help spread the word!

Christmas Day Service | Wednesday December 25th 9am

Join us to celebrate with your church family the best gift ever received—our Saviour, Jesus Christ! Please note the earlier time of 9:00 AM. We look forward to celebrating this special day with you.

Girls Big Day In | Wednesday 8th Jan | Basso Church

The GBDI is back in 2025! Save the date and let your family and friends aged between grade 6—12 know. It will be a day full of fun activities and projects, all centered around Christ.

Edge Camp | Sunday 19th Jan—25th Jan 2025 |Serpentine | \$220

Programs are available for participants entering years 11-12: January 19-22 and years 7—10: January 22-25. Sign up for an amazing week, lead by some of our Basso young adults. Registration information is on the notice board or speak with Ethan B.

IMPACT Africa June 25-July 17 2025

Have you been considering a short-term mission trip? This is an incredible opportunity to make a difference in South Africa! For more information, speak

with Graeme J at church or contact John or Carolyn from Challenge Newspaper at 9453 3311.

Church Rosters 2025—The rosters for the first quarter of 2025 are now available in the foyer. Thank you to the dedicated individuals who serve our church family. Each week, around thirty people are involved in various roles, from preparing the church facility to leading worship, reading scripture, assisting with communion, and ensuring everything runs smoothly. Each part plays a role in serving God and supporting our church community. What a blessing it is to have such committed servants!

Christmas Hampers—Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Christmas hampers. The hampers will be delivered this week to bring joy, support and encouragement to members of our church family.

Sam J—Ride for a Cause: Last weekend, Sam took part in the Ride for a Cause event, raising around \$2,000 to support the work that Rob and Shelley C are doing in Mexico. This contribution will go a long way in way to make a difference and support those in need! Thank you, Sam!

Services Over the Holidays: Young ones are always welcome in our services, but during the summer holidays, the Creche will be available as a Family Room for parents and children to enjoy the service in a relaxed setting.

Office Closed: Our church office will be closed over the Christmas break from 24 December 2024 and will reopen on Thursday 2nd January 2025. If you need support during this time, please contact our pastor or one of our Elders. Please note there will be no weekly Contact on Sunday 29th December, but you can stay up to date through our website and social media @bassochurch.

Mission Murmuring: Elise L: Around 60 people regularly turn up to prayer meetings or Sunday worship. They are immensely proud of the Meeting house/ Church, which is fulfilling our vision that the community would be blessed by it. There are many new families in the church and we are gathering the little group of Bible teachers each Saturday, and discussing what will be taught each Wednesday evening in their 3 villages. What a joy to see all of them just seeking the Lord as to how to respond! Ministry, church and tribal leaders are seeking how to apply the scriptures contextually for church discipline! Relationships have been restored, and those who have stumbled have confessed to the church and asked for forgiveness which is freely given. It was a beautiful worship service for my last Sunday at Menti for this year. Praise the Lord and thank you for travelling with us through another season of ministry on Palawan! I arrived in Puerto Princesa, the first step on the way back to Australia, bearing the Gospel of Luke, freshly “translated” for our little dialect of Palawano. (Please see missions notice board for full version.)

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating birthdays this week— including: Fran B (17th), Rachael R (18th), Alan W & Laura H (both 20th). May God bless you all on your special day!



BASSO CHURCH—CONTACT US

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

Ministry Intern: Ethan Borgogno

Administration: Kerry Jacques and Ngaire Kasdorf



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Social Media @BassoChurch

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— 22nd December

Leading:	I Kirk
Communion:	P Davies
Reader:	K Chiffings
Side Helpers:	J Borgogno N Jacques A Borgogno J Barrett R Owens J Gatti
Welcome Team:	Team 2
Crèche:	Family Room
Sound:	M Mooy Z Jacques
Slides:	I Masuli
Video:	I Hopkins
Morning Tea:	Coffee Team
Cleaning:	Team 2
Evening:	S Borgogno

Attendance last Sunday Morning:

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 8th December:	Faith Promises pledged :\$
	Faith Promises received: \$

Building Fund FYTD: \$