



# BASSO CHURCH

22nd Dec 2024

*fixing our eyes on Jesus*

## THE CONTACT

**Worship Service:** Luke 2: 8-14 “Glory to God, Peace on Earth”

Ian Kirk

**Evening Service:** 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 “The Fiery Trial”

Ethan Borgogno

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



*Christmas Day Service—9am @ Basso and livestreamed*

### The Road to Bethlehem

Last week we went to see “the Road to Bethlehem”. It’s where you step back into time and walk through various scenes that depict the events leading up to the birth of Christ.

We came across mean King Herod and fully armed Roman soldiers, three wise men, shepherds, and an innkeeper at Bethlehem. We even saw real camels, sheep, and a donkey. The final scene, of course, was the stable where Mary and Joseph held a baby - a real baby who was trying to grab the microphone.

My favourite scene was the one involving the shepherds. Going off script, they boasted to one another about the scars they had received from rescuing their sheep from wild animals. Showing us their fake scars, one had scars from a bear attack, and another from a lion attack.

But in the middle of their boasting, high up on some scaffolding, an angel suddenly appeared. True to the biblical account, the shepherds shook with fear, and with a booming voice, the angel declared *“Do not be afraid. 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 for you. He is Christ the Lord.”*

What a declaration! Jesus was born to be our Saviour – to save us from the consequences of our sins, and to grant us eternal life - if we would believe in Him. What good news of great joy!

Ian Kirk for *Echo Community Paper*

### 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)

### Coming Events

**Wed Dec 25th 9am**  
 Christmas Day Service  
**Sun Jan 2nd 9am**  
 Prayer Morning  
**Wed Jan 8th**  
 Girls Big Day In



## **Prayer Points continued**

- Praise God for our Carols last Sunday night. Praise God for all those who led us and helped make the event a wonderful success to God's glory.
- Pray for our Christmas Day service this Wednesday at 9am – pray for many to be drawn.
- For our family and friends who are not saved – that God would bless our witness to them and that He would touch their hearts and save them through faith in Jesus.
- For our many ministry leaders and helpers that God would grant them a spiritually refreshing time over the school holidays, and that He would recharge them for ministry in the new year.
- For those who are planning to be baptised in the new year on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> January.
- For those who are struggling with financial challenges, the cost of living, and/or relationship issues. Pray also for those who have lost loved ones in recent times.
- For those recovering from illness/injury that God would strengthen them and give them peace.

## **Christmas Day at Basso | Wednesday 25th Dec | Basso Church**

On Wednesday morning, at 9am we will be holding our Christmas Day Service in the auditorium. Please join us and invite family and friends along to celebrate Christmas together.

*Please note there will be NO evening service on Christmas day or next Sunday Dec 29th.*

## **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. Please see Alana B for more information.

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

Registrations are still open for those wanting to participate. The camp is scheduled for grades 11-12: January 19-22 and grades 7—10: January 22-25. Our Basso Youth Leaders are involved in leading this event. 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! Please speak to Graeme J to register your interest.

**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, for you to use on Christmas Day, or you can visit their website at [www.gmp.org.au](http://www.gmp.org.au) for those who want to donate on line.

**Church Rosters 2025**—The rosters for the first quarter of 2025 are now available in the foyer. Thank you to the dedicated individuals who faithfully serve our church family! If you would like to get involved in serving, whether through ministries, events, or other areas of church life, please contact the church administration [admin@bassochurch.org.au](mailto:admin@bassochurch.org.au)

### **Carols by Candlelight—Thank you!**

Last Sunday night we celebrated our annual Carols by Candlelight and what an encouragement it was! It was so special to meet together for a time of caroling, listening to the choir and watching and interacting with the characters from the nativity play. Thank you so much to everyone who came out to help with preparations and support the church in various ways to make this event a success. Check out Basso church social media for photos.

**Creche Family Room:** A reminder that the Creche will be available as a Family Room for parents and children to enjoy the service in a relaxed setting. Children are always welcome in the service too.

**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.

**Mission Murmuring:** Scotland, the land of ancient castles, churches, lochs, and breathtaking scenery, has lost its spiritual vitality. Once shaped by Celtic and English influences, the nation's rich Christian heritage, which produced visionary leaders like John Knox, David Livingstone, Mary Slessor, and Eric Liddell, is now largely forgotten or overlooked.

The nation now faces stagnation and spiritual decline. In the past, Scotland was the first nation to achieve 100% literacy, with the Bible found in nearly every home. Today, however, liberal theology, Freemasonry, and a significant shortage of clergy have left the church unable to meet the needs of the people.

The call for a revival of discipleship, church planting, and a fresh movement of passionate believers is growing. It is crucial for the church to recommit to a Bible-based theology and rediscover its foundational mission.

To learn more, visit [www.ecmaustralia.org](http://www.ecmaustralia.org).

**Happy Birthday** to those who are celebrating birthdays over the next two weeks— including: Esther S, Elena P, Elijah P (all 22nd), Colleen K (26th), Phoebe S (27th), Warren H, Michele S (both 28th), Joshua J, Jeff B (both 30th), Vicki S (1st), Shirley P, Joanne O (both 2nd).

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



**Church office hours:** Tuesday—Thursday 9am-5pm

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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/](http://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/](http://www.bassochurch.org.au/whats-on/)*

## SERVICE ROSTER

For next Sunday— 29th December

<b>Leading:</b>	G Jacques
<b>Communion:</b>	B Jacques
<b>Reader:</b>	F MacDonald
<b>Side Helpers:</b>	I Hopkins R Owens K Host E Manglicmot K Farrar C Kirk
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	Team 4
<b>Crèche:</b>	Family Room
<b>Sound:</b>	M Mooy C Bruce
<b>Slides:</b>	L Host
<b>Video:</b>	T Catterall
<b>Morning Tea:</b>	I & T Hopkins
<b>Cleaning:</b>	L Xiaosun J Russell
<b>Evening:</b>	No evening service

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 15h December:	Faith Promises pledged :\$
	Faith Promises received: \$

Building Fund FYTD: \$