



# BASSO CHURCH

*fixing our eyes on Jesus*

12th Jan 2025

## THE CONTACT

**Worship Service:** Romans 6: 1—11 “A New Life”

Ian Kirk

**Evening Service:** 1 Thessalonians 4: 13—18 “The Second Coming”

Ian Kirk

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

### The Great Adventure

While on holidays in Albany recently, I did the 13 km return hike to Bald Head – out past Frenchman’s Bay. It’s an arduous hike, as there are three hills to climb; the final one being Bald Head. On the day I went, the weather was perfect, and the coastal scenery was spectacular. It was so worth it!

Coming back was challenging though. I had done no fitness training since injuring my back. So, as I climbed the hills on my return, my knees started to hurt, and my quads started to tighten. Then, during the final leg, I started getting cramp and each step became more painful.

It was a good feeling when I returned. Colleen picked me up, and then, back at our holiday cottage, despite the soreness and tiredness, I could rest and savour the great adventure I had been on.

Life is a great adventure. There are good and hard times, delights and challenges along the way. But what’s the point of it all, if there is nothing beyond the adventure; no resting and delighting?

I’m glad that Jesus taught us that death is not the end. There is the promise of eternal rest and delight after life’s great adventure - if we believe in Him as God’s Son and trust in Him as our Saviour and Lord. In this life, we also have the blessing of His help. I’m grateful life’s great adventure has a glorious goal in Jesus – eternal life.

Ian Kirk— *for the Echo Community Newspaper*

### Prayer Points

- For our church ministries as leaders and helpers meet and plan for the first quarter of 2025 – may all we plan and do be Spirit-led, for the glory of God and for the proclamation of Christ’s Gospel.
- For our Church Board, who have their annual Board Retreat this coming weekend. Pray for these men, seeking God’s direction as they lead our church.

### Coming Events

**Wed 15th Jan 7pm**  
Church Safe Training

**Sun 19 Jan**  
Welcome Lunch

**Sun 2 February**  
All in Lunch



## Prayer Points continued...

- For our church family that we might grow together, maintaining the unity of the Spirit, and using our gifts & ministries to bless the Lord and each other.
- For those who are being baptised this morning—Simon B, Sophia A and James E. May we be an encouragement to you all, and may you continue to grow in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus.
- For Harry and Nancy G in Indonesia, that God would richly bless His ministry through Harry as he shares with others, seeking to win the lost and encourage fellow believers. Harry and Nancy return home on 15 January.
- For Shelley Ch. Her kidney problems have worsened and she may need surgery. She needs to fly to Mexico City to see a specialist. Pray the doctors will know how to best treat her and that God may be glorified.
- For the McG family, as Garry is now in palliative care. Uphold Garry, Marj, Ellice and Jeremy and the family, that they will feel God's peace and comfort.
- For those recovering from illness/injury, including Ally S and Ken B, that God would strengthen them physically and spiritually.

## Baptism Sunday—Today!

At the end of our morning service today, we have the honour to witness the baptisms of James, Simon and Sophia. Let's uphold these three in prayer as they publically declare their faith in Christ, and desire to follow Him.

## 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.

## Church Safe Training

Wednesday 15 Jan | 7pm | Basso Church

This Wednesday evening we will be holding our Church Safe training session at Basso. It is important that we stay up to date with changing regulations and ensure we are keeping our church and community safe. This is for those involved in children's ministry and church leadership, so please come along.

*\*\* If you are thinking of joining a Basso children's ministry in the coming year (whether that's creche, a kids club, Sunday School or youth group), you're welcome to join this training session on Wednesday night.*

## Basso Welcome lunch

Sunday 19 January | 12.30-2.30 | For those who are new, or feel new, to Basso

For those who are new (or feel new) to Basso, we would love you to join us for a luncheon after church next Sunday, 19th Jan (we'll provide the food). This will be a great way for you to meet other newcomers, and find out more about our church, "Our Story, Our Theology, Our Community". See Kerry for more info, or register for the event at [www.bassochurch.org.au/events/](http://www.bassochurch.org.au/events/)

**Church Rosters** — we have a great number of volunteers at Basso Church who help serve on our rosters. If you would like to get involved in serving, we have some gaps in cleaning, side-help and creche—please contact Kerry on [admin@bassochurch.org.au](mailto:admin@bassochurch.org.au)

**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.

**Foster Care information night:** If you are interested in learning more about foster care, there will be an information night held on Saturday 15 February, 12.30pm at the Perth City Library. See our noticeboard for more details.

**Thanks for your generosity!** We're blown away by the generosity of our Basso Church family—just under \$3000 was received towards this year's Christmas hampers, and \$1,863 was raised for the COCOA Christmas Appeal!

And to provide an update on the Church finances, at the end of 2024, the loan for our Church build is sitting at \$466,978—this is down from \$829k at the start of the year!! Thank you God, for your provision, and your people's generosity!

### **Fundraising—Containers for Change**

Did you know that you can help us raise funds for our church build, just by collecting cans? When you take your cans to the local Containers for Change exchange depo, just quote the Basso Church *Scheme ID C10316416* and 10 cents a can will help our fundraising efforts here at Basso. Thanks to everyone who participates in this effort!

### **Mission Murmuring:**

**Bible League:** "Badalaya" For Bibles--Badalaya, means light, and through Bible League, this written light is being shared among our Indigenous Australians. Over 2,423, Bibles are now reaching into homes and families. In partnership with 14 radio stations around Australia, the goal is to reach 4000, and provide the Plain English Version (PEV). Offering this hope and guidance through God's scriptures will have an ongoing impact. "That light shines out into the darkness and makes everything clear, and the darkness can't put it out" John 1:5 (PEV). Laurel P, a passionate Indigenous evangelist is sharing the PEV version to all ages in remote communities, where such Bibles are hard to access. Her testimony is having a powerful mark, as more people joyfully receive, read, and understand God's Word. [www.bl.org.au/Indigenous Australia](http://www.bl.org.au/Indigenous%20Australia)

**ATIN Fundraising:** Sandra B passes on her thanks to the Basso Craft group, who helped her raise \$215 for Kevin and Sam T, to go towards the ATIN mission in the Philippines—just in time for Christmas! Thanks everyone!

**Happy Birthday** to those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including: Maureen B, Leah J and Jen D (all on 15th!), Loncey W (16th) and Eric B (17th). May God bless you all on this week!



# 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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*Let us know if you want to join our group emails and text messaging system*

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

## SERVICE ROSTER

**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/)

All weekly ministries are on break over school holidays, restarting in February.

### 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/)*

For next Sunday— 19th January

Leading:	I Kirk
Communion:	R Manton
Reader:	N Tibbits
Side Helpers:	A Borgogno, J Shanks M Fiorenza, P Lebbos R Owens, E Manglicmot
Welcome Team:	Team 4
Crèche:	Family Room
Sound:	M Mooy S Errington
Slides:	I Masuli
Video:	T Catterall
Morning Tea:	I & T Hopkins
Cleaning:	Team 4
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 5th January	Faith Promises pledged :\$ 21,490 (15)	Building Fund FYTD: \$ 18,798
	Faith Promises received: \$ 15,240	