BASSO CHURCH

fixing our eyes on Jesus

22 March 2026

THE CONTACT

Worship Service: Jonah 1:1-3 & 3:1-5, v10 "Jonah: A Preview Into God's Heart" Jerome Birch

Evening Service: John 13:36 to 14:12 "The Context of John 14 :6" Phil Christmas

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

A Scared Cat

The other day I was working alongside my car on a gate controller, when I heard an object drag behind me. I thought it might be something driven by the wind. Whatever it was, it went under my car.

As I heard further noises, I looked under the car and was shocked to see a scared cat. What I had heard dragging behind me was the cat's retractable lead. As I was wondering what to do, the owner came and I pointed to the cat under the car.

This cat was so scared that it squeezed itself into the front wheel arch so that we couldn't get it. I ended up having to jack the car up. Only then, could the owner get to the cat and finally hold it in her arms.

In English we have the expression "scare-dy cat". This cat sure displayed that. But how lovely to see it comforted in the arms of its owner. It made me think of when we are scared and we find comfort in the arms of someone who cares for us.

God's Son Jesus has comforting arms. With arms outstretched He died on the cross to save us from the consequences of our sins. And in life, we can experience His comfort if we would turn to Him and trust in Him. We have recorded in Matthew 11:28 Jesus' kind words: "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Pastor Ian Kirk for *Echo Community Paper*

Prayer Points

- That God would provide a second Pastor, a Treasurer, and additional ministry support.
- Give thanks for our elders, board members, and staff at Basso. Pray for His protection over them and for wisdom in the decisions they make.

Coming Events

2 April
Easter Bible Reading

3 April
Good Friday Service

Prayer Points continued...

- That we would shine Jesus to those around us and share the gospel, especially as we approach Easter.
- For our home groups, that we would grow in God's word and support and encourage one another.
- For the Basso Philippines mission trip as they make preparations to leave on 6 April for 2 weeks. Pray for Kevin, Ian, Sarah and Sam as they share the gospel with those who do not yet know Christ.
- For those in our church family experiencing relationship difficulties, that God would bring healing, reconciliation, and peace.
- For Amy S, as she prepares to give birth, and for her and Josh's family.
- For strength and peace for those recovering from illness or injury, including Ian L, Salome E, Isla U and Syahn F.
- For Ian and Colleen, that they would have a safe, restful, and special time with family on holidays.

Today at Basso, we warmly welcome Jerome Birch, who will be preaching this morning. Jerome has a heart for serving Aboriginal communities in the Kimberley, having spent five years as a school chaplain in Halls Creek. He is now preparing to return to the region with Pioneers, building relationships, discipling young people, and supporting local Aboriginal church leaders. This evening, we look forward to Phil Christmas preaching and the Young Adults meeting after the service.

Sexual Integrity 101 | Tuesdays from March 24 | 7pm | $5
Basso will be hosting an 8 week course, open to everyone over 18, on sexual integrity. This course is beneficial, as we feel the effects of sexual brokenness in our world, and need God's perspective. Sessions will include a video lesson, followed by group discussions (with men and women breaking off separately). Please contact Rod Manton if you are interested in attending.

Easter at Basso

Easter Reflections—The Passion: In the lead-up to Easter, we will be holding a special bible reading of the gospel accounts of the Passion, on Thursday 2 April at 7pm. This reflective service focuses on Christ's sacrifice, His love for us, and the events leading to His crucifixion. Stay afterwards for fellowship and share hot crossed buns together.

Easter Services: Our Good Friday service is on Friday 3 April at 9am. On Easter Sunday 5 April, our services are at the usual time of 10am and 6pm. We're looking forward to our choir singing at both the Good Friday and Sunday morning services. May our hearts be full of praise to God for His incredible salvation plan!

Basso Church Beach Camp | Thursday 23 April — Monday 27 April | Busselton
Our annual Basso Church Family Beach Camp will be held at the Christian Brethren Campsite, Busselton, in the beautiful surroundings of Geographe Bay. This is always a wonderful time of fellowship together as a church family.
As it is not during the school holidays this year and the Thursday and Friday are not public holidays, we understand that not everyone will be able to attend for the whole time, come for whatever time you can. Accommodation options include limited dormitory spaces and campsites, with costs adjusted based on the number of nights you stay and the ages of those attending.

Pastoral Leave: Ian and Colleen are away until Friday 27 March. To allow them a good break, please contact one of the Elders if you have any pastoral care needs during this time.

Church Directory Final Week! It's the last week to update our Church Directory for 2026/27. If you would like to be included, please visit the desk in the foyer after the service or email your updates to the church admin. Otherwise, we encourage you to check the current copy to ensure your details are correct before printing.

Credo 2026: Gospel Ethics: What does it look like to live wisely and maturely in a changing world? Credo 2026 will explore how the gospel shapes our lives and values, drawing on 1 Corinthians and the way Christ reorients us. Dan Cole (Principal, Trinity Theological College) will be speaking. The conference runs from Friday 17 April to Saturday 18 April, with a cost of $80. For more information or to register, visit credoperth.org.

Trinity Info Night & Open Lecture: Are you considering theological study or gospel ministry? Trinity Theological College is hosting two events in May.
The Info Night on Wednesday 13 May introduces Trinity's courses and community. The Open Lecture on Tuesday evening, 19 May offers a chance to sample a class with Dan Cole. This is a great opportunity to explore training for gospel service. See https://ttc.wa.edu.au/ for details.

Mission Murmurings: Jerome Birch is following God's call to serve the Aboriginal people of the East Kimberley. Having grown up with a heart for this region, he will be based in Kununurra, building relationships, discipling young people, and supporting local Aboriginal church leaders through part-time ministry with Pioneers. You can partner with Jerome in prayer and practical support. Basso is excited to support Jerome in this mission, and you can also partner with him in prayer or practical ways. Scan the QR code on the notice board to find out more and get involved in this important gospel work.

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including: Hannah S (22nd), Janet C (24th), Trish M (25th), Ethan B (26th), Dot H (27th). May God bless you all on your special day!

BASSO CHURCH—CONTACT US

Pastor: Ian Kirk (Days off, Mon | Sat)
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

Weekly Events:

Sun 10am Morning Service
Basso Kids Church during morning service (Kindy—Grade 6)
6pm Evening Service
Tue 9am Community Craft and Coffee
Thur Mothers Group 9.30am fortnightly
Fri 6pm Junior Youth Group
7.30pm Teen Youth Group

Home Groups:
Mon 1 pm Ladies
Wed 10am Ladies | 7pm Young Adults | 7pm & 7.30pm General
Thu 7pm & 8pm General

Monthly Prayer Meetings:
Sun 9am | First Sunday of the month

Livestream Sun 10am: YouTube channel or at www.bassochurch.org.au/church-online/

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

SERVICE ROSTER

For next Sunday — 29 March

Leading:	S MacDonald
Communion:	C Chapman
Reader:	F MacDonald
Side Helpers:	J Burnett, P Davies N Jacques, J Gatti R Owens, R Garlett
Welcome Team:	Team 4
Crèche:	M Moss, E Broadway
Sound:	M Mooy, S Errington
Slides:	Sound Desk
Video:	T Catterall
Morning Tea:	I & T Hopkins
Cleaning:	Team 2
Evening:	S MacDonald

Attendance last Sunday:

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 Incorporated
BSB: 704 922 Account: 100022132

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 15 March 2026

Faith Promises pledged : $

Faith Promises received: $

Building Fund FYTD: $