



BASSO CHURCH

fixing our eyes on Jesus

12 April
2026

THE CONTACT

Worship Service: Revelation 21:1-7 “The New Jerusalem.” Stuart MacDonald

Evening Service: Luke 23: 32-49 “The Bridge to Life.” Steve Borgogno

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

The Bridge

The oldest bridge in Australia that is still currently in use is in the quaint town of Richmond, north-east of Hobart. This picturesque, English looking, sandstone bridge over the Coal River was built in 1823 by convicts. With its arches and buttresses, it has stood against floods and fires to keep the link open between Hobart and the northern agricultural regions.

There's another bridge not far away, over the Derwent River, in Hobart. It is huge: 1.4km long and 60m high. Opened in March 1965, it stood supreme until 5 January 1975, when its centre spans collapsed after a ship struck a pylon. Sadly, several cars plunged 60m, killing their occupants. The disaster split the city in half, forcing commuters to make a 50-km detour via another bridge. Bridges are critically important for connecting us and getting us from one side to the other.

We have just celebrated Easter, and in many ways, what Jesus did on the cross was the building of a bridge. We cannot connect with God as we are, and we won't get to heaven, no matter how good we are or how religious we are; that's because we have all sinned against God. But when Jesus died on the cross for us, bearing the punishment of our sins, He did this so that we could be forgiven and be connected to God, and one day be with Him in heaven – if we believe in Jesus. The cross is our bridge to God.

Ian Kirk for *Echo Community Paper*

Prayer Points

- Give thanks for the opportunity at Easter to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and the hope of His resurrection. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to work in the hearts of those who attended the Easter services.
- Pray for an end to violence in the Middle East, asking that peace will prevail and that life will be protected.

Coming Events

Today!
Raise the Roof
23–27 April
Basso Beach Camp
2 May
Women's Worship
Night



Prayer Points continued:

- For the Basso Philippines mission trip currently in Masbate. Pray for Kevin, Ian, Sarah and Sam as they share the gospel and seek to bless the churches and people they will be working with.
- Pray for Jerome Birch as he prepares for part-time ministry with Pioneers among the Aboriginal people of the East Kimberley. Ask God to guide his settling into the community and provide suitable part-time work for this new season of ministry.
- Pray that the missionary families supported by Basso will be encouraged, strengthened, and protected, and that their work will continue to bear good fruit as they faithfully serve God and impact lives.
- For Wheatbelt farmers facing diesel and fertiliser shortages, that God would provide timely supply and sustain them with wisdom and resilience.
- That God would provide a second Pastor, a Treasurer, and additional ministry support.
- Pray for those in our congregation who are struggling, especially those quietly carrying burdens. May they feel God's comforting arms surrounding them and bring them peace and hope.
- Give thanks for our elders, board members, and staff at Basso. Pray for the Lord's protection over them and for wisdom in the decisions they make.
- For strength and peace for those recovering from illness or injury, including Sandra B, Ian L, Salome E, and Isla U.

Today at Basso, we look forward to Stuart bringing the message this morning while Ian is away. This afternoon at 3:00pm, Basso will host another *"Raise the Roof"* event organised by Graham Carslake. Come along to enjoy singing hymns and campfire favourites, and to reconnect with old friends from across the wider Churches of Christ community.

This evening, Steve and Alana will share about their recent mission trip to Thailand with Compassion, giving an update on how God is at work there. We'd love you to join us. As usual, the Young Adults will meet for dinner after the evening service.

Basso Church Family Beach Camp | Thurs 23 April — Mon 27 April | Busselton

Join us for our annual family beach camp at the Christian Brethren Campsite, surrounded by the beautiful Geographe Bay.

We'll enjoy devotionals, singing, church services, and plenty of fun together, plus lots of free time, a picnic at Meelup, and ice cream outing!

Spots are limited, so now's the time to secure your place. Flyers with costs are on the welcome desk, and you can see Mitch Mooy for questions or to register.

Women's Worship Night | Saturday 2 May | 630pm | The Chapel

Come on our for the next W2W event. These nights are always a joy as we sing and worship together. The theme is resting in His promises. Enjoy fellowship, and share supper afterwards.

The Mission Committee and Church Board are pleased to confirm Basso will be supporting Jerome Birch in his mission work by supporting him with a yearly financial gift. This is part of Basso official mission giving, outside of the Faith Promise pledges that those in our fellowship generously offer.

See Mission Murmurings below for the latest update on Jerome's move.

Next Steps: Are you wondering about the QR code on the chair in front of you? That's your next step here at Basso! Scan it to connect with Basso Church, find our about upcoming events, share a prayer request, find a home group, or discover ways to serve.

School Holiday Ministry Break: All weekly ministries are taking a short break for the school holidays. Kids Church will resume on 26 April for those not attending Basso Beach Camp, and home groups will restart in the second week of Term 2, beginning Monday 27 April. We give thanks for our faithful ministry leaders and pray that this break brings you rest, refreshment, and renewed energy for the term ahead.

Creche Family Room: A reminder that over the school holidays, 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.

Mission Murmurings: Jerome Birch, with "Pioneers," will be heading north to Kununurra in a few weeks as our new Basso missionary. After sharing with us in March about his desire, and the Lord's leading to return to the Kimberley, several encouraging developments have already confirmed God's hand on this next step. A friend has offered him their home rent-free for six months while they are in Perth, providing a great start as he settles in. Jerome will travel north, staying with friends along the way, before beginning ministry among Indigenous communities in Kununurra.

Woodvale Baptist will be commissioning Jerome on May 3rd at 9:30am, and all are welcome to attend. If you would like to support Jerome financially, you can do so via internet banking (please include his name as a reference) or by using a clearly marked envelope in the general collection. It's not too late to receive his regular updates or join his WhatsApp group. Details are on the notice board.

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating birthdays this week, including: Bob B (today) and Zoe M (13th). May God bless you on your special day.

Happy Birthday!



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:

All weekly ministries are on break over the April school holidays.

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 — April 19

Leading: P Errington

Communion: Z Jacques

Reader: N Jacques

Side Helpers: N Jacques, J Gatti
J Burnett, J Kasdorf
K Farrar, M Fiorenza

Welcome Team: Team 5

Crèche: A Errington, J Palandri

Sound: M Mooy, C Bruce

Slides: S Errington

Video: T Catterall

Morning Tea: I & T Hopkins

Cleaning: Team 3

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
22 March 2026

Faith Promises pledged : \$ 23,750

Faith Promises received: \$ 23,876

Building Fund FYTD: \$ 24,078