



BASSO CHURCH

fixing our eyes on Jesus

26 April
2026

THE CONTACT

Worship Service: Nehemiah 8:1-12 "Bring us the Book" Ken Laffer

Evening Service: No Evening Service due to church camp

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

The Ultimate Sacrifice

This weekend communities around Australia come together to commemorate Anzac Day. We come to remember the sacrifice and service of our soldiers as they fought against tyrannical powers to secure our freedom.

Anzac Day is particularly connected to World War I, when on the 25th April 1915, Australian and allied soldiers landed at Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula. For the 16,000 Australians and New Zealanders who landed on that first day, it was absolutely horrendous. By that evening, 2,000 of them had been killed or wounded.

My wife's grandpop, Walter Poulter, was there on that first day. He was part of the 3rd field ambulance Corp. It was his task to care for the wounded and to make sure no soldier died alone. He saw many make the ultimate sacrifice.

At Anzac Day services, often these words are read out: *"greater love has no one than this, than one lay down his life for his friends"*. They were first spoken by Jesus, as recorded in John 15:13 - the night before His crucifixion, for us to understand the great love behind sacrificing yourself for others.

Jesus Himself sacrificed His life for us. He allowed evil men to take Him and crucify Him, so that He could pay the penalty for our sins and enable us to be forgiven and to be freed from judgment - if we would believe in Him. It's the ultimate sacrifice! He did it for all of us - what love!

Ian Kirk for *Echo Community Paper*

Prayer Points

- For the Busselton family camp this long weekend. Pray for a time of spiritual renewal and rich fellowship as we enjoy God's creation and His good word.
- For our brother Ken Laffer as he preaches this morning from Nehemiah.
- For the Women's worship night next Saturday 2 May.

Coming Events

Saturday 2 May
Women's Worship
Night

Sunday 3 May
Prayer Morning

17 May
Welcome Lunch



Prayer Points continued:

- For Noah Jacques, who will be starting a one-year ministry internship at Basso on 7 May, and as he studies theology at Perth Bible College.
- For the missionary families we support at Basso that they will be encouraged and protected, and that their work will continue to bear good fruit as they faithfully serve God.
- For Jerome Birch as he prepares for part-time ministry with Pioneers, ministering to the Aboriginal people of the East Kimberley. He is planning to head up there in the next two weeks.
- 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.
- 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 around them and may they experience God's peace.
- For Sandra R, who is in hospital, and for Sandra B as she recovers at home and awaits further treatment. Pray also for Ian L as he manages ongoing hip pain while waiting for surgery in late June, and for Salome E as she undergoes chemotherapy.
- For those recovering from illness or injury, that they may know God's strength, peace, and healing.

Women's Worship Night | Saturday 2 May | 6:30pm | The Chapel

Join us this Saturday evening for our Women to Women gathering. These nights are always a joy as we sing and worship together, led by musicians from Basso, with a focus on resting in His promises. Stay afterwards for supper and fellowship. No tickets required, just come along!

Monthly Prayer Morning | Sunday 3 May | 9am | The Chapel

Start your Sunday by drawing near to God together. Join us for a time of prayer as we thank Him for His goodness, seek His guidance, and bring before Him the needs of our church family and wider community.

Basso Welcome Lunch | Sunday 17 May | 12:30–2:30pm

If you're new to Basso, we'd love you to join us for lunch. We'll provide the food! It's a great opportunity to meet others, connect, and learn more about our church: *Our Story, Our Theology, Our Community*. Head to the Events page on the Bassendean Church of Christ website to RSVP.

Pentecostal Sunday | Sunday 24 May | 6pm | Basso Church.

Pentecost Sunday is a yearly celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church! This year will be hosted by Basso we will have a combined service with other churches in the area. We hope you can join us, as we reflect on this event, the gift of the Holy Spirit and enjoy fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the area.

State Youth Games (SYG) | Friday 29 May – Monday 1 June 2026 | Bunbury

SYG 2026 is fast approaching, happening over the WA Day long weekend. This year, Basso is sending a record-sized team of young adults to Bunbury to take part in a wide range of activities, including team and individual sports, as well as fun non-physical events like chess, Connect Four, and Mario Kart. For SYG to run, each team is required to provide a number of volunteers depending on team size. We are calling on people to step in and help meet this requirement, with opportunities including umpiring, scoring, first aid, and making sure everyone is well fed and cared for throughout the weekend. It is a great opportunity to serve, build community, and be part of what God is doing through our young people.

If you are interested in attending as a player or serving as a volunteer, please speak to Ethan Borgogno or Noah Jacques.

Church Directories Now Available: The 2026 Church Directories are now available for collection. Please take one and use it to help you pray regularly for members of our church family. At Basso, we also have several people in our church family living in aged care facilities. It is a real encouragement when they are remembered through letters, cards, phone calls, visits, and especially prayer. You will find their details under the “Isolated” section of the directory.

Creche Family Room: A reminder that this Sunday, 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.

Ministry Back on Term 2! We're excited to see our ministries up and running again for Term 2. Home Groups begin this week, exploring Christian doctrine together. Kids Church returns on May 2, and Youth Group is back this Friday evening.

We give thanks for all who faithfully serve God and care for our church family through these ministries. For times and locations of all our weekly ministries, see the back page of The Contact.

Mission Murmurings: In Israel, the Great Isaiah Scroll, the oldest nearly complete book of the Hebrew Bible, is now on display in its full length for the first time since 1968. Dating to around 125 BCE, this remarkable manuscript stretches more than seven metres.

Housed at the Israel Museum, the scroll is presented in a specially designed glass case that allows visitors to view it in its entirety. The vellum sheets bear ancient stitches, stains, holes, and fading letters. These are centuries-old signs of both use and careful preservation.

Scholars believe the scroll was hidden in a cave in the Judean Desert during the 2nd century, where it remained until its discovery in modern times.

Courtesy of Israel & Christians Today newspaper, April–May 2026.

Happy Birthday to Maureen Capps who is celebrating a birthday on 26 April. May God bless you on your special day.



BASSO CHURCH—CONTACT US

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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

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 — May 3

Leading: I Kirk

Communion: N Tibbits

Reader: N Wheat

Side Helpers: J Brenton, J Hamilton
A Borgogno, S Whisson
K Farrar, K Host

Welcome Team: Team 2

Crèche: M Jacques, L Rakers

Sound: M Mooy, S Errington

Slides: T Hopkins

Video: I Hopkins

Morning Tea: J & N Kasdorf, L Gonzalez

Cleaning: I Xiaosun, Sokolowski

Evening: I Kirk

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.*

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
12 April 2026

Faith Promises pledged : \$

Faith Promises received: \$

Building Fund FYTD: \$