

## NOTICES

### Morning Tea

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after the services. There will be no morning tea in January.

## Christmas Service Times

**Sunday 18 December 5pm**

### Blue Christmas Service

Christmas can be difficult for many. This quiet and reflective service is designed for those who feel loss, grief, pain, negative memories or loneliness at this time. All are welcome to this gathering for the whole community.

**Christmas Eve 6pm**

All-Ages/Family Christmas

**Christmas Eve 8.30pm**

Traditional & Contemplative

**Christmas Day 8.30am**

**Christmas 1 (New Year's Day) 8.30am**

Morning Prayer



Donation

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB

Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield

BSB 084-004

A/c 50-838-9619

If you would specifically like to contribute to the "Projects",

## PRAYER

### FOCUS

for this week

For St Mark's  
Outreach and  
Mission:

St Mark's Food Bank ministry—that we may respond to local needs.

**The Sick:** Please use the Intercessions Book for those who you know would like to be named in our Prayers of Intercession.

**Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:**  
Penelope Stephenson  
Des Williams  
John Nason  
Vi Lewis  
Betty Allom  
Nellis Rasmus

**Wider Mission Focus for this Month:**  
CMS Missionaries. For cross-cultural mission.  
[www.cms.org.au](http://www.cms.org.au)

### TENNIS COURT

You can book the tennis court online  
<https://stmarkstennis.com/>

\$12 per hour



# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

Bonney Avenue, Clayfield



Advent 4

18 December  
2022

Liturgical Colour:  
Violet

At Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ



Welcome to St Mark's!

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TODAY:

**7.30am Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Rev Canon Nicki Colledge  
Preacher: David Adams

**9.15am Holy Communion**

Celebrant: The Rev Canon Nicki Colledge  
Preacher: David Adams

We have a hearing loop available. Please turn hearing aids on to "T" switch.



### Sentence of the Day

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. *Matthew 1.23*

### Collect

Gracious God,  
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: so fill us with your grace, that with her we may rejoice in your salvation, and in all things embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

[www.stmarksclayfield.org](http://www.stmarksclayfield.org)

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## Rosters – Christmas Eve and Day

Thank you to those who have offered for the following ministries for the Christmas services. Please pin this to your fridge or make a note of the roster for your diary:

### Christmas Eve: 6.00pm

Welcomers: Ian & Joan Hall  
Counters: Nikki Hunt  
Reader: Ally Bray  
Intercessor: Petrea Matthews  
LA: Derek Matthews  
Sound Room: Sophia and Naomi Colledge



### Christmas Eve: 8.30pm

Welcomers:  
Reader:  
Intercessor: Robert Standish-White  
LA:  
Sound room:

### Christmas Day: 8.30am

Welcomers: Margaret & Fred Leditschke;  
Counters: Margaret & Fred Leditschke  
Reader: Jan Frew & Lorelle Whitaker  
Intercessor: Malcolm Lehmhase  
LA:  
Sound room:

### Christmas 1 (New Year's Day): Morning Prayer 8.30am

Welcomers: Anne Avila & Diana Osbaldiston  
Counters:  
Reader: Diana Osbaldiston  
Intercessor/LA: David Adams

## NOTICES

**We need your help!**  
Please consider adding your name to the  
roster for the  
**Christmas Services :)**

### PARISH COMMITTEES:

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### Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

This week's special requests are:

**Canned fruit**  
**Canned veggies**  
**Tinned hams, meats and fish**

**Ring pulled tins are preferable!**  
**Many thanks.**

## GOSPEL READING - Matthew 1:18-25

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 1, beginning at the 18th verse

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

<sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup> but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

## FIRST READING - Isaiah 7.10-16

<sup>10</sup> Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



The Three Wise Men have been travelling through our church. They won't make it to see Baby Jesus at Christmas, but they WILL make it by Epiphany!

So, our own journeys are also filled with some stops and starts, wrong turns, a lot of hope and faith, and trust ...

Be like the Wise guys! They keep on plodding along and following the star ...

**PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19**

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock:  
**you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
shine out in glory;**

<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:  
**stir up your power, and come to save us.**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.**

<sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts:  
**how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears:  
**and given them tears to drink in good measure.**

<sup>6</sup> You have made us the victim of our neighbours:  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.**

<sup>17</sup> Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:  
**on that son of man  
whom you made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup> And so we shall not turn back from you:  
**give us life, and we will call upon your name.**

<sup>19</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.**

**SECOND READING Romans 1:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup> To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**DIARY DATES**

**Monday 12 Dec: 10.00am Sewing Group**  
**Wednesday 14 December: 10.30am AVEO Christmas service**  
**Sunday 18 December: 5pm Blue Christmas Service**  
**Saturday 24 December: 6pm Family Christmas with Nativity**  
**8.30pm Contemplative Eucharist**  
**Sunday 25 December: 8.30am Eucharist**  
**There will only be one 8.30am service each Sunday of January**  
**Wednesday 18 January: 7.30pm Parish Council meeting**  
**Sunday 26 February: 10.30 AGM**