

NOTICES

Morning Tea

Morning Tea has resumed this week.

Morning Prayer

Join us for Morning Prayer each Thursday morning at 8.30am via Zoom.



Kids@Church—Play Church!

We will begin on **Thursday 1 February** at 9.30am
For all little people and their carers.

Kids Plus+ TODAY!

KidsPlus+ is held on the 4th Sunday of the month.
.Your Schoolbag or lunchbox will be blessed!

GFS Youth Group

GFS meets every 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday night of each month in the hall. Commencing 9 February.
This group is for girls in high school and older.

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB

Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield
BSB 084-004
A/c 50-838-9619



Donation

Search for St Mark's Anglican Church Clayfield— Like our page, watch the Sunday sermons at your leisure!



PRAYER

FOCUS

for this week

For St Mark's
Outreach and
Mission:

The Holy Trinity Pantry at the Valley — for those in need in the inner city.

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:
Elaine Bolton
Isabella Harrison
Terence Vizard
Gordon Given
Nellie Corfe

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:
CMS Missionaries. For cross-cultural mission.
www.cms.org.au

TENNIS COURT

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

\$15 per hour



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

Bonney Avenue, Clayfield



Welcome to St Mark's!

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GOD'S LOVE
IN A
BROKEN
WORLD

Epiphany 4

28 January 2024

Liturgical Colour: Green

At Epiphany we celebrate
Christ made known to the world



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

Today:

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge

Sentence of the Day

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.
Matthew 9.35

Collect

God of compassion, you have shown us in Christ that your love is never ending: enable us both to love you with all our heart and to love one another as Christ loved us. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Acknowledgement of country

As we gather in this Church, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Turrbal and Jagera people, and pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

GOSPEL READING - Mark 1: 21-28

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 1, beginning at the 21st verse.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15 –20

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.'

¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reports - 2024 Annual General Meeting

If you need to submit a report for inclusion in the Annual Report booklet, please ensure your report is submitted in electronic form to the Church Office by **Fri 2 Feb**. The meeting will be held on 25 February, commencing at 11am.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on
Tuesday 13 February at 7pm.

Containers For Change!

Cans and bottles can be dropped off at the Albion collection centre.

Remember to recycle your wine & spirit bottles as well!

So easy - drive into 29 Park St Albion, a nice person will meet you, provide the code below and \$\$ comes to the parish!

Our Parish member number is: C10089230

PSALM 111

¹ O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord
with my whole heart:
**in the company of the upright
and among the congregation.**

² The works of the Lord are great:
and studied by all who take delight in them.

³ His deeds are majestic and glorious:
and his righteousness stands for ever.

⁴ His marvellous acts have won him a name
to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He gives food to those that fear him:
he remembers his covenant for ever.

⁶ He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;

⁸ They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those
that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³ but anyone who loves God is known by him. ⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?

¹¹ So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹² But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CHURCH SECURITY

PLEASE NOTE: there have been a few instances lately where the **vestry and/or the church has not been locked up (doors pulled shut)**. Please could we all be vigilant when we are the last to leave either vestry, checking with the priest if necessary that they have finished in these rooms?