

NOTICES

Morning Tea

We will not be having Morning Tea following the 8.30 service until 28 January.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will recommence on Thursday morning 11 January at 8.30am via Zoom.

Kids Plus+

KidsPlus+ is held on the 4th Sunday of the month. The next will be 28 January during the 8.30am service. All children are welcome.

St Mark's Craft Group

St Mark's craft group meet in the church hall every 2nd & 4th Monday at 10.00am commencing on 12 February. Bring along your own work or learn something new. Phone the church office 2862 2221 for details.

Ladies Guild Games Days

The Ladies Guild invites you to join them for their friendly Games Day in the hall recommencing on **Wednesday 21 February from 9.30am. All welcome!**

GFS Youth Group

GFS meets every 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday night of each month in the hall. 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

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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:

Jack Henry
William Nicoll
Percy Biggs
Molly Lettice
Phillip Crook
Gwen Hagen

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

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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



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Bonney Avenue, Clayfield



Welcome to St Mark's!

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The Epiphany of our Lord 7 January 2024

Liturgical Colour: White
At Epiphany we celebrate Christ made known to the world

**Today: Feast of the Epiphany
6 January**

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge

Lectionary note: Today is marked as The Baptism of our Lord, or Epiphany 1, however we will mark the feast of the Epiphany today.

Sentence of the Day

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60.1*

Collect

Lord God of the nations, we have seen the star of your glory rising in splendour: may the brightness of your incarnate Word pierce the night that covers the earth, signal the dawn of justice and peace, and beckon all nations to walk as one in your light. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of eternal light, 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.



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

ROSTERS

Roster for Today

8.30am One Service

Readers: Richard C & Heather M
 Prayers: Brenda H
 LA: Grant C & Ally B
 Deacon: David A
 Welcomer: Anne A
 Off / Count: Ally B & Nikki H
 Sound Rm: Kym A

Roster for Next Week Sunday 14 January

8.30am One Service

Readers: Brockton C & Andrew P
 Prayers: Alison R
 LA: Diana O & Geoff A

 Welcomer: Joan S
 Off / Count: Heather & Peter M
 Sound Rm: Diana G

NOTE: Services in January will be at 8.30am

DIARY DATES

Sunday 14 January: 8.30am Service
 Tuesday 16 Jan: 7.00pm Parish Council meeting
 Sunday 21 January: 8.30am Service
 Friday 26 January: Australia Day public holiday
 Sunday 28 January: 8.30am Service
 Friday 2 February: All reports for the AGM Annual Report are due
 Monday 12 Feb: 10.00am St Mark's craft group recommences
 Tuesday 13 Feb: Shrove Tuesday
 6pm Pancake Supper in Hall
 7.00pm Parish Council meeting
 Wednesday 14 Feb: 7.30am Ash Wednesday service
 Wednesday 21 Feb: 9.30am Guild Games Day
 Sunday 25 Feb: Annual General Meeting

St Mark's Clayfield Epiphany House Blessing

On Sunday 7th January we will bless the church doors, and you can bless your own home.

It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

One way of doing this is to use chalk blessed during the Epiphany liturgy and write above the home's entryway,

20 + C + M + B + 24

The letters C, M, B have two meanings.

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" signs represent the cross, and 2024 is the year.

May this new year be one of hope, joy and comfort. Lord be with us as we continue to try and love you and our neighbours. Guide us and protect us.

Amen.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 2: 1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 2, beginning at the 1st verse.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵ They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶ "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Everyone is WELCOME Here

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

- ¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- ² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord .

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Working Bees

Please consider joining our merry band of helpers and come along to our working bees. These are held on a Saturday morning commencing at 8.00am. The date for the next working bee will be advertised in the New Year. All Welcome

Grounds Roster

We are looking for people to join our grounds roster. This would be one week per month. The task involves a general tidy up of the church grounds, sweep, blow or hose pathways and water pot plants and the memorial garden. If you are able to help us, please phone the office on 3862 2221 between 7.30am –12pm.

PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

1 Give the king your judgement, O God:

and your righteousness to the son of a king,

**2 That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.**

3 Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:

and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

**4 May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.**

5 May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.

**6 May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.**

7 In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

**10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles
shall bring tribute:
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**

11 All kings shall fall down before him:
and all nations do him service.

**12 He will deliver the needy when they cry:
and the poor that have no helper.**

13 He will pity the helpless and the needy:
and save the lives of the poor.

**14 He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
and their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him .

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Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on
Tuesday 16 January at 7pm.

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.