

## NOTICES

### Morning Tea

Please join us for Morning Tea in the hall following the Service.

## Christmas Services

**Tuesday December 24**

**Christmas Eve**

An all ages Family Service 6pm

**Wednesday December 25**

**Christmas Day**

Christmas Eucharist 8.30am only

**Sunday 29 December**

**Christmas 1**

8.30am



## WEEKLY OFFERING

### DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB

Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield

BSB 084-004

A/c 50-838-9619



### TENNIS COURT

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

\$15 per hour

### Tennis payments



### PRAYER

### FOCUS

### for this week

For St Mark's  
Outreach and  
Mission:

Eagle Junction State  
School Chaplaincy —  
for those families struggling  
in our local area.

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

### Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:

Gwen Geers  
Aida Prass  
Fred Reed  
Gladys Gnauch

### Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

CMS Missionaries. For  
cross-cultural mission.  
[www.cms.org.au](http://www.cms.org.au)



## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

Bonney Avenue, Clayfield



**Advent 1  
1 December  
2024**

Liturgical Colour: Violet

At Advent we prepare for  
the coming of Christ



## Welcome to St Mark's!

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The Rev'd Canon  
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stmarksclayfield.org](http://www.stmarksclayfield.org)

## Today:

**8:30am Holy Communion**

Celebrant & Preacher:

The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge



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

## Sentence of the Day

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.' *Mark 13.31*

## Collect

Eternal God,  
through long generations you prepared a way for the  
coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to  
illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may  
welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love;  
to whom be glory for 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.

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



## ROSTERS

### Roster for TODAY

8.30am

**Readers:** Brad G & Rosemary S  
**Prayers:** Petrea M  
**LA:** Grant C & Ally Bray  
**Welcomer:** Anne A & Elizabeth G  
**Off / Count:** Ashley & Robyn O  
**Sound Rm:** Kym A  
**Morning Tea:** Dianne K, Sue R & Marina A

### Roster for Next Week 8 December 2024

8.30am

**Readers:** Brockton C & Andrew P  
**Prayers:** Alison R  
**LA:** Diana O & Bronwyn B  
**Deacon:** David A  
**Welcomer:** Joan S & Lorelle W  
**Off / Count:** Derek M & Nikki H  
**Sound Rm:** Di G  
**Morning Tea:** Alison R & Elizabeth B

## NOTICES

**PLEASE NOTE:** Each Sunday there will be  
**ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 8.30AM**  
**Until the end of January 2025**

**St Mark's is once again offering an Advent Study.**



The book is titled **Caravan**. Incarnational stories set in an Australian Landscape.

**Stories:** Stories build faith. Stories invite questions. Stories inspire the imagination. Stories invite us to see differently and understand more. This book is a collection of stories that are all part of one story. One “what if?” story that imagines Jesus born into Australia right about ... now.

*Caravan* throws new light on stories we think we know backwards. And asks the question, “Could it have happened here and now?” From the Annunciation to Epiphany (and a little beyond) *Caravan* is an incarnational journey into the heart of what it means to be human—and to be loved.

Ally Bray will lead an online group, commencing on **Thursday, November 28 at 11.00am.**

Books are available from the office for \$14.00  
 If you are interested, please phone Ally Bray 0432 558 481

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 5 Dec: 6.30pm Centenary Meeting  
 Saturday 7 Dec: 7.30am—9.30am  
 Parish Social Christmas Brekky @Stafford  
 Monday 9 Dec: 10.00am St Mark's craft group  
 Christmas Lunch  
 Wed 18 Dec: 10.30am AVEO Christmas Eucharist  
 Tuesday 24 Dec **Christmas Eve:** 6.00pm Family Christmas Service  
 Wednesday 25 Dec **Christmas Day:** 8.30am Christmas Eucharist

## GOSPEL READING - Luke 21:25-38

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 21, beginning at the 25th verse.

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup> Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup> as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup> 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup> like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

<sup>37</sup> Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called. <sup>38</sup> And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

### Christmas Service Rosters

If you can assist by signing up for duties at Christmas Services this would be helpful, as our regular Sunday rosters do not cover the Christmas Services.

Please write your name on the roster sign-up sheet on the Notice-board at the back of the Church if you can assist with duties  
on :**Christmas Eve 6pm or  
Christmas Day 8.30am only.**

## FIRST READING

## Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup> In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



## Containers For Change!

Gather empty cans and bottles from your Christmas gatherings!!!

Let's beat last year's \$3000+

Remember to recycle your wine & spirit bottles as well!

**So easy - drive into 22 Collingwood St Albion, a nice person will meet you, provide the code below and \$\$ comes to the parish!**

**Our Parish member number is: C10089230**

**PSALM 25:1-10**

1 In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope:  
**in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

2 Let none who wait for you be put to shame:  
**but let those that break faith  
be confounded and gain nothing.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord:  
**and teach me your paths.**

4 Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me:  
**for you are the God of my salvation.**

5 In you have I hoped all the day long:  
**because of your goodness, O Lord.**

6 Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness:  
**for they are from of old.**

7 Remember not the sins of my youth,  
nor my transgressions:  
**but according to your mercy think on me.**

8 Good and upright is the Lord:  
**therefore will he direct sinners in the way.**

9 The meek he will guide in the path of justice:  
**and teach the humble his ways.**

10 All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true:  
**for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.**

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. 13 And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Centenary Meeting Reminder**

The next Centenary Meeting will be held this coming  
**Thursday 5 December at 6.30pm.**

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST**

**Saturday 7 December 7.30-9.30am**

**Honey Café & Restaurant**  
**Situated at the back of Stafford City near the  
Cinema entrance**

*(There is plenty of parking outside the entrance leading to the cinemas)*

Come along for fun, conversation, and a relaxed  
breakfast!

**\*\*\*\* All welcome \*\*\*\***