



Welcome to St Mark's!

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**Advent 3
15 December
2024**

Liturgical Colour: Violet

At Advent we prepare for
the coming of Christ

Today:

8:30am Holy Communion
Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev'd Nicki Colledge

We welcome Henry & Max Cotton to be baptised this morning and welcome their family and friends!



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

Sentence of the Day

Do not fear. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love. *Zephaniah 3.16–17*

Collect

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff and evil clings even to what is good: let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption, so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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.

ROSTERS

Roster for TODAY
BAPTISM of Henry and Max Cotton
8.30am
Readers: Elaine R
LA: Derek M
Deacon: Ally B
Welcomer: Joan & Ian H
Off / Count: Joan & Ian H
Sound Rm: Kym A
M/Tea: Help Please

Roster for Sunday 22 December
8.30am
Readers: Diana O & Lorelle W
Prayers: Malcolm L
LA: Alison R
Deacon: David A
Welcomer: Fred & Margaret L
Off / Count: Nikki H & Margaret L
Sound Rm: Di G
Morning Tea: John R & Kirsty T

DIARY DATES	<p>Wed 18 Dec: 10.30am AVEO Christmas Eucharist</p> <p>Tuesday 24 Dec Christmas Eve: 6.00pm Family Christmas Service</p> <p>Wednesday 25 Dec Christmas Day: 8.30am Christmas Eucharist</p> <p>Sunday 29 Dec: 8.30am Eucharist</p>
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*The Parish Office will be closed from
1pm Tuesday 24th December until Monday 6th January.*

*If a matter is urgent, please make contact with Rev Nicki 0405 354 035.
Please follow up any voicemails with a text to be certain your
message is received.*



**Join us for Christmas at
St Mark's Anglican
Church, Bonney Ave,
Clayfield**

**Tuesday December 24
Christmas Eve
Family Service
6.00pm**

**Wednesday December 25
Christmas Day
Holy Communion
8.30am only**

**Sunday December 29
Christmas 1
8.30am**

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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:

Anglicare. For those in need and distress.

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:

Isabella Anthonisz
Penelope Stephenson
Des Williams
John Nason
Vi Lewis

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

CMS Missionaries. For cross-cultural mission.
www.cms.org.au

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

- ¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!
- ¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.
- ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.
- ¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing
- ¹⁸ as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.
- ¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.
And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.
- ²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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.**

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



PSALM

Song of Isaiah

'Behold, God is my salvation:
I will trust and will not be afraid;

**'For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.'**

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

This week's special requests are:

Canned goods: Meat & Vegetables, soup, tomatoes, corn kernels
vegetables e.g. peas & carrots, fish tuna salmon or sardines,
fruit small tins, chick peas, lentils, butter beans, baked beans.

Packet cup soup, jam, vegemite & peanut butter.

Toiletries: Shampoo, deodorant, moisturiser.

Many thanks

Containers For Change!

In 2023 our parish gained over \$3000 simply through keeping
cans and bottles and taking them to the Albion collection centre.

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

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 a group,
Thursday, 11.00am.

If you are interested, please phone Ally Bray 0432 558 481

GOSPEL READING - Luke 3:7-18

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 3, beginning at the 7th verse.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?'

⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹ In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³ He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



SECOND READING Philipians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Parish Administrator, St Mark's Clayfield

We are advertising soon for someone suitable to join our Parish Administration Team. This will be a shared role, 12-15 hours per week across 3-4 days (negotiable).

We are thankful for so many years of faithful office and pastoral work from Petrea Matthews, who has decided to hang up her pen and paper at the end of this month. We will miss her! But she will never be far!

Dianne Kemp will continue in her role as Administrator, mentoring the second appointment.

If you know of anyone who may be interested, please email The Rev Canon Nicki at revnicki@stmarksclayfield.org. Applications due by 17th January 2025.