

## NOTICES

### Morning Tea

Morning Tea will resume following the 8.30am service on 26 January 2025.

### Kids Plus+

KidsPlus+ is held on the 4th Sunday of the month. The next will be 26 January during the **8.30am service**. All children are welcome to be involved in the service and after communion join in with games and craft .

### 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.

### Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14 January at 7pm.**

## 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:

Linda Ritter  
Leonard & Jessie Gyles  
James Ryan  
Michael Forster

### 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



**Christmas 1**  
**29 December**  
**2024**

Liturgical Colour: White

*We celebrate the Birth of our Lord*

## Welcome to St Mark's!

Rector:

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**Today:**

**8:30am Holy Communion**

Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge

## Sentence of the Day

Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful. *Colossians 3.14–15*

## Collect

God of community, whose call is more insistent than ties of family or blood: may we so respect and love those whose lives are linked with ours that we fail not in loyalty to you, but make choices according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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.

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



## ROSTERS

### Roster for Today

8.30am One Service

**Readers:** Rod McL & Robert S-W  
**Prayers:** Brenda H  
**LA:** Grant C & Petrea M  
**Deacon:** David A  
**Welcomer:** Joan & Ian H  
**Off / Count:** Joan & Ian H  
**Sound Rm:** Kym A

### Roster for Next Week Sunday 5 January

8.30am One Service

**Readers:** Brad G & Rosemary S  
**Prayers:** Petrea M  
**LA:** Grant C  
**Deacon:** Ally B  
**Welcomer:** Anne A & Elizabeth G  
**Off / Count:** Ashley & Robyn O  
**Sound Rm:** Kym A

**NOTE: Services in January will be at 8.30am**

## DIARY DATES

Office closed from Mon 23 Dec to Mon 6 Jan 2025

**Tuesday 14 Jan:** 9.30am Senior's Exercise recommences  
 7.00pm Parish Council meeting  
**Friday 24 Jan:** 6.30pm GFS recommences  
**Sunday 26 Jan:** 8.30am Blessing of Bags and lunchboxes  
 Kids Plus+  
**Saturday 1 Feb:** 3.00-5.00pm Saturday Social Gathering at  
 The Chill Café Bier Garten  
**Monday 10 Feb:** 10.00am St Mark's craft group recommences  
**Tuesday 4 Mar:** 6.00pm Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Supper  
**Wednesday 5 Mar:** Ash Wednesday  
**Saturday 5 Apr:** 7.30-9.30am Parish Social Breakfast at  
 Honey Café at Stafford City

## NOTICES

### Church Office Closure—Christmas Period

The Church Office has now closed for the remainder of the year and re-opens on Monday 6 January. For urgent matters during this time please phone or text Canon Nicki on 0405 354 035 or [revnicki@stmarksclayfield.org](mailto:revnicki@stmarksclayfield.org). If you are unable to contact Canon Nicki, please call one of the Church Wardens listed on the front of this pew sheet.

### 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?

### St Mark's Craft Group

St Mark's craft group meet in the church hall every 2nd & 4th Monday at 10.00am commencing on 10 February. Bring along your own work or learn something new. Phone the church office 2862 2221 for details.

### 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.

### 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.

## GOSPEL READING - Luke 2: 41-52

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 2, beginning at the 41st verse.

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>41</sup> Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Pass-over. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' <sup>49</sup> He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' <sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



## FIRST READING 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home. <sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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**When the song of the angels is stilled  
when the star in the sky is gone  
when the kings and princes are home  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks  
the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost  
to heal the broken  
to feed the hungry  
to release the prisoner  
to rebuild the nations  
to bring peace among the people  
to make music in the heart.**

(Howard Thurman)



## PSALM 148

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:

O praise him in the heights.

**<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels:**

**O praise him, all his host.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon:

praise him, all you stars of light.

**<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heaven:**

**and you waters that are above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for he commanded and they were made.

**<sup>6</sup> He established them for ever and ever:**

**he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> O praise the Lord from the earth:

praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

**<sup>8</sup> Fire and hail, mist and snow:**

**and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**

<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills:

fruit trees and all cedars;

**<sup>10</sup> Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:**

**creeping things and winged birds;**

<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth, and all peoples:

princes, and all rulers of the world;

**<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens:**

**old folk and children together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the Lord:

for his name alone is exalted.

**<sup>14</sup> His glory is above earth and heaven:**

**and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**

<sup>15</sup> Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:

of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

## SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

<sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### 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**

**Our year's total is \$2,577.30.  
A BIG thank you, a wonderful effort !**