



**Welcome
to
St Mark's!**

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Epiphany
5 January 2025

Liturgical Colour: White

*At Epiphany we celebrate
Christ made known to
the world*

Today: Feast of the Epiphany

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

'Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. (*Isaiah 60:1*)

Collect

Everlasting God,
who brought the nations to your light and kings to the
brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory, and
show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true
light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and 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.

ROSTERS

Roster for TODAY

8.30am One Service

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

Roster for Next Week Sunday 12 January

8.30am One Service

Readers: Robert S/W
 Prayers: Alison R
 LA: Diana O & Bronwyn B
 Deacon: David A
 Welcomer: Joan S & Lorelle W
 Off / Count: Help Needed
 Sound Rm: Di G

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

St Mark's Clayfield

Epiphany House Blessing

On Sunday 5th 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 + 25

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 2025 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.

NOTICES

Morning Tea

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

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:

Joanne Pemberdy
William Powell
Richard Allom
Jack Henry
William Nicholl
Percy Biggs
Molly Lettice
Philip Crook
Gwen Hagan

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

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

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

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



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.**

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.

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 - 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



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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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