

## NOTICES

### Morning Tea

Morning Tea will resume TODAY following the 8.30am service .

### 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 and recommences on 24 January.

## 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:

John Swan  
Everil Charlton  
Paul Morgan  
Constance Rasmus  
Cecil Ashburn Bill Roberts  
Elaine Bolton  
Isabella Harrison  
Terrence Vizard

### Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

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

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# THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Celebrating 100 years in 2025 ~



## Welcome to St Mark's!

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## Epiphany 3

26 January 2025

Liturgical Colour: Green

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



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

## Today:

**8:30am Holy Communion**

Celebrant:

The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge

Preacher: Ally Bray

## Sentence of the Day

Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah: 'The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives.' Luke 4.18

## Collect

Bounteous God,  
we give thanks for this ancient and beautiful land,  
a land of despair and hope,  
a land of wealth and abundant harvests,  
a land of fire, drought and flood.  
We pray that your Spirit may continue to move in this land and bring forgiveness, reconciliation,  
and an end to all injustice;  
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.

## ROSTERS

### Roster for TODAY

**8.30am One Service**  
**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:** Dianne K, Sue R & Marina A

### Roster for Next Week Sunday 2 February

**8.30am One Service**  
**Readers:** Richard C & Rosemary S  
**Prayers:** Petrea M  
**LA:** Grant C & Petrea M  
**Welcomer:** Anne A & Elizabeth G  
**Off / Count:** Ashley & Robyn O  
**Sound Rm:** Kym A  
**Morning Tea:** John R & Kirsty T

**NOTE:** Following Parish Council last week, at this stage, Sunday Services will remain at 8.30am until Pentecost

### DIARY DATES

**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 Woolloowin

**Monday 10 Feb:** 10.00am St Mark's craft group recommences

**Tuesday 11 Feb:** 7.00pm Parish Council meeting

**Saturday 15 Feb:** 7.30am Working Bee

**Sunday 2 Mar:** 8.30am Service followed by AGM at 10am

**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

### SATURDAY SOCIAL GATHERING

**This coming Saturday  
1 February 3pm—5pm**

**The Chill Café BierGarten  
7 Dickson St, Woolloowin 4030**

(Parking is possible on the left of the café, next to the dry cleaners. Or street parks)

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

Apparently it is “Happy Hour” before 5!  
You might like to stay on for an early dinner?

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

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#### 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 Bee reminder

**The date for the next working bee is 15 February  
commencing at 7.30am. All welcome**

#### Grounds Roster

We are looking for people to join our grounds roster. This would  
be one day 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 - John 8: 31-36

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 8, beginning at the 31st verse.

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' <sup>33</sup>They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?'

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there for ever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

### Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

#### This week's special requests are:

Canned goods: Meat & Vegetables, soup, packet cup of soup, tomatoes, canned vegetables— peas, carrots, corn, Fish (tuna, salmon or sardines), fruit (small tins).

**Many thanks.**

### Containers For Change!

In 2024 our parish gained over \$2577 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**

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 29:4-14

<sup>4</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

<sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. <sup>8</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, <sup>9</sup>for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the LORD.

<sup>10</sup> For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup>I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### ST MARK'S CHURCH & PARISH CENTENARY 2025

If you would like to contribute any memorabilia and be involved please contact **Margaret Moxon 0417 071 284** for details and to leave any items of interest.

A display of photographs are now on display in the hall.

## PSALM 36:5-10

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

<sup>13</sup> **The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup> From where he sits enthroned he watches  
all the inhabitants of the earth—

<sup>15</sup> **he who fashions the hearts of them all,  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

<sup>17</sup> **The war horse is a vain hope for victory,  
and by its great might it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup> Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup> **to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.**

<sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and shield.

<sup>21</sup> **Our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.**

### Reports - 2025 Annual General Meeting

If you need to submit a report for inclusion in the 2024 Annual Report booklet, please ensure your report is submitted in electronic form to the Church Office by **Mon 3 Feb**.

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

<sup>12</sup> But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup> And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup> but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup> abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

### Today we say thank you to Petrea and a tiny goodbye to Ally

We are thankful for so many years of faithful office and pastoral work from **Petrea Matthews**, who officially retired at the end of 2024! We will miss her! But she will never be far!

**Ally Bray** will begin Formation training in a few weeks, continuing study through St Francis Theological College, and incorporating parish placement at Milton Anglican (also on site at the College). We bless her as she makes this transition, assuring her of our ongoing prayers.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in applying for the PT Parish Administrator role, working in a team setting, please email The Rev Canon Nicki at [revnicki@stmarksclayfield.org](mailto:revnicki@stmarksclayfield.org). Details are also on the parish Facebook page and website. Applications due by 14th February 2025.