

NOTICES

Morning Tea

Please join us for a cup of tea or coffee after the services.

Christmas Service Times

Sunday 18 December 5pm

Blue Christmas Service

Christmas can be difficult for many. This quiet and reflective service is designed for those who feel loss, grief, pain, negative memories or loneliness at this time. All are welcome to this gathering for the whole community.

Christmas Eve 6pm

All-Ages/Family Christmas

Christmas Eve 8.30pm

Traditional & Contemplative

Christmas Day 8.30am

Christmas 1 (New Year's Day) 8.30am

Morning Prayer



Donation

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB

Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield

BSB 084-004

A/c 50-838-9619

If you would specifically like to contribute to the "Projects",

PRAYER FOCUS

for this week

For St Mark's Outreach and Mission:

St Mark's Food Bank ministry—that we may respond to local needs.

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:
William Lorey
Allie Bostock
Michael Brennan
Frederick Nicholson
Isabella Anthonisz

Wider Mission Focus for this Month:
CMS Missionaries. For cross-cultural mission. www.cms.org.au

TENNIS COURT

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

\$12 per hour



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

Bonney Avenue, Clayfield



Advent 3

11 December 2022

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 Nicki Colledge

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TODAY:

7.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge

9.15am Holy Communion

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Sentence of the Day

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.' *Isaiah 35.3-4*

Collect

Sustain us, O God, with the power of your love on our journey to meet the One who is coming: strengthen our weak hands, make firm our feeble knees, and open blind eyes to the dawning of your kingdom, so that our hearts may rejoice as we behold the majesty of our God. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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



ROSTERS for Next Week

Roster for Sunday 18 December 7.30am

Reader: Elaine Roberts
Prayers: Robert Standish-White
Liturgical Assistant: Grant Connolly
Deacon:
Welcomer: Ian & Joan Hall
Offertory Count: Ian & Joan Hall
Sound Room: Di Grima
Zoom: Diana Osbaldiston

Roster for Sunday 18 December 9.15am

Reader: Rosemary Stride
Prayers: Petrea Matthews
Liturgical Assistant: Derek Matthews
Deacon:
Welcomer: Dianne Kemp
Offertory Count:
Sound Room: Kym Adams
Zoom:
Morning Tea:

DIARY DATES

Monday 12 Dec: 10.00am Sewing Group
Wednesday 14 December: 10.30am AVEO Christmas service
Sunday 18 December: 5pm Blue Christmas Service
Saturday 24 December: 6pm Family Christmas with Nativity
8.30pm Contemplative Eucharist
Sunday 25 December: 8.30am Eucharist
There will only be one 8.30am service each Sunday of January
Wednesday 18 January: 7.30pm Parish Council meeting
Sunday 26 February: 10.30 AGM

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We need your help!
Please consider adding your name to the roster for the Christmas Services :)

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Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

This week's special requests are:

Canned fruit
Canned veggies
Tinned hams, meats and fish

Ring pulled tins are preferable!
Many thanks.

GOSPEL READING - Matthew 11:2-11

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 11, beginning at the 2nd verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?'

⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Containers For Change!

Cans and bottles can be dropped off at the Albion collection centre.

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 ID is: C10089230

FIRST READING - Isaiah 35.1-10

¹ The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.

⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 146

¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul:
while I live I will praise the Lord;

² While I have any being:
I will sing praises to my God.

³ Put not your trust in princes:
nor in flesh and blood, which cannot save.

⁴ For when their breath goes from them,
they return again to the earth:
and on that day all their thoughts perish.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob:
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶ The God who made heaven and earth:
the sea, and all that is in them,

⁷ Who keeps faith for ever:
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.

⁸ The Lord gives food to the hungry:
and sets the captives free.

⁹ The Lord gives sight to the blind:
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.

¹⁰ The Lord loves the righteous:
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.

¹¹ He upholds the widow and the fatherless:
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.

¹² The Lord shall be king for ever:
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations.
Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

⁷ Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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**Every day, somewhere in the world, the Nativity Scene is
alive ... and happening now.**