

## NOTICES

### Kids Plus+

KidsPlus+ is held on the 4th Sunday of the month, during the 9.15 service. All children are welcome to be involved in the service and after communion join in with games and craft and morning tea together.

### GFS Youth group

GFS meets every 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday night of each month. This group is for girls in high school and older.

### Ladies Guild Games Days

The Ladies Guild invites you to join them for one of their friendly Games Days in the hall. These will commence on **Wednesday 15 February** from 9.30am. All welcome!

### 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.

### “Ladies Lounge”—for all ages!

Ladies Lounge is held on the first Saturday of the month commencing on 4 February at 3.00—5.00pm in the church hall. Please bring a plate to share and something to drink and join us for a relaxed chat and get together. **All welcome.**



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”,

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



## 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:**  
Valentine Crooke  
Dan Hart  
Cecilia Fielding  
Linda Ritter

**Christmas Trees in Memory of:**  
Robert & Gwenda Donaldson

**Wider Mission Focus for this Month:**  
CMS Missionaries. For cross-cultural mission. [www.cms.org.au](http://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



### Christmas Eve & Day

24/25 December 2022

Liturgical Colour: white

*We celebrate the Birth of our Lord*



### Welcome to St Mark's!

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### Christmas Eve & Day Services

Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge

**6.00 pm Family Holy Communion**

**8.30 pm Holy Communion**

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### Sentence of the Day

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is given. (*Isaiah 9:2,6*)

### Collects

God Most High, whose eternal Word chose a dwelling among us, that we might live in your presence: grant us a spirit of wisdom to know how rich is the glory you have given us, and how great is the hope to which we are called in the Word made flesh; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All glory to you, gracious God, for the gift of your Son, whom you sent to save us. With the angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and proclaim your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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



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St Mark's Anglican Church Clayfield—Facebook

## ROSTERS for Next Week

### Roster for Sunday 1 January 8.30am

**Reader:** Diana Osbaldiston  
**Prayers:**  
**Deacon:** David Adams  
**Welcomer:** Anne Avila & Diana Osbaldiston

## 2023—What's New?

### We are exploring:

- ⇒ **A late Sunday afternoon service**
- ⇒ **a weekday Kids@Church session for kids and carers,**
- ⇒ **quiet days,**
- ⇒ **Outdoor church (Wild Church)**
- ⇒ **Outings / day trips**

**What might YOU be able to help create?**

### DIARY DATES

**Saturday 24 December:** 6pm Family Christmas  
8.30pm Contemplative Eucharist  
**Sunday 25 December:** 8.30am Eucharist  
**Sunday 1 January:** 8.30am Morning Prayer

**There will only be one 8.30am service each Sunday of January**

**Wednesday 18 January:** 7.30pm Parish Council meeting *note day!*  
**Saturday 28 January:** Anglican Foundations Course at St Francis College  
**Sunday 26 February:** 10.30 AGM

## NOTICES

### Sundays in January—one Service 8.30am

There will only be ONE Sunday morning service from 1 Jan until 30 January 2023.

**Please note:** There will be **no morning prayer** in January.

### Morning Tea

We **will not be** having Morning Tea following the 8.30am service until February.

### Church Office Closure—Christmas Period

The Church Office has now closed for the remainder of the year and re-opens on Tuesday 3 January. Nicki will be taking time with family this week, however, for urgent matters during this time please phone Canon Nicki on 0405 354 035 or [revnicki@stmarksclayfield.org](mailto:revnicki@stmarksclayfield.org). If you are unable to contact Canon Nicki, please call the Church Wardens listed on the front of this pew sheet.



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## GOSPEL READING - Luke 2:1-14

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 2, beginning at the 1st verse

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



## FIRST READING - Isaiah 9.2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hear the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**



## PSALM 96

- <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song:  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> **Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations:  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:  
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup> As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> **Majesty and glory are before him:  
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup> Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:  
render to the Lord glory and might.
- <sup>8</sup> **Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:  
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- <sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- <sup>10</sup> **Say among the nations that the Lord is king:  
he has made the world so firm  
that it can never be moved;  
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.**
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- <sup>12</sup> **Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:  
then shall all the trees of the wood  
shout with joy before the Lord;**
- <sup>13</sup> For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:  
he shall judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.

## SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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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)

