

## NOTICES

### Morning Tea

Please join us for Morning Tea following the service this morning .

### NO Morning Prayer

There will be no Morning Prayer on Thursday mornings until 11 January.

### Working Bee

The next working bee will be held on **Saturday 16 December** commencing at **8.00am**. All Welcome

### Kids Plus+

KidsPlus+ is held on the 4th Sunday of the month.

The next will be on 28 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 .

### Some Bits of Parish News

30th November marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr Gary Blundell's ordination to the Diaconate! We are blessed to have him as part of our parish community, and he will preach and preside next Sunday.

### Congratulations Gary!

### WEEKLY OFFERING

#### DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB

Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield

BSB 084-004

A/c 50-838-9619



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## 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:

Fred Reed  
Gladys Gnauch  
Derick Nicholson  
FM Nicholson  
Tony Greenfield  
Margaretha Capper

#### Wider Mission Focus for this Month:

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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/>

\$15 per hour



## THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

Bonney Avenue, Clayfield



## Welcome to St Mark's!

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## Advent 1 3 December 2023

Liturgical Colour: Violet

At Advent we prepare for the coming of Christ

### Today: Advent begins

#### 8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant & Preacher:  
The Rev'd Canon Nicki Colledge

#### 4.30pm Holy Communion

#### HOPE:

The candle of this first week of Advent is a candle of hope. Today the flame of this candle reminds us of the hope that came to this world when Jesus was born and his presence with us. Jesus said "I came so that everyone would have life, life in all its fullness. "

### Sentence of the Day

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'  
*Mark 13.31*

### Collect

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths: renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love; to whom be glory 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.



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

## ROSTERS

### Roster for Today

#### 8.30am One Service

**Readers:** Diana O & Heather M  
**Prayers:** Brenda Higgins  
**LA:** Ally B  
**Deacon:** David A  
**Welcomer:** Anne A  
**Off / Count:** Heather & Peter M  
**Sound Rm:** Di O & Kym A  
**M/Tea:** Sue R

### Roster for Next Week Sunday 10 December

#### 8.30am One Service

**Readers:** Brockton C & Andrew P  
**Prayers:** Alison R  
**LA:** Diana O & Geoff A  
**Deacon:**  
**Welcomer:** Joan S & Ally B  
**Off / Count:** Ally B & Nikki H  
**Sound Rm:** Kym A  
**M/Tea:** Alison R & Elizabeth B

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

Canon Nicki will be taking leave from 7-20 December

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 11 Dec:** 10.00am St Mark's craft group  
**Saturday 16 Dec:** 8.00am Working Bee  
**Saturday 16 Dec:** 10.30am Bp Jeremy's Installation as ArchBishop  
**Thursday 21 Dec:** 6.00pm Blue Christmas Service  
**Sunday 24 Dec:** 8.30am Eucharist  
                                 6.00pm Christmas Eve Family Service  
                                 8.30pm Contemplative Service  
**Monday 25 Dec:** 8.30am Christmas Morning Eucharist  
**Sunday 31 Dec:** 8.30am Eucharist

Office closed from Fri 22 Dec to Thurs 4 Jan 2024

**Sunday 25 Feb:** Annual General Meeting

## NOTICES

### Christmas Services

**Thursday 21 December**  
 Blue Christmas Service 6pm

**Sunday December 24 Christmas Eve**  
 An all ages Family Service 6pm  
 &  
 Traditional & Contemplative service  
 8.30pm

**Monday December 25 Christmas Day**  
 Christmas Eucharist 8.30am only

**Sunday Christmas 1 (New Year's Eve)**  
 8.30am



### Christmas Service Rosters

If you can assist by signing up for duties at Christmas Services this would be helpful, as our regular Sunday rosters do not cover the Christmas Services. Please write your name on the roster sign-up sheet on the Noticeboard at the back of the Church if you can assist with duties on :

**Christmas Eve 6pm & 8.30pm or**  
**Christmas Day 8.30am only.**

### Christmas Raffle

A spectacular Christmas hamper & other prizes.  
 Tickets available at the back of the Church or in the hall.  
 Drawn Sunday 17 December

## GOSPEL READING - Mark 13: 24-37

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark, chapter 13, beginning at the 24th verse.

### Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>24</sup> 'But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

<sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.

<sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



## FIRST READING Isaiah 64:1–9

<sup>1</sup> O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— <sup>2</sup> as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

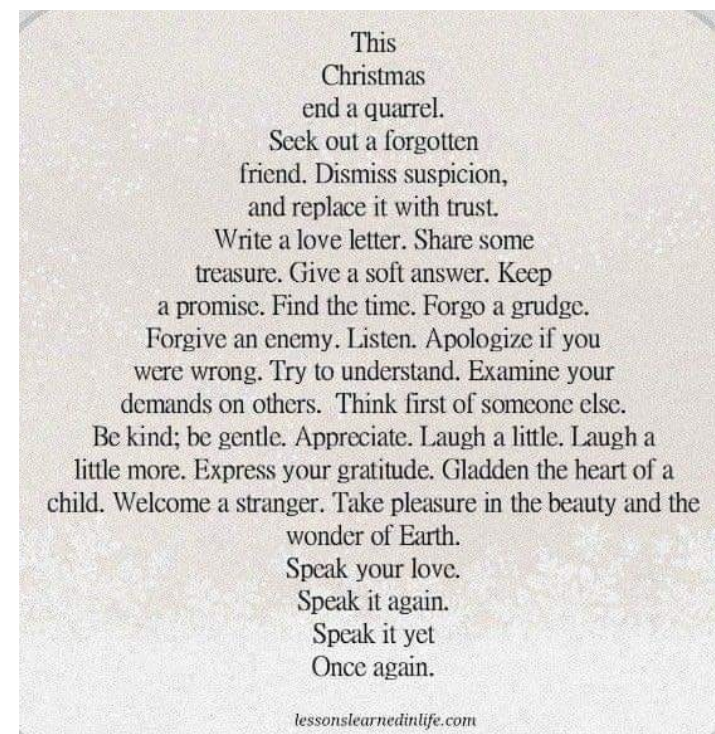
<sup>3</sup> When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup> From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup> You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup> We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup> There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup> Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup> Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God





**PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19**

<sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you that led Joseph like a flock:  
**you that are enthroned upon the cherubim,  
shine out in glory;**

<sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:  
**stir up your power, and come to save us.**

<sup>3</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.**

<sup>4</sup> O Lord God of hosts:  
**how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?**

<sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears:  
**and given them tears to drink in good measure.**

<sup>6</sup> You have made us the victim of our neighbours:  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.**

<sup>17</sup> Let your power rest on the man at your right hand:  
**on that son of man  
whom you made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup> And so we shall not turn back from you:  
**give us life, and we will call upon your name.**

<sup>19</sup> Restore us again, O Lord of hosts:  
**show us the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.**

**SECOND READING Corinthians 1:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Thanks be to God**

**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!**

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**