

NOTICES

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. If you would like to know more, please visit their web-site: gfsbrisbane.org.au



Kids Plus+



KidsPlus+ is held on the fourth Sunday of the month, during the **8.30am service**. All children are welcome to be involved in the service and after communion join in with games and craft.



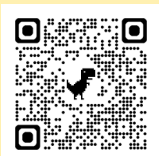
Morning Tea

Please join us for Morning Tea in the hall following the 8.30am service.

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB
Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield
BSB 084-004
A/c 50-838-9619



Follow **St. Mark's Clayfield** on Facebook, and watch the Sunday services on Youtube, at your leisure!



TENNIS COURT

You can book the tennis court online:
www.stmarksclayfield.org/facility-hire/tennis-court/

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 Interces-
sion.

**Anniversaries of the
Faithful Departed:**
Isabella Anthonisz
Penelope Stephenson
Des Williams
John Nason
Vi Lewis

**Wider Mission Fo-
cus for this Month:**
The Anglican Board of
Mission (AMB). For
love, hope and justice.
www.abmission.org



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Celebrating 100 years in 2025 ~



Welcome
to
St Mark's!

3rd Sunday of Advent
Joy

Rector:
PTO: The Rev
Gary Blundell

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8:30am Holy Communion
Celebrant: The Rev'd Gary Blundell

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.**

**Third Sunday of
Advent
14 December
2025**

Liturgical Colour:
Violet
At Advent we prepare for
the coming of Christ

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 Today	
Readers	Brad G & Elizabeth G
Prayers	David A
LA	Diana O
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Lorelle W , Ashley & Robyn Owen
Off / Count	Ashley & Robyn Owen
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	Elizabeth B
Roster 3rd Sunday October / December	
Readers	Rosemary S & Brenda H
Prayers	Malcolm L
LA	Derek & Petrea M
Welcomer	Dianne K
Off / Count	Peter K
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	Helen & Steven S

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 24 Dec: 6.00pm Family Christmas Service
Thursday 25 Dec: 8.30am Christmas Eucharist
Thursday 25 Dec—Sunday 4 Jan: Church Office Closed

Prayer Circle

If you would like to be part of The Parish Prayer Circle, or have names of people you want upheld in prayer, please see Fr.Gary.

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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



Through our various events during 2025, St Mark's was able to make a \$2,000 donation to Mercy Ships Australia.

Mercy Ships sends hospital ships filled with **volunteer professionals** who selflessly provide life-changing surgeries to children and adults to countries where they otherwise would go without. Thank you Margaret Moxon for facilitating this, not just this year, but for the last 20+ years.

For more information how you can support this not-for-profit, please visit mercyships.org.au

FIRST READING

A reading from 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

A reading from 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.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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

In November, \$76.20 was raised. Can't make it to the Albion collection centre? Not a problem, we have a dedicated bin in the hall—bring your bottles/cans along on a Sunday.



Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

This week's special requests are:

Dried goods: Milk (UHT carton), Tea, Coffee –granulated not powder, sugar, pasta, pasta sauce, two minute noodles, spaghetti, rice, Crackers /biscuits: sweet & savoury & Gluten free.

Toiletries: Body soap, toothbrush & toothpaste (small).

In November, 128 items were donated.

Your donations are very much appreciated.

