

NOTICES

thank you

As this year draws to a close, we want to extend a **heartfelt thank you** to everyone who dedicated their time and talents to making our Sunday services run smoothly and feel welcoming! From the Liturgical Assistants, to those providing delicious hospitality with morning tea after the service, **and everyone in between**, your contribution was invaluable.

Your commitment to serving our parish community truly embodies the spirit of Christian fellowship and ministry. Thank you for making our Sundays a spiritual and joyful gathering place for all!

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:**
Betty Allom
Nellie Rasmus
Valentine Crooke
Dan Hart
Cecilia Fielding

**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!

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PTO: The Rev
Gary Blundell

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**Fourth Sunday
of Advent
21 December
2025**

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

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

Sentence of the Day

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name
shall be called Emmanuel: God with us. *Matthew 1.23*

Collect

Gracious God,
you chose the virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
so fill us with your grace,
that with her we may rejoice in your salvation,
and in all things embrace your will;
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.**

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	Rosemary S & Brenda H
Prayers	Malcolm L
LA	Grant & Petrea M
Welcomer	Dianne K
Off / Count	Peter K
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	Helen & Steven S

Roster Next Sunday 28 December

Readers	Brad G & Rod McL
Prayers	Margaret R
LA	Peter K
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Jan J & Karen W
Off / Count	Jan J & Karen W
Sound Room	Di G



Roster Christmas Eve Service 6pm

Roster Christmas Day Service 8.30am

Readers	Rosemary S & Heather M	Lorelle W & Kirsty T
Prayers	Robert S-W	Margaret R
LA	Petrea & Derek M	Peter K
Deacon	David A	David A
Welcomer	Elizabeth G & Karen W	Dianne K & Jennifer K
Off / Count	Elizabeth G & Karen W	
Sound Room		

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ST MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Christmas Services

FULL OF LOVE & BLESSINGS



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY CELEBRATION
& EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER 6.00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST

THURSDAY 25 DECEMBER 8.30AM

CNR BONNEY AVE & BELLEVUE TCE CLAYFIELD
ALL ARE MOST WELCOME



GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:18-25

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 1, beginning at the 18th verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



The Parish Office will be closed from 25/12, and will reopen on Monday 5 January.
For **urgent** enquiries, please contact Dianne Kemp on 0413 494 832.

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 7:10-16

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

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.



Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

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

² Before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh:
stir up your power, and come to save us.

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

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

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears:
and given them tears to drink in good measure.

⁶ You have made us the victim of our neighbours:
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

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

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

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

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

REMINDER

**There is a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13 January
at 7.00pm.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans 1:1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Special Announcement

**We are pleased to announce that Rev. Lyn will be joining the Parish
week commencing 26 January 2026.**

**Rev. Lyn's commissioning will be held on Thursday 29 January at 6pm.
Please save the date. More information will follow in the coming weeks.**

St Mark's Craft Group

St Mark's craft group will continue to meet in 2026 as of Monday 9 February (10am—midday). New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.

