

NOTICES

Kids Plus+

KidsPlus+ will resume in January on the fourth Sunday of the month (25/01), during the 8.30am service. All children are welcome to be involved in the service and after communion join in with games and craft.

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.



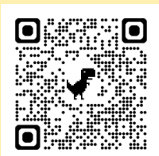
Morning Tea

Morning tea will resume at the 8.30 service on Sunday 25 January.

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

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



TENNIS COURT

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

Tennis payments



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



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:**
Linda Ritter
Leonard Gyles
Jessie Gyles

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



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Est. 1925 ~



Welcome to St Mark's!

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PTO: The Rev
Gary Blundell

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**First Sunday
After Christmas
28 December
2025**

Liturgical Colour: white

*We celebrate
the Birth of our Lord*

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Rev'd Gary Blundell

MUSIC

**796
463
623
782**

Sentence of the Day

Because Jesus himself was tested by what he suffered,
he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hebrews 2.18

Collect

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully
restored, the dignity of human nature: in your mercy,
bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ,
who came to share our human life, and who now lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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

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.

ROSTERS

Roster Today

Readers	Rod McL & Robert S-W
Prayers	Margaret R
LA	Derek M
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Jan J & Karen W
Off / Count	Jan J & Karen W
Sound Room	Kym A

Roster Next Sunday 4 January

Readers	Rosemary S & Brenda H
Prayers	Robert S-W
LA	Grant C & Petrea M
Welcomer	Anne A & Elizabeth G
Off / Count	Heather & Peter M
Sound Room	Kym A

DIARY DATES

Monday 5 Jan:	Parish Office re-opens
Tuesday 13 Jan:	7pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 Jan:	11am Service at Portafino Hamilton Aged Care
Sunday 25 Jan:	Blessing of School Bags
Monday 26 Jan:	Australia Day Parish Office closed
Monday 9 Feb:	10am-12pm Sewing & Craft group reconvenes
Tuesday 17 Feb:	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 Feb:	Ash Wednesday

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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Special Announcement

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Lyn Kareta will be joining the Parish as Priest-in-Charge the 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.



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.

The turning of the calendar is more than a change of date; it is an invitation to join in God's ongoing work of renewal. As a parish family, we look forward to a year of seeking Christ in our neighbors and serving our community with joy. May the Holy Spirit guide our steps as we seek to be a light in Clayfield throughout the coming months.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 2:13-23

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 2, beginning at the 13th verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.'

²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';

and he became their saviour

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;

in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

REMINDER

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

Containers For Change!

In 2026, we continue to ask for your support by recycling your beverage cans and bottles at a Containers for Change depot. There's one just down the road at **22 Collingwood St Albion. Drive in, provide the code below, they will count the cans & bottles, and \$\$ comes to the parish!**

Our Parish member number is: C10089230

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 148

¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.

⁴ Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.

⁶ He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

⁷ O praise the Lord from the earth:
praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, mist and snow:
and storm-wind fulfilling his command;

⁹ Mountains and all hills:
fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ Beasts of the wild, and all cattle:
creeping things and winged birds;

¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples:
princes, and all rulers of the world;

¹² Young men and maidens:
old folk and children together.

¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for his name alone is exalted.

¹⁴ His glory is above earth and heaven:
and he has lifted high the horn of his people.

¹⁵ Therefore he is the praise of all his servants:
of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews 2:10-18

¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

¹² saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

¹³ And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.' 14 Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. 16 For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people.

¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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).

Your donations are very much appreciated.

