

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.



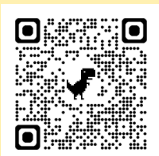
Morning Tea

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:

Gladys Gnauch
Derick Nicholson
F. M. Nicholson
Tony Greenfield
Margaretha Capper
William Lorey
Allie Bostock
Michael Brennan
Frederick Nicholson

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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**Second Sunday
of Advent
7 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

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. *Mark 1.15*

Collect

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of
Peace;
who 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	Sarah B & Heather M
Prayers	Margaret R
LA	Grant C & Peter K
Welcomer	Anne A & Elizabeth G
Off / Count	Heather & Peter M
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	Dianne K, Sue R, Marina A

Roster Next Sunday

Readers	Brad G & Elizabeth G
Prayers	Jan F
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

DIARY DATES

Monday 8 Dec: 10am Sewing Group
Wednesday 10 Dec: 10.30am AVEO Christmas Eucharist
Wednesday 24 Dec: 6.00pm Family Christmas Service
Thursday 25 Dec: 8.30am Christmas Eucharist



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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.

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.



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.



Thank You!

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank those who generously donated towards the hamper fund for the selected families of Eagle Junction State School.



GOSPEL READING Matthew 3:1-12

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,
chapter 3, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight." '

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,

⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

⁹ Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

¹⁰ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord .

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord .
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 72:18-21

¹ Give the king your judgement, O God:
and your righteousness to the son of a king,
² That he may judge your people rightly:
and the poor of the land with equity.
³ Let the mountains be laden with peace
because of his righteousness:
and the hills also with prosperity for his people.
⁴ May he give justice to the poor among the people:
and rescue the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor.
⁵ May he live while the sun endures:
and while the moon gives light,
throughout all generations.
⁶ May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields:
and as showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his time shall righteousness flourish:
and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸ Let his name live for ever:
and endure as long as the sun.
¹⁹ Let all peoples use his name in blessing:
and all nations call him blessed.
²⁰ Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel:
who alone does great wonders.
²¹ Blessed be his glorious name for ever:
and let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen, Amen.

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans 15:4-13

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.
⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,
⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,
⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;
¹⁰ and again he says,
‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;
¹¹ and again,
‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;
¹² and again Isaiah says,
‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.’
¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord

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