

NOTICES

REMINDER

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

Morning Tea

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



Merry Christmas
From all here at St Mark's, we
wish you and your family a very
happy, safe, and Holy Christmas.
We look forward to sharing many
celebrations with you in 2026.
God Bless

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/](http://www.stmarksclayfield.org/facility-hire/tennis-court/)

Tennis payments



Rector:
PTO: The Rev
Gary Blundell

Contacts

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After hours : for
urgent matters please
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0403 666 941
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0403 882 332
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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:

Linda Ritter
Leonard Gyles
Jessie Gyles



Christmas Eve

24 Dec 2025

6:00pm Family Communion

Christmas Day

25 Dec 2025

8.30am Holy Communion

Celebrant:
The Rev'd Gary Blundell

Liturgical Colour: White

We celebrate the Birth of our Lord

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Celebrating 100 years in 2025



Sentence of the Day

The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light; for to us a child is born, to us a son is
given. *Isaiah 9.2, 6*

Collects

Give us, O God, such love and wonder
that, with shepherds and pilgrims unknown,
we may come to adore the holy Child, the
promised King,
and with our gifts worship him,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 Christmas Eve

Readers	Rosemary S & Heather M
Prayers	Robert S-W
LA	Petrea & Derek M
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Elizabeth G & Karen W
Off / Count	Elizabeth G & Karen W
Sound Room	

Roster Christmas Day

Readers	Lorelle W & Kirsty T
Prayers	Margaret R
LA	Peter K
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Dianne K & Jennifer K
Off / Count	
Sound Room	

Roster Sunday 28 December

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

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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.



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.



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.

GOSPEL READING - Luke 2:1-14

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
chapter 2, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,
'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Psalm 96

- ¹ O sing to the Lord a new song:
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the Lord and bless his holy name:**
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare his glory among the nations:
and his wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:**
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are mere idols:
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and glory are before him:**
beauty and power are in his sanctuary.
- ⁷ Render to the Lord, you families of the nations:
render to the Lord glory and might.
- ⁸ **Render to the Lord the honour due to his name:**
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- ⁹ O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness:
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- ¹⁰ **Say among the nations that the Lord is king:**
he has made the world so firm
that it can never be moved;
and he shall judge the peoples with equity.
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad:
let the sea roar, and all that fills it:
- ¹² **Let the fields rejoice, and everything in them:**
then shall all the trees of the wood
shout with joy before the Lord;
- ¹³ For he comes, he comes to judge the earth:
he shall judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with his truth.

SECOND READING

A reading from Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



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.

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 October, \$85.20 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.

