

NOTICES

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.

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.



GFS Youth Group

GFS meets every 2nd, 4th & 5th Friday night of each month in the hall (reconvenes in February). This group is for girls in high school and older. If you would like to know more, please visit their website: gfsbrisbane.org.au

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/

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 Perrett
Robert Graham
June Roberts
Sonia McBaron
Frances King
Kate Sheldon
Victor Lewis

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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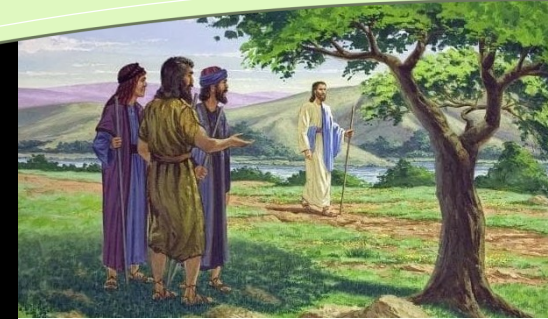
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Epiphany 2 18 January 2026

Liturgical Colour:
Green

*At Epiphany we
celebrate Christ made
known to the world*

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Rev'd Gary Blundell

Sentence of the Day

God is faithful; by him you were called into the
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1.9

Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped,
and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
who lives and reigns with you and 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	Elaine R & Robert S-W
Prayers	Malcolm L
LA	Peter K & Petrea M
Welcomer	Dianne K & Karen W
Off / Count	Peter K & Karen W
Sound Room	Kym A
Roster Next Sunday 25 January	
Readers	Brad G & Lorelle W
Prayers	Margaret R
LA	Grant C
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Jan J & Lorelle W
Off / Count	Jan J & Lorelle W
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	John R & Kirsty T

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 21 Jan: 11am Service at Portofino Hamilton Aged Care
Thursday 22 Jan: 11am Guild Luncheon
Monday 26 Jan: **Australia Day** Parish Office closed
Thursday 29 Jan: 6.00pm Rev Lynette Kareta's Commissioning
Saturday 7 Feb: 7.30am Saturday Social Gathering –Honey Cafe
Monday 9 Feb: 10am-12pm Sewing & Craft group reconvenes
Tuesday 17 Feb: Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 Feb: Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 18 Feb: 11am Service at Portofino Hamilton Aged Care
Sunday 22 Feb: Hamilton Girl Guides Celebration of World Thinking Day

NOTICES

What is happening from Now and over the next Few Months

- The plan to sell the existing Rectory is now in full progress with these key dates advised by the Diocesan Property Team.
- January 27 - The Rectory will be listed on the market in a public sale campaign run by an external real estate agent appointed by the Diocesan Property Team. The Parish Council has no involvement in this process other than consultation with the Diocesan Property Team.
- This sale campaign will run for approximately 7 weeks with final offers expected by March 20.
- March 20 - Offers to purchase will be closed and the Diocesan Property Team will then assess the best offers, report back to and work with the Parish Council in determining best next step to complete the sale of the Rectory in the following few months and allow us to proceed with the organising and building the new Rectory on the remaining lot.

This is a short summary only of the many steps and challenges that the Parish Council has encountered in trying to get the best outcome for the Church and will continue on this path. If you have any questions feel free to talk to anyone of our Church Wardens or Parish Councillors.

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Summary of the St Mark's Rectory Sale Process

What has happened over the last 12 Months

- As was presented at our Extraordinary General Meeting in Nov 2024; at the beginning of 2025 the Parish Council set out to demolish the existing Rectory, organise and complete the required earthworks and service connections and then sell all 3 lots. This process was expected to be complete by the end of February 2026.
- In February 2025 this plan was presented to the Diocesan Financial Services Commission meeting for approval. It was approved however the Diocese included a specific condition in this approval directing the Parish Council to purchase a new rectory with the funds from the sale of the 3 lots.
- With that directive in mind the Parish Council had to reconsider and consult with the Diocesan Property Team and determined that the most prudent financial decision would be to sell only 2 lots and retain 1 lot to build the required new Rectory.
- The Diocesan Property Team agreed with that plan and after several months of further review and consultation proposed that the best and fastest way to achieve that objective would be to sell the existing house on 2 lots to an external builder / developer to allow them to redevelop that property into new houses and for the church to retain 1 lot for the construction of a new Rectory.
- Multiple other issues have also been addressed over the 12 months including Brisbane City Council requirements for vegetation protection over the entire site, titling of the 3 lots, surveying and engineering design and preparation for connection of services. This has all been managed and progressed by the Diocesan Property Team.

FIRST READING

A reading from Isaiah 49:1-7

¹ Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.² He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.³ And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'⁴ But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord , and my reward with my God.'

⁵ And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord , and my God has become my strength—⁶ he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

⁷ Thus says the Lord , the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord , who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-14

¹ I waited patiently for the Lord:

and he inclined to me and heard my cry.

² He brought me up from the pit of roaring waters,
out of the mire and clay:

and set my feet upon a rock, and made firm my foothold.

³ And he has put a new song in my mouth:

even a song of thanksgiving to our God.

⁴ Many shall see it and fear:

and shall put their trust in the Lord.

⁵ Blessed are those who have made the Lord their hope:

who have not turned to the proud,

or to those who wander in deceit.

⁶ O Lord my God, great are the wonderful things
which you have done,

and your thoughts which are towards us:

there is none to be compared with you;

⁷ Were I to declare them and speak of them:

they are more than I am able to express.

⁸ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire:

but my ears you have marked for obedience;

⁹ Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required:

then said I, Lo, I come.

¹⁰ In the scroll of the book it is written of me,

that I should do your will:

O my God, I long to do it, your law delights my heart.

NOTICES

You are invited

to the commissioning of

The Reverend Lynette Kareta

as Priest-in-charge of the

**Parish of St Mark's Anglican Church
Clayfield**

on

Thursday 29 January 6.00pm

**With refreshments and light bites to
follow in the hall**

Please RSVP to the office on 3862 2221 by 23-01-2026

NOTICES

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.

Reports - 2026 Annual General Meeting

If you need to submit a report for inclusion in the 2025 Annual Report booklet, please ensure your report is submitted in electronic form to the Church Office by **Sunday 8 February**.

Parish Elections

We are now accepting 2026 Nominations for the following positions:

Parish Councillors

Church Wardens

Parish Nominators

Nomination forms can be found at the front door.

SATURDAY SOCIAL GATHERING

**Saturday
7 February 7.30am—9.30am**

**The Honey Café
Stafford City**

(Located at the back of centre near the cinemas)

Come along for fun, conversation, and a relaxed breakfast!

Psalm continued

¹¹ I have declared your righteousness
in the great congregation:

**I have not restrained my lips, O Lord,
and that you know.**

¹² I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart:

I have spoken of your faithfulness and of your salvation.

¹³ I have not kept back your loving-kindness and your truth:
from the great congregation.

¹⁴ O Lord, do not withhold your mercy from me:
let your loving-kindness and your truth



Kidsplus+ & Blessing of School Backpacks

On Sunday 25 January, as well as KidsPlus, we will be blessing school and work backpacks, and lunch boxes. Please bring them along to be blessed.

Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

This week's special requests are:

Canned goods: Meat & Vegetables, soup, packet cup of soup, tomatoes, canned vegetables—peas, carrots, corn, Fish (tuna, salmon or sardines), fruit (small tins). In December, 63 items were donated. Your donations are very much appreciated.



SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



GOSPEL READING John 1:29-42

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 1, beginning at the 29th verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ³¹ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ ³² And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.’ ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ ³⁹ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ