

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. 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/facility-hire/tennis-court/

Tennis payments



PRAYER FOCUS for this week

For St Mark's
Outreach and
Mission:

The Holy Trinity Pantry in Fortitude Valley—for those in need in the inner-city

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:

Margaret Morison
Jessie Weller
Joy Markwell
Barbara Birse
Barbara Powell
Edward Rice
Olive Cameron
Joyce Reed
Nell and Bill Galley
Ruth Kemp

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



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Est. 1925 ~



Welcome!

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



Epiphany 5 8 February 2026

Liturgical Colour:
Green

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

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

Collect

Faithful God,
you have appointed us your witnesses,
to be a light that shines in the world:
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone of your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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.

ROSTERS

Roster Next Sunday 8 February

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

Roster 3rd Sunday October / December

Readers	Rosemary S Brenda H
Prayers	Malcolm L
LA	Grant C & Petrea M
Welcomer	Dianne K & Karen W
Off / Count	Peter K & Karen W
Sound Room	Kym A
Morning Tea	Helen & Steven S

DIARY DATES

Monday 9 Feb:	10am-12pm Sewing & Craft group reconvenes
Tuesday 17 Feb:	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 18 Feb:	Ash Wednesday Services 6.30am / 10am / 7pm
Wednesday 18 Feb:	11am Service at Portofino Hamilton Aged Care
Sunday 22 Feb:	Hamilton Clayfield Girl Guides Celebration of World Thinking Day
Wednesday 25 Feb:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Sunday 1 Mar:	10.15am Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 4 Mar:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study

A MESSAGE FROM LYN

The hot cross buns in our bakeries do not lie... Easter is on its way which means Lent is shortly upon us. Lent is that penitential season in our Christian calendar that provides us with time and space to consider those things within us, or in our lives, that we might need to give up or let go of so that we might strengthen and deepen our relationship with God.

Some of us might consider giving up things like chocolate, alcohol or social media as examples of restricting the guilty pleasures in our lives. Yet it is interesting that we often have much to gain from giving up such things, in fact we may be rewarded with a trimmer waistline, a healthier outlook or more time for leisure. What if we were to give up something that prompted us to truly turn more intently towards God? Lenten practices are often oriented around prayer, abstinence, fasting and almsgiving. We are encouraged towards these as they help prepare our body and mind to be more fully focused upon God in ways that nourish our spirit. What would this look like for you?

Our Pew Bulletin outlines some Lenten observances for our parish, for Ash Wednesday and through Lenten Studies, that may provide opportunities for deepening your relationship with God. As we come closer to Lent, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might enter into this time ready to let go of whatever you need to so that you might invite God more fully into your life.

God's peace be with you,
Rev'd Lyn

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.



Parish Elections

We are now accepting 2026 Nominations for the following positions:

Parish Councillors

Church Wardens

Parish Nominators

Nomination forms with position descriptions can be found at the front door. **Please return by Friday 27 February, to the office.**

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.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9 a

¹ Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practised righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,

they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,

a day acceptable to the Lord ?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

FIRST READING continued

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.



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WORLD DAY OF
PRAYER
SERVICE 2026

Nigeria

'I will give you rest:
Come'

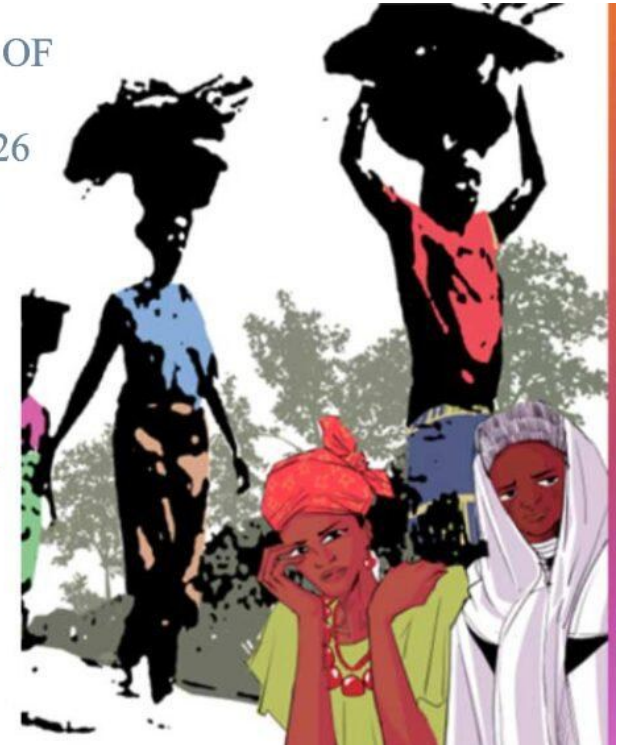
Friday 6th of March 2026

10 am - 11 am,

**Our Lady Help of Christians Church
9 Bowman Street Hendra**

contact Mary Nicholls 0408080723
or your WDoP representative
to find out more, offer to assist

Guest Speaker - Helen Fernandes
Leprosy Mission International
Guest Organist - Chris Larter
www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org



Roster Duties

We are on the hunt again for volunteers to assist on the Sunday roster. Some Parishioners are being heavily relied upon to fill vacant spots. If you can assist, whether it be a regular basis, one week out of eight, or even just in an emergency (possibly just a few times throughout the year), please let our office know. We'll happily accept help from anyone who is willing to provide morning tea, perform readings, or greet at the door.

Many hands will make light work!

Lenten Bible Study

Join Lyn for a Lenten Study focused upon exploring the ABM Study for 2026: *'Holiday... Stories of Jesus set in an Australian Landscape'*



Studies will be held on **Wednesdays** during Lent from Wed 25 Feb to Wed 1 April.

Two studies are on offer at either 10am or 6.30pm.

Contact the office for any questions. We hope to see you there!



The Annual General Meeting will be held in the hall on **Sunday 1 March at 10.15am**



Working Bee

The next Working Bee is scheduled for **Saturday 21 February at 8am.**

Pop it on your calendar! Everyone is more than welcome.



Psalm 112

¹ O praise the Lord. Blessed are they that fear the Lord:

and greatly delight in his commandments.

² Their children shall be mighty in the land:

an upright race who will be blessed.

³ Riches and plenty shall be in their house:

and their righteousness shall stand for ever.

⁴ Light arises in darkness for the upright:

gracious and merciful are the righteous.

⁵ It goes well with those who act generously and lend:

who guide their affairs with justice.

⁶ Surely they shall never be moved:

the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ They will not fear bad tidings:

their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ Their hearts are confident and will not fear:

they will see the downfall of their enemies.

⁹ They give freely to the poor:

their righteousness stands for ever,

their head is uplifted in glory.

¹⁰ The wicked shall see it and be angry:

they shall gnash their teeth and consume away;

and the hope of the wicked shall fail.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

⁹ But, as it is written,

‘What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,

nor the human heart conceived,

what God has prepared for those who love him’—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5:13-20

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew, chapter 5, beginning at the 13th verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹³ ‘You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ ‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ ‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ