

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 meets every second Monday (10am—midday). Next meeting is on 23 March. New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.

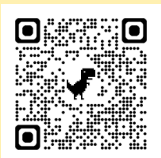
GFS Youth Group

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 revisit 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:

David Richardson
James Palmer
Aldo Vacca
George Goodwin
Irene Foote
Ian Livingston
Dorothea Harrison
Denise Garnsey
Bill Coburn

Rest In Peace:
John Quayle

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



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Est. 1925 ~



Lent 4
15th March 2026
Mothering Sunday

Liturgical Colour: Violet

Lent is a season of preparation for Easter



Welcome!

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8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord; 'those who follow me will have the light of life.' *John 8.12*

Collect

Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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	Elaine R & Robert S-W
Prayers	Malcolm L
LA	Grant & Petrea M
Welcomer	Dianne K
Off / Count	Peter K
Sound Room	Kym A
Morning Tea	Helen & Steven S

Roster Next Sunday 22 March

Readers	Brad G & Heather M
Prayers	Margaret R
LA	Diana O
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Jan J & Karen W
Off / Count	Jan J & Karen W
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	John R & Kirsty T

DIARY DATES

Sunday 15 Mar:	2-4pm Mothering High Tea
Wednesday 18 Mar:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Wednesday 25 Mar:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Friday 27 Mar:	6.30pm Pizzas and Palm Cross Making
Sunday 29 Mar:	Palm Sunday
Wednesday 1 Apr:	10am / 6.30pm Lenten Study
Thursday 2 Apr:	7pm Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 3 Apr:	8.30am Good Friday Service
Friday 3 Apr:	Public Holiday Office Closed
Saturday 4 Apr:	5.30pm Sunset Tenebrae Service
Sunday 5 Apr:	6am / 8.30am Easter Sunday Service
Monday 6 Apr:	Public Holiday Office Closed

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St Mark's Anglican Church Clayfield

Do you feel **safe**?

Are you being **bullied**?

Has **ANYBODY**, child, or adult, done something that made you feel **uncomfortable**?

IT'S OKAY TO TELL YOUR SAFEGUARDER



Bronwyn Barber
0403 882 332



Rev'd Lyn Kareta
Priest-In-Charge
0422 277 061



Rev'd David Adams
0403 666 941



Safeguarders appointed by the Parish Council of St Mark's Anglican Church here on 1 March 2026 under item 9.5: Policy for the Protection of Children in Ministry Units of the Diocese of Brisbane.

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).
Your donations are very much appreciated.



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.



A MESSAGE FROM REV'D LYN

space for prayerfulness with God for the relationships we have in our lives. So let us pray:

Almighty God,

We give you thanks for what is joyful in our families and ask for healing for what may be painful. We hold in prayer, those children who may be faced with the need of the backpacks, that they might find healing, stability and dignity in their lives. We reflect upon our relationship with you. We give thanks for your unconditional love, for nudging us forward when we may not see clearly the path you want for us, and for healing us through your love and grace. Through Jesus we gather to seek the fullness of relationship with you, the source of all love, healing and wholeness. Amen.

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

*Funeral Announcement of long-time
parishioner of St Mark's,
Dr. John Quayle*



*A service will be held at St John's Cathedral on
Friday 20th March 10.30am*

FIRST READING

A reading from Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ² Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ." ' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.'

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' ⁵ He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord ; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord 's anointed is now before the Lord .' ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.' ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.'

FIRST READING continued

¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 23

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd:
therefore can I lack nothing.
- ² He will make me lie down in green pastures:
and lead me beside still waters.
- ³ He will refresh my soul:
and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
**for you are with me,
your rod and your staff comfort me.**
- ⁵ You spread a table before me
in the face of those who trouble me:
**you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup shall be full.**
- ⁶ Surely your goodness and loving-kindness
will follow me all the days of my life:
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A MESSAGE FROM REV'D LYN

The fourth Sunday in Lent is traditionally also known as 'Mothering Sunday' although its reference to 'mothering' is less about the mothers in our lives and more about the connection that people in past centuries had to their church of origin where they were baptised in the faith. In the past, people would make a pilgrimage to their 'mother' church on this day. Given this was a journey they would make together as families, it can be understood how 'Mothering Sunday' may have been shaped over time to reflect upon mothers as part of the gathering of family.

An important part of our missional work at St Mark's has been through support provided to Anglicare through the provision of backpacks for children who are faced with emergency placement into foster care. Sunday afternoon in our church hall we will host a High Tea to handover the backpacks to Anglicare for this important mission within our community. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to this mission. For a myriad of reasons, children who may be recipients of these backpacks may have been let down by parents or perhaps encountered circumstances where they no longer have parents to care for them. It's an acknowledgment that while it is wonderful for some to celebrate the beauty and richness of family relationships, such as on Mothering Sunday, that not everyone may carry those same types of memories. Our fourth Sunday in Lent then offers

GOSPEL READING John 9:1-41 continued

³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' ³⁴ They answered him, 'You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?' And they drove him out. ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' ³⁶ He answered, 'And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' ³⁷ Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.'

³⁸ He said, 'Lord, I believe.' And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.' ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, 'Surely we are not blind, are we?' ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see", your sin remains.

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Congratulations

Elections for Parish positions were finalised at the AGM on 1st March. Congratulations to the following Parishioners who have been appointed to represent the Parish:

Rector's Warden:

Andrew Keyt

Church Wardens:

Robert Standish-White | Bronwyn Barber

Parish Councillors:

Elizabeth Gillan | Diana Grima | Brenda Higgins | Dianne Kemp
Helen Sherington | Steven Sherington | Lorelle Whittaker

Parish Nominators:

Brenda Higgins | Andrew Keyt | Petrea Matthews

Synod Representatives

Kym Adams | Andrew Keyt

SECOND READING

A reading from Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸ For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.

¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.

¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;

¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

'Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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!

GOSPEL READING John 9:1-41

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 9, beginning at the 1st verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' ⁹Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' ¹⁰But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?'

¹¹He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' ¹²They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided.

GOSPEL READING John 9:1-41 continued

¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.' ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' ²⁰His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

²³Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, 'Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.' ²⁵He answered, 'I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' ²⁶They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' ²⁷He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' ³⁰The man answered, 'Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.