

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 9 March. New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.

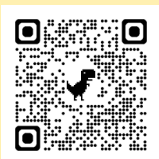
GFS Youth Group

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:

Jessica Jensen
Geoffrey Parr
Margaret Don
Alton Zeistmer
Esme Shipman
Eric Crooke

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



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Est. 1925 ~



**Lent 3
8th March 2026**

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

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. *Romans 5.8*

Collect

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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.



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

ROSTERS

Roster Today

Readers	Rod McL & Andrew P
Prayers	Jan F
LA	Diana O
Deacon	David A
Welcomer	Lorelle W, Ashley & Robyn O
Off / Count	Ashley & Robyn O
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	Elizabeth B

Roster Next Sunday 15 March

Readers	Elaine R & Robert S-W
Prayers	Malcolm L
LA	Grant & Petrea M
Welcomer	Dianne K
Off / Count	Peter K
Sound Room	Di G
Morning Tea	Helen & Steven S

DIARY DATES

Sunday 8 Mar:	Donations for backpacks due
Wednesday 11 Mar:	6.30pm Lenten Study
Saturday 14 Mar:	2pm Backpack Packing Day
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



St Mark's Anglican Church Clayfield

Afternoon High Tea

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 15th March 2026

2pm - 4pm

Adults \$25

including a glass of Bubbly

Bookings essential

www.trybooking.com/DJOVE



Join us for a delicious High Tea and help raise funds and awareness for vulnerable children being supported by Anglicare.

Raffles, prizes, and the presentation of backpacks to Anglicare.

A MESSAGE FROM REV'D LYN

Who is it that God is calling us to be? I have been speaking consistently on Sundays about what it is to live out a sense of God's mission through what it is God is calling us to be. Through our gospels we are continually pointed towards how we might make disciples and actively reflect God's compassion into the world.

This week's gospel presents the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well where the woman gains a growing awareness of who Jesus is. As they speak, it slowly emerges for her that she is indeed speaking with the Messiah, and she becomes compelled to tell others of this good news. She is often seen as the first evangeliser – taking Jesus' message to the people in her village and sharing the good news of the kingdom of God found in Jesus. Jesus makes a disciple in her through igniting an awareness and calling within her and inviting her into relationship with him to feel the loving presence of God.

Together, over the coming weeks and months, we will be exploring what it is that God is calling us to be, as we engage in Mission Action Planning for our parish. This will enable us to set a new way forward in how we seek to respond to God's call as a body of Christ and live out the mission of Christ: to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God. We might consider how we attend to this through making disciples and actively bringing God's compassion into the world.

Lent offers a time to contemplate what it is that God might be calling us towards. We might consider what we need to keep doing as a parish because it is mission that shares the good news in ways that transform our community. Equally we may need to contemplate what we need to let go of or change or do differently to be what God needs us to be next. For now, we might think about how we could respond like the woman at the well – an imperfect human being awakened in the perfect light of Christ and being compelled to bring others to that light. What is it that God is calling us to be?

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

FIRST READING

A reading from Exodus 17:1-7

1 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' 5 The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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.



Psalm 95

- 1 O come, let us sing out to the Lord:
let us shout in triumph to the rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving:
and cry out to him joyfully in psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God:
and a great king above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth:
and the peaks of the mountains are his also.
- 5 The sea is his and he made it:
his hands moulded dry land.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down:
and kneel before the Lord our maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God:
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 8 Today if only you would hear his voice—
'Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah:
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;
- 9 'When your forebears tested me:
put me to proof, though they had seen my works.
- 10 'Forty years long I loathed that generation and said:
**"It is a people who err in their hearts,
for they do not know my ways";**
- 11 'Of whom I swore in my wrath:
"They shall not enter my rest."

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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'*

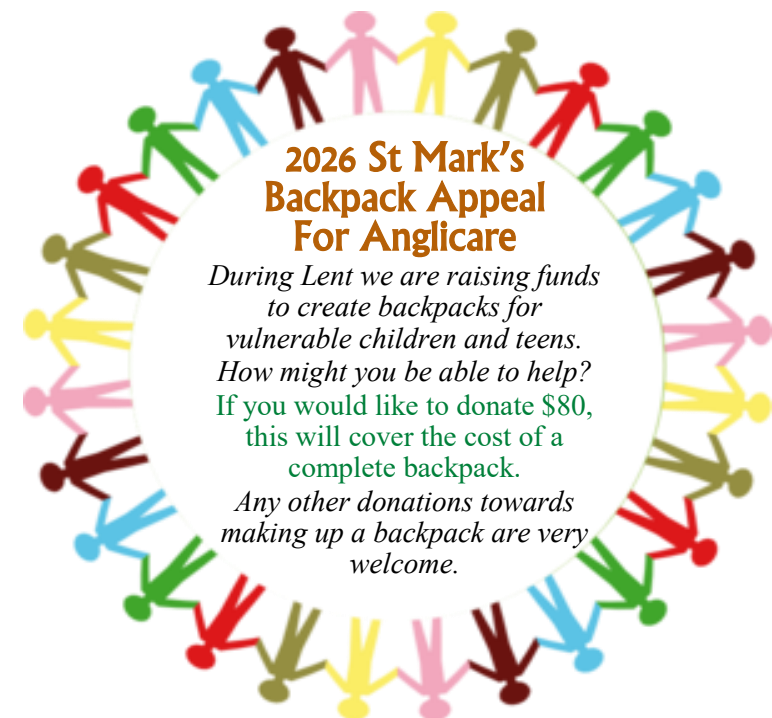


Studies will be held
on **Wednesdays** during Lent
from Wed 25 Feb to Wed 1 April.

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

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

*** Wednesday 11 March—one session at 6.30pm only*



GOSPEL READING John 4:5-42 continued

³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.

⁴² They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

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 Paul’s Letter to the Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

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.



GOSPEL READING John 4:5-42

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, chapter 4, beginning at the 5th verse

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?'

¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet.

GOSPEL READING John 4:5-42 continued

²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.'

²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?'

³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.