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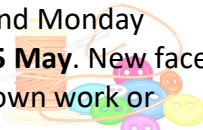
GFS Youth Group

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



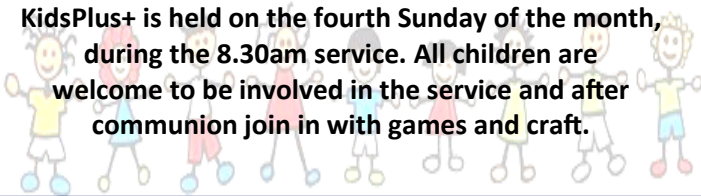
St Mark's Craft Group

St Mark's craft group meets every second Monday (10am—midday). Next meeting is on **25 May**. New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.



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.



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:

Paul Bolton
Gwendolyn Allom
Mabel Renton
Cam Weller
Alexander Hogarth
Norman Flournoy

**Wider Mission Focus
for this Month:**
The Leprosy Mission.
For dignity restored.
leprosymission.org



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.



**Easter 7
17 May 2026
Ascension Day**

Liturgical Colour:
White

*We celebrate the
resurrection*

8:30am Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

'Go and make disciples of all nations,' Jesus commands; 'I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

Matthew 28:19-20

Collect

God of majesty,
you led the Messiah through suffering into risen life,
and took him up into the glory of heaven:
clothe us with the power promised from on high,
and send us forth to the ends of the earth
as heralds of repentance and witnesses of Jesus Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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 Today

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

Roster Next Sunday

Readers	Brad G & Lorelle W
Prayers	Margaret R
LA	Derek M
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

Saturday 23 May:	8am Working Bee
Monday 25 May:	10am Sewing Group
Saturday 30 May:	Garage Sale
Monday 8 June:	10am Sewing Group
Tuesday 9 June:	7pm Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10 June:	10.30am AVEO Service
Friday 12 June:	Karuna Bridge Day
Saturday 13 June:	7.30am Saturday Social Gathering—Honey Cafe

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

PRAYER SERVICE

TUESDAY 19 MAY 2026 11AM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE

*“There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one
hope of your calling”*

(Ephesians 4:4)

Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room.

Join us for a prayer service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

A MESSAGE FROM Rev'd Lyn Kareta

Forty days after the day of the resurrection of Jesus and following a time where Jesus reveals himself through resurrection appearances, we encounter the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Ascension always falls on the Thursday that is 40 days after Easter Day yet it is a good thing to liturgically stretch ourselves and honour the Ascension on the Sunday that follows, as we do this week. In the Ascension we experience of change which may be reflective of the way our relationship with God can change over time.

As we hear in Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:20-21, God put great power to work in Christ...seating him at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. After encountering Jesus at a personal level in his time among us on earth, in the Ascension we are invited to encounter Christ as transcendent in oneness with God at a cosmic level. We experience Jesus on a new plane that stretches our human understanding and which may press upon our faith, and this can bring change.

It is a change that invites us into both the imminence or active presence of God among us, as well as the transcendence of the Trinitarian God. It is a movement where we encounter both presence and absence in our relationship with God and this has the potential to change our relationship with God in ways that we might not expect. Yet Jesus reminds us in Matthew 28:20, even though things may change, Jesus said, 'remember I am with you always, to the end of the age'. While things can change, we are reminded that the hope found in Christ remains.

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

1 O clap your hands, all you peoples:

and cry aloud to God with shouts of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared:

he is a great king over all the earth.

3 He cast down peoples under us:

and the nations beneath our feet.

4 He chose us a land for our possession:

that was the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

5 God has gone up with the sound of rejoicing:

and the Lord to the blast of the horn.

6 O sing praises, sing praises to God:

O sing praises, sing praises to our king.

7 For God is the king of all the earth:

O praise him in a well-wrought psalm.

8 God has become the king of the nations:

he has taken his seat upon his holy throne.

9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together:

with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 For the mighty ones of the earth

are become the servants of God:

and he is greatly exalted.

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ANGLICAN AID ABROAD

51st Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

Sunday 24th May, commencing at 4:00pm
All Saints Anglican Church
501 Hamilton Road, Chermside

**A light dinner will follow the service with
Multicultural Singing and a greeting by
Right Reverend Paul Francis, Bishop in Madras**

Please R.S.V.P by 20th May to:
Email: office@allsaintschermside.org.au
Phone: 3359 2062





The next Working Bee is
coming up!

Saturday 23 May 8am

If you can spare an hour or two, we require assistance in the
gardens, but will also accept help cleaning windows, or polishing
the pews!

Please speak to Robert Standish-White for more information.



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Now accepting donations for the Annual Garage Sale

Kitchenware • Linen • Handbags • Bric-a-brac • Toys
• Books • Christmas decorations • Decor • DVDs •
Vintage & Retro • Records • Sporting Goods

No clothing or shoes thank you

*Donations can be left at the church office at 60 Bellevue Tce, Clayfield
during business hours. Last day for donations is Friday 22nd May.*

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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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. . Thank you for your support!



GOSPEL READING Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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

Keynote Speaker
Debbie Platz APM
Queensland Human Rights Commissioner



2026 **Loaves & Fishes Luncheon**

SAVE THE DATE

St John's Cathedral
373 Ann Street
Brisbane

Tuesday, 2 June
12.30PM – 2.00PM



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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Garage sale Rosters

The St Mark's Garage Sale is two weekends away!
If you can assist on the day, or perhaps the day previous when we commence set up, please write your name on the roster which is on the last pew.

Convenors this year:

GARAGE SALE— DIANNE AND PETER KEMP

BBQ—HELEN AND STEVEN SHERINGTON

CAKES—PETREA MATTHEWS

JAMS—MARGARET MOXON

CRAFTS-JAN JARDINE

Saturday Social Gathering

Saturday 13 June 7.30am - 9.30am
The Honey Cafe | Stafford City (near the cinema)

Come along for some fun conversation and a relaxed breakfast
ALL WELCOME!



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.

