

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 Col-lingwood St Albion**. Drive in, provide the code below, they will count the cans & bottles, and \$\$ comes to the parish!

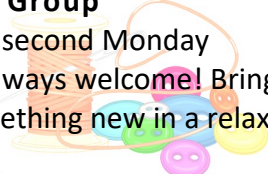
Our Parish member number is:

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!



St Mark's Craft Group

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



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 Inter-
cession.

Anniversaries of the Faithful Departed:

William Renton
Clare Davis
Douglas Tooth
Feng Wei



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Est. 1925 ~



Welcome!

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Pentecost 5
28 June 2026

*We come to worship God
in Word and Sacrament*

8:30am Holy Communion

Presider: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Preacher: The Reverend David Adams

Sentence of the Day

The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is
eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6.23*

Collect

O God,
your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of
water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our hearts to the needs of your children,
and in all things make us obedient to your will,
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,
eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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	Roster Next Week
Readers	Elizabeth G & Rod McL	Rosemary S & Sarah B
Prayers	Margaret R	Brenda H
LA	Derek M	Petrea M & Diana O
Deacon	David A	
Welcomer	Jan J & Karen W	Anne A & Elizabeth G
Off / Count	Jan J & Karen W	Karen W
Sound Room	Di G	Kym A
Morning Tea	John R & Kirsty T	Dianne K, Sue R, Marina A

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 1 July: 7am Wednesday Eucharist
Saturday 4 July: 7am Winter Walks
Wednesday 8 July: 7am Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study
Saturday 11 July: 7am Winter Walks
Wednesday 15 July: 7am Wednesday Eucharist
Saturday 18 July: 7am Winter Walks
Saturday 18 July: 8am Working Bee
Wednesday 22 July: 7am Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study
Saturday 25 July: Visioning Day + Breakfast
Monday 27 July: 10am Sewing Group
Wednesday 12 Aug: EKKA Show Day Public Holiday—Office closed
Wednesday 2 Sept: 10am The John & Patsy Quayle Bridge Day

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. We'll happily accept help from anyone who is willing to **provide morning tea, perform readings, or greet at the door**. 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.

What might God be calling you to?

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Mission Action Plan Working Group

WHAT'S THE POINT OF A MISSION ACTION PLAN? WHY DOES ST MARK'S NEED A MAP?

MAPs are important in a faith community (parish) because they:

- ensure mission discernment conversations actually take place.
- focus attention by articulating a shared understanding of a parish's sense of calling.
- align activities with the parish's vision and/or values.
- allow good stewardship of time, money, property and energy resources.
- ensure effort is put into concrete, detailed and measurable planning to enliven activities and projects: "fail to plan = plan to fail".
- mobilise people through nominated roles and accountabilities.
- add rigour in instances where strategic decisions need to be made about parish property assets and the involvement of the ACSQ Property Team.
- help parishes identify where they need assistance to fulfil their mission.

We are all invited and important participants in the development and living out of our Mission Action Plan. Look out for some questions that will appear in a future Pew Sheet where you will be able to respond and help shape our new MAP. Also, please do prayerfully consider being part of breakfast before and the VISIONING work on our MAP from 8am on Saturday 25 July. Remember Rev'd Lyn often says ...

**TEAMWORK
MAKES
THE DREAM
WORK**

Anglican
 Church
 St Mark's Clayfield

A MESSAGE FROM Rev'd David Adams

Julius and Ted (not their real names) were two boys who attended the after-hours school care where I worked in the early 2000s. They were well known for getting into trouble and lashing out at other kids.

I remember one holiday session when Ted ran into my room, tears rolling down his face. He was clutching his arm and screaming that another boy had bitten him. I tried not to overreact and took him for first aid. We began talking to the other boy, who, of course, denied it. Unfortunately for him, the evidence was still imprinted on Ted's arm; or so I thought, until the director stepped in and looked more closely.

There were teeth marks, but they were upside down. Ted had bitten his own arm, then run in crying and blaming the other child. I was none too impressed.

Julius was never so cunning, but on more than one occasion I was forced to chase him around the playground to catch him after a violent outburst.

I used to wonder how many chances we could offer these two boys. I questioned whether it was even worth allowing them to attend the centre.

One day, Julius came into the office and apologised, saying that he had "decided to stop doing naughty things" and that, "he wants to be a good boy now." To my utter surprise, he did. It was as if a switch had flipped, and he was a genuine angel from then on.

Regardless of Julius's new attitude, he could never take back the things he had done or repair the harm he had caused. Instead, we simply had to extend some grace and allow him the chance to change his ways. Without that grace, Julius may never have been able to make that change. It would have been tragic to lose a kid who became a wonderful, funny part of our community.

Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans that grace is a great gift with the potential to change lives. But grace is only the starting point. For grace to mean anything, it must be followed by transformation. God loves us as we are, because there is no way we could turn to Him in our own strength.

Grace is how God reaches us, but from there, we need to actively submit our lives in obedience to Him. Grace is the starting point for transformation.

Two boys were extended grace, and Julius managed to take that grace and change his life for the better. The last time I heard about Ted, he had been suspended after running through the playground trying to hit kids with a stick that he had smeared with poo.

Rev'd David Adams

FIRST READING Genesis 22.1-14

A reading from Genesis chapter 22 beginning at verse 1

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.

⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' ⁸ Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ¹² He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 13

A reading of Psalm 13 beginning at verse 1

¹ How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:

how long will you hide your face from me?

² **How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,**

and be so grieved in my heart day and night:

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:

lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴ **Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':**

lest my foes exult at my overthrow.

⁵ Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:

O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ **And I will make my song to the Lord:**

because he deals so bountifully with me.



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Winter Walking Group

Join Lyn and Stephen for a winter walk around our community in prayerful wondering of what God might be calling us to in Mission.

Saturday mornings at 7am

Over five weeks - Sat 20th June to Sat 18th July 2026

We will meet at the front of the church to start our walks.

Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle.



St Mark's Mission Action Planning



Save the Date

The Patsy & John Quayle

Bridge Day

Wednesday 2 September 10am

St Mark's Anglican Church, Clayfield

Enquiries: dosbaldiston@optusnet.com.au | 07 3862 2221

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Update for the Parish on the Rectory Development Project

Dear Community of St Mark's,

We would like to provide an update on the progress of the rectory development project.

We can now confirm that a Contract of Sale has been signed by all parties. We have also commenced the process of working towards a Rectory Build Contract. As mentioned in our last communication, it is anticipated that a new rectory will commence construction by September 2026 for anticipated completion by September 2027.

You may start to see some preparatory work occurring on the former rectory property. In particular there will need to be a re-setting of the tennis court fence along the east side which the property line cuts across. This will result in a slight narrowing of the space between the sideline of the court and the clearance to the fence. We are discussing with specialists around whether the tennis court will still be considered regulation and able to safely be hired out for use. We will keep you posted as this becomes clearer.

This is an important turning point for the parish that brings opportunity in how we might best invest within our parish in ways that live out God's mission. If you have any questions please speak with one of the Wardens or Rev'd Lyn for more information.

With God's peace,

Reverend Lyn and the St Mark's Wardens

SECOND READING Romans 6.12-23

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

chapter 6 beginning at verse 12

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Matthew 10.40-42

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
chapter 10 beginning at verse 40

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me
welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the
name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever wel-
comes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive
the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold wa-
ter to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you,
none of these will lose their reward.'

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

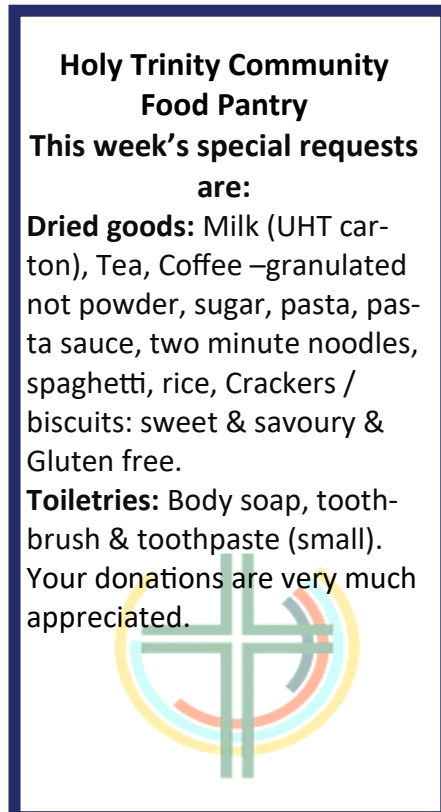


Worship on
WEDNESDAYS

Join us on
Wednesdays at 7am

Starting 1st July

**Alternating weeks between Eucharist,
and Morning Prayer w/ Bible study**



**Holy Trinity Community
Food Pantry**

**This week's special requests
are:**

Dried goods: Milk (UHT car-
ton), Tea, Coffee –granulated
not powder, sugar, pasta, pas-
ta sauce, two minute noodles,
spaghetti, rice, Crackers /
biscuits: sweet & savoury &
Gluten free.

Toiletries: Body soap, tooth-
brush & toothpaste (small).
Your donations are very much
appreciated.

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Are you or someone you know
*Interested in
Confirmation?*

We are accepting expressions of interest to
receive the rite of Confirmation from
Bishop Sarah when she visits on 13th December.

Please speak with Rev'd Lyn if you wish to
explore this important committment to faith.



**WORKING
BEE**

Working Bees at St Mark's are taking a new look!
We recognise that whilst our gardens are beautiful,
we need to use our working bees to maintain the rest
of the premises too (both inside and outside).

Our church leaders have walked around the grounds
and have a list of jobs that they will need assistance
with to action.

Please keep the morning of
Saturday 18th July
free and be ready to roll up your sleeves! The list will
be circulated in the weeks prior.
If you have any questions, please see
Rev'd Lyn or Robert.