

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!

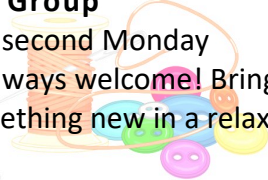
Our Parish member number is:

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:

Lynette Smith
Don Jowett
Sandria Suggit
Douglas Given
Rae Sale
Ellen Oxley
Cliff Watts
Edith Rasmus
Eric Hawkey
Bill Huxley



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Est. 1925 ~



Welcome!

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Pentecost 8
19 July 2026

*We come to worship God
in Word and Sacrament*

Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalms 86.15

Collect

Saving God,
in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into
your presence:
give us pure hearts
and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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	Roster Next Week
Readers	Elaine R & Brenda H	Brad G & Stephen L
Prayers	Malcolm L	Margaret R
LA	Grant C & Petrea M	Diana O
Deacon		David A
Welcomer	Dianne K	Jan J & Karen W
Off / Count	Peter K	Jan J & Karen W
Sound Room	Kym A	Di G
Morning Tea	Helen & Steven S	John R & Kirsty T

Sat 25 July: Visioning Day + Breakfast
Mon 27 July: 10am Sewing Group
Mon 10 Aug: 10am Sewing Group
Wed 12 Aug: EKKA Show Day PH—Office closed
Wed 12 Aug: 10.30am AVEO Service
Mon 17 Aug-Thu 20 Aug: Northern Region Clergy Conference
Mon 24 Aug: 10am Sewing Group
Sun 30 Aug: Winter's Last Hurrah Pudding Morning Tea
Wed 2 Sept: 10am The John & Patsy Quayle Bridge Day

DIARY DATES

WEDNESDAY:

7AM SERVICE

1ST, 3RD (&5TH) WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY:

8.30AM SERVICE HOLY COMMUNION with KIDS' SHURCH

SERVICE TIMES

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Winter's Last Hurrah!

On Sunday 30th August after the 8.30am service for morning tea in the hall.

Please come and share the festivities of plum pudding, custard cream and other winter warmers.

A gold coin donation would be appreciated and will go towards backpacks. All welcome

USED STAMPS

This is a friendly reminder for everyone to please save your used postage stamps for the Anglican Board Mission (ABM). The ABM collects and sells these stamps to stamp dealers to be used in 'mission mixture packs'. They can be left in the white container at the church entrance.

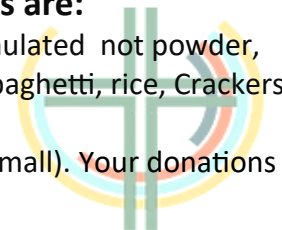


Holy Trinity Community Food Pantry

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.



A MESSAGE FROM Rev'd Lyn Kareta

This week, I found myself reflecting deeply on "God moments." I'll admit, the last couple of weeks have been a mixed bag. I've witnessed beautiful moments of God's glory shining into the world even with an 'aha' moment or two thrown in. Yet this has sat alongside a couple of experiences that have been challenging and even carrying some conflict. That is the reality of our human experience where we encounter both beauty and brokenness. Yet even in the midst of the challenges I reminded myself of the need to constantly look to God, to find quiet prayerful moments for bringing the hard stuff to God while giving thanks for the beautiful moments.

We continue in a section of Matthew's Gospel where Jesus shares parables for discerning and learning, and this week we hear the parable of the wheat and the weeds. Reflecting on this scripture has prompted me to think about the "God moments" we come across. These may be moments where we happen to come across knowledge that we need in answer to a question, or we might have a moment of divine-inspired clarity on a situation, or where we might have a chance meeting with another person in a meaningful and unexpected way that helps things to simply click into place. Sometimes these moments teach us something more about God, and perhaps teach us a lot about ourselves.

As people of faith, we strive to be like the wheat growing upward towards the sun, and we turn toward God to seek God's light, nourishment, and illumination of what is before us. Yet, in our flawed humanity, it is inevitable that we will sometimes feel stuck in the weeds. Turning constantly to God brings the reassurance of hope and love that helps to clear away the quagmire that weeds can create. I encourage you to look for God moments in your own life this week, especially when you may feel especially challenged. Even when you feel surrounded by weeds, consider how you can still continue to grow and bring forth the harvest that is God's mission here on earth as it is in heaven.

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

FIRST READING Genesis 28.10-19

A reading from Genesis chapter 28 beginning at verse 10

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139.1-11; 139.23-24

A reading of Psalm 139 beginning at verse 1

¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.

² **You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ **You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.

⁶ **Where shall I go from your spirit:
or where shall I flee from your presence?**

⁷ If I ascend into heaven you are there:
if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

⁸ **If I spread out my wings towards the morning:
or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

⁹ Even there your hand shall lead me:
and your right hand shall hold me.

¹⁰ **If I say 'Surely the darkness will cover me:
and the night will enclose me',**

¹¹ The darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is as clear as the day:
the darkness and the light are both alike.

²³ **Search me out, O God, and know my heart:
put me to the proof and know my thoughts.**

²⁴ Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me:
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

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A BRIDGE DAY AT ST MARK'S



To book a table

RSVP

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Donation: \$50.00

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support
St Mark's Anglican
Church missional work



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Clayfield

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You are invited to
**The John & Patsy
Quayle Bridge Day**
(mahjong & scrabble players are welcome)
at

St Mark's Church Hall
60 Bellevue Tce,
Clayfield, on
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Doors open from
9.30am for 10.00am
- please bring your own cards -

Mission Action Plan

Working Group

Join us for
VISIONING DAY

25 July 2026

8am Breakfast & Visioning until 12 Noon

HAVE YOUR SAY INTO THE MISSION ACTION PLAN (MAP) FOR ST MARK'S

Please pray and ponder over these questions. Your answers are needed. Write your responses and send them to the Parish Office via this email address admin@stmarksclayfield.org OR you can use the QR Code and submit your answers via the website.

We do want as many people as possible to respond so we have lots of responses to work with on our MAP Visioning Day on Saturday 25 July from 8am (Breakfast).

QUESTIONS

1. What's working well in the life of St Mark's Parish?

(What is good and we should do more of, or do better? What's really good, has positively moved us, and has built the Kingdom of God?)

2. Why do many of us drive some distance, past other churches, to be part of the St Mark's faith community?

(What is attractive? What drew you to St Mark's? What keeps you here?)

3. What is our greatest opportunity to have an impact on the Kingdom of God?

(Who are we being when we've felt the Holy Spirit moving amongst us? What have we done to build the Kingdom of God? What resources do we bring, and have as a parish, that presents us with great opportunity?)

4. As a Christian and worshipper at St Mark's, what most deeply motivates you? What stirs you towards deepening your faith at St Mark's? We are discerning our core values as a parish – What characterises everything we do as a parish?



SECOND READING Romans 8.12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans chapter 8 beginning at verse 12

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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GOSPEL READING Matthew 13.24-30; 13.36-43

**The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
chapter 13 beginning at verse 24**

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

²⁴ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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