

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:

Les Thompson
Erwin Spork
Syd Roberts
Agnes Greenfield
Lionel Roberts
Lillian Greenwood
Vivienne Sanders
Norm Steemson
Simon Moxon



CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

- ✓ Collect your cans and bottles
- ✓ Bring them to the Church hall
- ✓ We'll do the rest!

Or take directly to the Containers for Change centre on Collingwood Street, Albion. Parish Member number C10089230

All money raised goes directly to Church Missional Work

WEEKLY OFFERING

DIRECT DEPOSIT DETAILS

Bank: NAB
Account Name: St Mark's Clayfield
BSB 084-004
A/c 50-838-9619

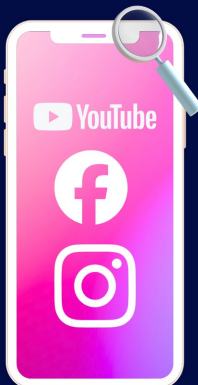


TENNIS COURT

You can book the tennis court online:
www.stmarksclayfield.org/facility-hire/tennis-court/



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Welcome!

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Pentecost 9
26 July 2026

*We come to worship God
in Word and Sacrament*

Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Sentence of the Day

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8.38–39

Collect

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives 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	Roster Next Week
Readers	Brad G & Stephen L	Sarah B Heather M
Prayers	Margaret R	Brenda H
LA	Derek M	Diana O & Petrea M
Deacon	David A	
Welcomer	Jan J & Karen W	Anne A & Elizabeth G
Off / Count	Jan J & Karen W	Heather & Peter M
Sound Room	Di G	Kym A
Morning Tea	John R & Kirsty T	John R & Kirsty T

Mon 27 July: 10am Sewing Group
Mon 10 Aug: 10am Sewing Group
Tue 11 Aug: 10.30am AVEO Service
Wed 12 Aug: EKKA Show Day PH—Office closed
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' CHURCH

SERVICE TIMES

NOTICES

ANGLICAN
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The Archbishop of Brisbane
The Most Reverend Jeremy Greaves KCSJ

The Archbishop is inviting expressions of interest from both ordained and lay people to serve as Commissioners on the newly established **Ministry Development Commission (MDC)**. The MDC will provide leadership in equipping, supporting and empowering people and communities for the flourishing of faith communities across our Diocese.

Applicants should consider the diversity and skills outlined in the *Diocesan Governance Canon Amendment Canon 2026*. Please ask <priest's or leader's name> for further information about the range of skills and experience being sought. A brief expression of interest and resume (or summary of relevant skills and experience) should be submitted by **3 August 2026** to Joanne Rose at: bsecretary@anglicanchurchsq.org.au. Please pray for this important work in the life of our Diocese.

Holy Trinity 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

At the time of writing this message preparations were underway for our Visioning Day on Saturday 25th July. So as I sit on this side of the Visioning Day I'm excited by the possibilities that it holds for the future of our parish. The response even before the day itself has been truly encouraging in seeing the passion that our community holds for our parish and for who we could be for God. This is only the first step however of a greater transformational movement for our parish community of St Mark's.

Jesus tells a parable this week that the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which when found brings great joy. What is hidden carries the potential for life-giving possibilities, and once found the potential is realised into transforming action and mission. The ideas we may each carry about who our parish is and what God is calling us to be, may at first be hidden yet through visioning together, the potential of a full and vibrant life-giving sense of ministry, mission, service and discipling may be revealed for how it will transform our church and community.

Whatever we learn anew about who God is calling us to be, I see the desire for change among us, even if that change is small, incremental and careful. We are being invited to realise our potential and I'm excited for all to be part of setting this new vision as we respond to how the Holy Spirit is moving within us.

I invite you to join me in this prayer...

Inspiring and transformational God,

We give thanks for all the potential that our parish of St Mark's holds as a result of the greatness of what has gone before. Be with us as we learn who you are calling us to be in this next season for St Mark's. Be with us as we discern how we might serve and love our local community. Be with us as we seek out the ways we will make disciples and live out your mission in the world. We ask this through your son our saviour Jesus and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen

God's peace be with you,

Rev'd Lyn

FIRST READING Genesis 29.15-28

A reading from Genesis chapter 29 beginning at verse 15

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?'

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' ¹⁹ Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.' ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?' ²⁶ Laban said, 'This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn.' ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.' ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105.1-11

A reading of Psalm 105 beginning at verse 1

¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name:
tell among the peoples what things he has done.

² **Sing to him, O sing praises:
and be telling of all his marvellous works.**

³ Exult in his holy name:
and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.

⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength:
O seek his face continually.**

⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done:
his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,

⁶ **O seed of Abraham his servant:
O children of Jacob his chosen one.**

⁷ For he is the Lord our God:
and his judgements are in all the earth.

⁸ **He has remembered his covenant for ever:
the word that he ordained for a thousand generations,**

⁹ The covenant that he made with Abraham:
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

¹⁰ **And confirmed it to Jacob as a statute:
to Israel as an everlasting covenant,**

¹¹ Saying 'I will give you the land of Canaan:
to be the portion of your inheritance'



NOTICES

Mission Action Plan Working Group

Thank you to those who joined us for
VISIONING DAY

What's Next?

Ever wondered what happens when we step outside our usual routine—and our usual pews? You're invited to join us for a **Wondering Walk** around the church grounds after the service on **Sunday 9th August.**

We'll take a relaxed stroll, look at our familiar space with fresh eyes, and imagine new possibilities together. No preparation needed—just bring your curiosity and an open mind.

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A BRIDGE DAY AT ST MARK'S



To book a table

RSVP

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Donation: \$50.00

All proceeds directly
support
St Mark's Anglican
Church missional work



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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 -

SECOND READING Romans 8.26.39

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans chapter 8 beginning at verse 26

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13.44-58

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
chapter 13 beginning at verse 44

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which some one found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵² And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.' ⁵³ When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. ⁵⁴ He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, 'Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power? ⁵⁵ Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶ And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?' ⁵⁷ And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.' ⁵⁸ And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

NOTICES

Open Call for Photographers, Writers and Artists

2026 Season of Creation Art and Photography Exhibition



Accepting Artworks to be displayed at
St John's Cathedral, Brisbane and online
throughout September to celebrate Season of Creation

Submit your creations by 6th August:

Artworks can be emailed, posted or delivered to Queensland Churches Together.

Please email admin@qct.org.au or call 07 3369 6792 to arrange delivery

Contact Craig Batty : 0414 744 558 OR Jackie Fewtrell: 07 3369 6792

