

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

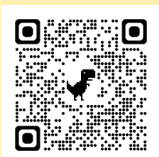
St Mark's craft group meets every second Monday (10am—midday). New faces are always welcome! Bring along your own work or learn something new in a relaxed and happy group.



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:

Marian Anderson
Bill Morgan
Margot Laurie
Alma Miller
James Howe
Keith Given
Robert Taylor
Robert Donaldson
Rita Templeman



THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF CLAYFIELD

~ Est. 1925 ~



Welcome!

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**Pentecost 6
5 July 2026**

*We come to worship God
in Word and Sacrament*

Today:

Presider: The Reverend Lyn Kareta

Preacher: The Reverend Gary Blundell

Sentence of the Day

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.' Matthew 11.28–29

Collect

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us
that what we do for the least of his brothers and sisters
we do also for him: give us the will to serve others
as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life and died
for us; yet 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	Rosemary S & Sarah B	Rod Mc
Prayers	Brenda H	Rev Lyn
LA	Petrea M & Diana O	Diana O
Deacon		David A
Welcomer	Anne A & Elizabeth G	Ashley & Robyn Owen
Off / Count	Karen W	Ashley & Robyn Owen
Sound Room	Kym A	Di G
Morning Tea	Dianne K, Sue R, Marina A	Elizabeth B & Jan J

Sat 11 July: 7am Winter Walks
Tue 14 July: 7pm Parish Council meeting
Sat 18 July: 7am Winter Walks
Sat 18 July: 8am Working Bee
Sat 25 July: Visioning Day + Breakfast
Mon 27 July: 10am Sewing Group
Wed 12 Aug: EKKA Show Day PH—Office closed
Wed 2 Sept: 10am The John & Patsy Quayle Bridge Day

DIARY DATES

WEDNESDAY:

7AM SERVICE

1ST, 3RD (& 5TH) WEDNESDAYS MORNING PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS EUCHARIST

SUNDAY:

8.30AM SERVICE

HOLY COMMUNION

SERVICE TIMES

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Society of the Sacred Advent

July Quiet Morning



Friday 17 July 2026, 9am - 12 noon

(coffee and tea available from 8.30am onwards)
 St Colomb's Anglican Church, 23 Victoria St Clayfield.

Welcome to our silent morning of praying with the icons. There will be a short introduction, then silence, concluding with a silent eucharist at 12 noon. All are welcome and there is no cost but please register for catering purposes.

Please note that this Quiet Morning will take the place of our regular Friday morning program. You are welcome to stay on afterwards for a simple lunch of soup and bread, or to bring your own meal and eat with us.

Register at g.moses@staidans.qld.edu.au

A MESSAGE FROM Rev'd Gary Blundell

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

I have noticed of late that when we go up to Lutwyche Shopping Centre of a morning to clear our P.O Box and buy the Courier Mail that it is not uncommon to see cars piled high with personal belongings. So also, if I come home late in the afternoon there are cars by the little park around the corner from our cottage with people [sometimes children] preparing to sleep in them for the night.

Yes, the stark reality of homelessness. I wonder what these needy souls must think when they hear that a ringside seat at the recent Boxing Match that was part of America's 250th Independence Celebrations at the White House cost \$1 million! Or when they read in the Q Weekend Magazine of a Saturday Courier Mail that one couple spent \$405,000 on their Wedding and Honeymoon! Or that the best Private Room in one of our Private Hospitals cost \$2,500 a night (basic) with optional extras!

Praise the Lord for Church and other Charities working with the Homeless. Each of us, in our own way, can help by supporting Anglicare; supporting our Pantry Offering Basket in the foyer of our Church and supporting our Parish's Backpack Ministry for vulnerable children who need to be placed in foster care.

Every act of kindness on our part counts. What was it that Mother Teresa of Calcutta said about her and her fellow Sisters' ministry to the poor of India?

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop!"

Yes, yours and my little acts of kindness and generosity may be just a drop but every drop counts—just reflect on what our Lord did with the young boy's loaves and fishes lunch!

With prayers,
Fr. Gary

FIRST READING Genesis 24.34-38,42-49,58-67

A reading from Genesis chapter 24 beginning at verse 34

³⁴ So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

⁴² 'I came today to the spring, and said, "O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! ⁴³ I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son." ⁴⁵ 'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms.

⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left. ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' ⁵⁹ So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. ⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, 'May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.' ⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. ⁶³ Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Hear the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45

A reading of Psalm 45 beginning at verse 10

¹⁰ Hear, O daughter, consider and incline your ear:

forget your own people and your father's house.

¹¹ **The king desires your beauty:**

he is your lord, therefore bow down before him.

¹² The richest among the people, O daughter of Tyre:
shall entreat your favour with gifts.

¹³ **The king's daughter is all glorious within:**

her clothing is embroidered cloth-of-gold.

¹⁴ In robes of many colours she is led to you, O king:
and, after her, the virgins that are with her.

¹⁵ **They are led with gladness and rejoicing:**
they enter the palace of the king.

¹⁶ In place of your fathers you shall have sons:
and make them princes over all the land.

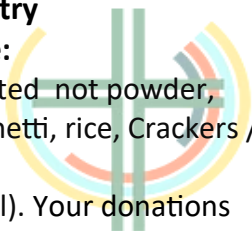
¹⁷ **And I will make known your name to every generation:**
therefore the peoples shall give you praise for ever.

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.



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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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Mission Action Plan Working Group

Keep this date

VISIONING DAY

25 July 2026
8am Breakfast & Visioning until 12 Noon

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.

SECOND READING Romans 7.14-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans chapter 7 beginning at verse 14

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. ¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



GOSPEL READING Matthew 11.15-19,25-30

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
chapter 11 beginning at verse 15

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁵ Let anyone with ears listen! ¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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

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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 commitment 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.