



ST CLEMENT'S ON THE HILL

Anglican Parish of Stafford

Sunday Eucharist - 8am - Join us in person or online

Thursday Eucharist - 10am - Join us in person

Sunday 14 April 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel passage for this Sunday Jesus appears to his disciples, and we are told that they were startled and terrified, as they thought they were seeing a ghost. Even if Jesus was a ghost, I am left to ponder why they would be afraid of seeing the ghost of their trusted leader and caring friend. Were they genuinely concerned to see Jesus again, or were they merely consumed by fear that too often comes with the unknown. Life



for many is full of unknowns and the future of the Church is no different. Communities of faith in our society have been in gradual decline for decades and, when we come face to face with that reality, we too can be overwhelmed by a multitude of emotions. As Jesus' disciples experienced this time of transition, they felt everything was lost, but what felt like the end, was actually the beginning of a new and exciting phase for the people of God. This weekend as a Parish we will be releasing a survey to further the conversation about how we move forward amid ongoing change for both our society and the church. It means facing the unknown, but doing so with confidence that God journeys with us. As a church community there will be familiar things we need to relinquish and new things we need to embrace. This survey is motivated by the reality that we are facing a significant deficit in our operating budget for this year. The projected expenditure for the Parish for the year is over \$200,000, that includes costs incurred employing a full time Rector, part time Administrator, ongoing cost related to the running of St Clement's site and activities, as well as nominal external giving. Unless giving significantly increases or alternate income is found, the Parish will end up coming face to face with a \$60,000 shortfall at the end year which will come out of our minimal reserves. If we keep going the way we are now, the Parish will not have the funds to operate throughout 2025. As we face that reality, I expect we all feel somewhat startled and terrified. It is a hard truth, but we must remember the Good News of the Gospel, we must remember that our God does not leave us alone. Having conversations about change opens the door for new and transformative opportunities. I invite you to approach this process with excitement rather than dread. Also, please join us in prayer, praying for both God's wisdom and blessing as we continue striving to be the people God has called us to be here at St Clement's on the Hill. God Bless, Rev Steven.



WORKING BEE
GARDENS, GROUNDS
& BUILDINGS
SATURDAY 27 APRIL 2024

Our Gardens & Grounds Working Bee will be held on Saturday 27 April, starting at 8am and followed by morning tea. Help keep our gardens & grounds looking good, and it's a great opportunity to fellowship with one another.

St Clement's Stall
at Stafford City
Thursday 23 May 2024

Please think about potting and crafting for our Stafford City Stall... to be held on Thursday 23 May.



Donations would be very much appreciated!



Pot Luck Dinner
Friday 26 April
6.30pm-8.00pm

We will be celebrating ANZAC Day!

On the last Friday of each month join us for dinner, everyone welcome. In the Lower hall from 6.30pm - 8.00pm, just bring some food to share – savoury or sweet - and socialise with your old or new friends!



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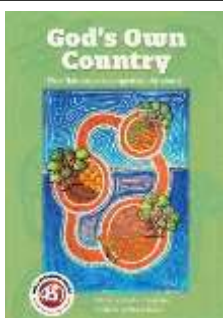


2024 Theme:
Reformation Today?
Book Launch
Fire and Faith
by Kristin Jack
Musicians: G and T

TODAY - 14 April 2024
3.40pm (doors open), 4.00pm
(music), 4.40pm (presentation)

The Raven Hotel
400 Montague Rd, West End

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THURSDAY
NIGHT STUDY

Commencing in May Rev Steven will be leading an ABM study on Thursday nights that explores how we listen to the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of faith, which is done by looking at the creation story. If you would like to participate, study book cost \$15 for a hard copy, \$5 for digital copy, please add your name to the list if you wish to order. Speak to Steven for more information.



Anyone for
Cards???

Come and join us at 12.30pm on **Tuesday 23 April** in St Clement's lower hall for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Cost \$3, includes lucky door and afternoon tea. Come alone or bring some friends - we teach beginners. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US!**
 Enquiries: Agnes 0421 667 999 or office@stclements.org.au



mainly music is a fun, interactive music session for young children (birth to school age) and their parents or caregivers, followed by morning tea

where Here in St Clement's, Lower Hall

when Wednesdays, 10.00am (during school terms)

cost \$5 per child / \$8 per family

more info For more information or to register, please contact Carol: 3356 4300 (Tues-Fri) or email:

office@stclements.org.au



THANK YOU

RIDE ON MOWER APPEAL – Thank you for your support, our goal has been reached and the mower is now on order.

MOWING ROSTER - THANKS to Matt Curnow & Paul Longman for volunteering for the APRIL St Clements church mowing roster.

PRODUCE STALL – Thank you for your support – Sunday 7/4 raised \$171.50



BRISBANE APOLLO MALE CHOIR

Invites you to their 140th Anniversary Celebration Charity Concert on Saturday 20 April at 2pm. Cost is \$20 and tickets are available at the door or can be pre purchased at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1187399>

HOLY COMMUNION ... YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

Here at St Clement's the sacrament of Holy Communion, along with the Word of God, is central to our worship and an invitation to receive Holy Communion is extended to all who attend.

Gluten Free - If you require a gluten-free wafer at communion, please simply ask the priest during communion.

Blessing - If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate by keeping your hands by your side.

Health and Safety - If you have had a cold/virus over the past week we ask that you receive Holy Communion in one kind; that is the bread and not the wine. Taking the chalice is optional. Please note that intinction (dipping the bread) is not permitted as it is a health risk; it also introduces gluten to the wine, which is a further health risk to those who have a gluten allergy.

STAFFORD PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

St Clement's on the Hill - 2 Eudunda Street, Stafford Qld 4053

Parish Office Hours - Tuesday and Wednesday - 9am to 12 noon
Thursday and Friday 9am to 4pm

Phone - 3356 4300 **Email** - office@stclements.org.au

Website - stclements.org.au **Social Media** - facebook.com/stclementsonthehill

Parish Priest - The Rev'd Steven Schwarzrock - 0427 227 322
Steven.Schwarzrock@anglicanchurchsq.org.au

Assisting Priest - The Rev'd Lee Gauld - 0415 150 358

Honorary Deacon - The Rev'd Leisha Rule - 3269 6780

Churchwardens - Norm Hart - 0458 010 949
Agnes Elkenhans - 3356 4300 (office); 3359 7956 (home)
Margaret Riddle - 0427 450 952

Parish Administrator - Carol Defries - 3356 4300 (office); 0401 238 935

Safeguarding - Anglican Church SQ is committed to the safeguarding and care of everyone within our community. For more information on our policies or to make a complaint please visit anglicanchurchsq.org.au

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT ... OFFERTORY COLLECTION

We will not be moving among the congregation to collect your offering during this service. You are invited to make your offering electronically using the account details below, by scanning the QR code or by credit card using the Tap Point Machine near the door. Alternatively, you may place your offering in one of the offertory bowls located at the front entry.



ONLINE GIVING - Parish of Stafford - BSB 704-901 - Account 00000770

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT ST CLEMENT'S ON THE HILL

Sunday Eucharist with Kid's Word - Join us in person or online at 8am every Sunday.

Online worship is available every Sunday at 8am via YouTube and Facebook.

YouTube Link - <https://www.youtube.com/@stclementsonthehill>

Kids' Word - Operates every Sunday at 8am and all children are welcome.

Men's Shed - Each Monday & Friday from 8am to 12pm.

Cards - Fourth Tuesday of each month at 12.30pm.

mainly music - Each Wednesday during school terms at 10am.

AMUA Branch - Second Thursday of each month at 10am.

Brisbane North Cancer Support Group - First Friday of each month at 10am.

Pot Luck Dinner - Last Friday of each month from 6.30pm to 8pm.

Bushwalking Group - Second Saturday of each month.

Working Bee - Fourth Saturday of each month at 8am.