



# 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 17 March 2024 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

### PARISH NOTICES

**LENTEN STUDIES** – Continue this week on Tuesday at 10am and Thursday at 6.30pm.

**WORKING BEE** - Saturday 23 March at 8am. Please come and join us.

**WAVE OF PRAYER** - AMUA Stafford Branch will hold a prayer service praying for Mothers Union around the world in the Chapel on Monday 25 March at 9am.

**CHRISM EUCHARIST** - The Annual Chrism Eucharist will be held in St John's Cathedral, on Tuesday 26 March at 7pm.

**LADY DAY** - You are invited to attend the St John's Cathedral on Wednesday 27 March at 10am to celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary (preceded by Morning Tea).

### PARISH NEEDS NEW RIDE ON MOWER

Our current ride on mower has been declared beyond repair and Parish Council has agreed we need to purchase a new one which will cost \$3,000. We are asking if 30 parishioners would be willing to donate \$100 each to fund this purchase.

**WELL DONE ST CLEMENT'S!** Our neighbouring All Saints Anglican Church have again expressed their sincere THANKS for nearly 3 huge full boxes of groceries delivered last week to the Parish Pantry there, helping all of us to serve the growing needs of our local Community. This was our biggest response so far to this important area of mission in reaching out to those doing it extra tough in these difficult times. Next month will see another generous donation to our friends at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Fortitude Valley.



### EASTER SERVICES AT ST CLEMENT'S

#### Maundy Thursday: 28th March

Please Note: There is NO 10am service.

7pm - Holy Eucharist with Washing of Feet, Stripping of the Sanctuary, followed by The Watch. Please place your name on the list if you can participate in The Watch.

#### Good Friday: 29th March

9am - Good Friday Service

#### Holy Saturday: 30th April

7pm - Easter Vigil with the Service of New Light and Holy Eucharist, followed by a shared supper.

#### Easter Sunday: 31st March

8.00am - Sung Eucharist followed by morning tea.

### EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Parishioners and visitors are invited to join us for drinks and nibbles following our 7pm Easter Eve service on **Saturday 30 March**. Please bring a plate of food to share. **Everyone is welcome.**



### Palm Cross and Decorating



**PALM CROSSES** - Come along and help make "palm crosses" for the Palm Sunday service. No artistic talent required. We'll meet in the Parish Office, **Saturday 23 March** at 1.30pm. Come and enjoy the fellowship and afternoon tea!

**DECORATING** – Come along and help decorate the church for Palm Sunday on **Saturday 23 March** at 8am.

# **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - YEAR B**

## **A reading from Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear the word of the Lord... **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **Psalm 119:9-16**

- 9 How shall the young keep their path pure:  
unless they hold to your word?
- 10 I have sought you with my whole heart:  
let me not stray from your commandments.
- 11 I have treasured your words in my heart:  
that I might not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, Lord God:  
O teach me your statutes.
- 13 With my lips I have been telling:  
all the judgements of your mouth;
- 14 And I find more joy in the way of your commands:  
than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your precepts:  
and give heed to your ways;
- 16 For my delight is wholly in your statutes:  
and I will not forget your word.

## **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 12:20-33**

### **GLORY TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. <sup>27</sup>'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord... **PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**

## **READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-18; Mark 14:1 – 15:27

## FOR OUR PRAYERS ...

**SKCT CYCLE OF PRAYER** - In our Stafford Kedron Churches Together Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St Paul's Uniting Church, Stafford.

**IN OUR PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER** - we pray especially for our Men's Shed Ministry and our outreach to men in the community.

**THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS** – Chukwuka Obijiofor, John Brady, Malcolm Francké, Lesley Ridings and Val Cocksedge.

**THOSE IN NEED WHO HAVE REQUESTED PRAYER** - Lynette, Gemma, Lyman Gillies, Lesley Ridings, Vicky Meredith, Wendy Newman, Mark, Catherine, Judith Cassells, Ivy Pickering, Rev'd Jack Hammer, Tony Pearson, Claire Smith, Maria, David Haidley, Val Cocksedge, Bill Pratten and Anne Grimmer.

### Parish Council Report

Parish Council met on 13 March. After opening with a prayer and an acknowledgement of country, Councillors reflected on the question, ***“Which Holy Week/Easter service holds the most significance for you and why?”*** All services were mentioned with three Councillors opting to mention more than one significant service.

Father Steven reported on the Lenten Study groups, noting there were 18 participants. He provided a schedule of Parish and Diocesan services in the lead up to Easter. He foreshadowed his attendance at a conference on Sunday 26 May.

The Executive tabled a summary of their second meeting. A giving and attendance comparison tabled at that meeting was shared with Parish Council. The comparative data from 2016 to 2023 indicate parishioners have increased their giving, disproportionately as numbers attending church have fallen through COVID and beyond, from \$14.19 to \$30.57 on average. A “Flourishing Future” survey developed by the executive to engage parishioners in ownership of the strategies we will implement to ensure vibrant sustainability was endorsed by Parish Council. It will be introduced and distributed soon after Easter.

Treasurer, Agnes Elkenhans, presented the financial statements for February which again display a small deficit.

Activities of Mission Action Teams were reported and the Fundraising Calendar for 2024 was endorsed. Gratitude was expressed for the Produce Stall, a weekly fundraiser, for the service it provides as well as the contribution Susanne and other volunteers make to our bottom line.

General Business included,

- A proposed Hymn Festival later in the year.
- A meeting with the Ithaca-Ashgrove Thrift Shop to discuss possible shared operations.
- Diocesan Discussion Paper on the Meaning of Elector. Copies available on the table.
- Working Bees will be held on consecutive Saturdays to prepare for Palm and Easter Sundays.
- Decision to purchase a new ride-on -mower.



### St Clements Bushwalkers

St Clements Bushwalkers outing to GAP CREEK FALLS at Cunningham's Gap on SATURDAY 13 APRIL is an 'authentic' 9km + engagement with rainforest, a waterfall and expansive views of the Fassifern Valley. Details to come in a later notice and mailout. Contact David and Nerida Murray on 0430 122 453. This is a full day outing for the keen bushwalker.

## **STAFFORD PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

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Thursday and Friday 9am to 4pm

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## **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/watch?v=ekk5KuTc7jc>

**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.