



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 28 April 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

“What does it mean for the church to live as the branches of Christ, the vine? What would “church” look like if it embraced this model for its corporate life?” The image of the sturdy vine that continues to thrive beyond all challenges that come against it can be a helpful one for the church. The branches, the people individually, congregations, or even denominations, cannot continue to grow and to thrive within the Body of Christ unless they hold closely to the teachings of Christ. If that were the case, what the wider church would look like in its corporate life is a representation of all people with all their differences and a true image of diversity. The guiding principle by which all would be transformed into the image of Christ is boundless love of God and neighbour. Each of us is called to receive Christ as Lord and once we have made that initial declaration, we are called to take our leading and our sustenance from Christ who is the vine. But our responsibility does not stop there. Bearing fruit means engaging for ourselves as individuals and as the church in those activities and tasks that recognise and invest in the goodness of God’s love by spreading that love to the neighbour whom we are called to love. The specifics of bearing fruit are left to the community as a whole and to each individual who receives the nurture that both Christ and the community provide. Each and all must come to the realisation that we are not self-made. Yes we are individuals, but as Christians the individualism so admired by the world must take a back seat to the reality that all that we are and have are as a result of the abiding grace of God.



FLOURISHING FUTURE SURVEY

Please remember to complete your survey and return by Sunday 12 May, they can be returned to the red box on the table at the back of church or by email to the address on the form. If you need another copy, they are available from the back of the church or can be downloaded from <https://www.stclements.org.au/survey> . If you have any questions about the survey, please speak to Rev Steven or any member of Parish Council. This survey is designed to be a conversation starter, the results will be circulated to the whole Parish and be used to direct work of Parish Council.

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!



LITURGICAL ROSTER

The next roster will be released on 19th May 2024 will be for June - August 2024. Please let Rod Mather (music@mather.co) know before Wednesday 15th May 2024 of any dates that you DO NOT want to be rostered. Thank You.

PRODUCE STALL – Thank you for your support – our Sunday 21/4 stall raised \$218.70.



theology on tap

2024 THEME:
REFORMATION TODAY?

Joy, failure, melancholy:
Learning from queer theology

Speaker: Dr Janice McRandal

SUNDAY, 5 MAY 2024

doors open: 3.40pm, music begins
4.00pm, presentation begins 4.40pm

Venue: THE RAVEN HOTEL,
400 Montague Road, West End

<https://theologyontapbrisbane.wordpress.com/>

COME SHARE THE WORD
@KIDS WORD!
8am Sundays



KIDS OF ALL AGES WELCOME TO MAKE, PLAY & PRAY!

BED LINEN & DOONAS

Dr Ann Solari is seeking bed linen and doonas for the St John's Cathedral Homeless Project for the coming winter months. Items are being collected at our Cancer Support Group Meetings - 3 May & 7 June - or can be brought to the parish office. Thank you.

St Clement's Bushwalkers'

outing on Saturday 11 May to Mt Mee /
D'Aguilar Range..... **SOMERSET CIRCUIT
Trail plus shorter optional walks on offer**

This is a 13km circuit walk regarded as one of the best walks in the greater Brisbane area starting out from 'the Gantry' on Sellin Road, a reminder of the logging industry in the past. Walkers are rewarded with a great mixture of open eucalypt forests, some pine forests and pockets of rainforest and water holes and then a halfway lunch stop featuring a wonderful view of Somerset and Wivenhoe Dams. This is a 4 hour trail requiring a moderate level of fitness over a gradual incline though no steep slopes. For those with a limited ability, a shorter 30 min walk through Piccabeen Palms is on offer plus an optional short drive down to Bulls Falls.



Car pooling is recommended and drivers from Stafford should allow a minimum of 1 hour to travel to Mount Mee via Dayboro. This is a very pretty drive all the way up to the L.H. turn off onto Sellin Road and then a 5km drive down to the National Park and car park area opposite the Gantry. Please arrive by 9.00am for morning tea and a briefing before setting off on our walks. Also wear good walking boots/shoes, a hat, sunscreen and insect repellent (can be leeches in the forest) and bring water, morning tea, lunch, rain jacket and light jumper.

Registration form will be on the church back table or register online at davidandnerida@bigpond.com or text to David on 0430 122 453. Please indicate if you are doing the Somerset Trail walk OR electing to do the shorter walk options. Those choosing the latter could stay on to enjoy their social get together or choose to return home before the 4 hour trail walkers return.

Brisbane North Cancer Support Group

- ≈ Everyone is welcome, whether patient, family member or friend.
- ≈ We offer each other positive social and emotional support as an essential supplement to medical care.
- ≈ **Our next meeting will be held on Friday 3rd May, at 10.00am in St Clement's Lower Hall.**
- ≈ Our guest speaker in May will be Cameron Fleet – Podiatrist.
- ≈ We provide a delicious morning tea, a listening ear, and our services are offered to everyone FREE of charge.
- ≈ For further information please contact:
Nerida – 0411 052 292 or
Susanne – 0401 963 221.



Reflective morning

We invite all in the parish to come to hear Charles Ringma speak on the theme:

In the footsteps of Simeon and Anna (Luke 2: 22-38): a spirituality of hope in a time of ageing and waiting.

St Clement's hall, Stafford - Thursday 9th May - following the 10am Eucharist.

Charles Ringma is a Franciscan tertiary, an urban and cross-cultural worker, an academic, and a writer.

Thirty of his books are in print. And he has taught in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and South-East Asia, including Myanmar.

Read Luke 2:22-38 in preparation for the meeting, and we are encouraged to bring a journal or just paper and pencils and paints.



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 especially pray for inter-church action, support and shared ministry of the Churches of the Stafford/Kedron area.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS – Charlize Vallely, Alexandra Amankwah, Rose Mowat, Brenda Vallely and Helen McManus.

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, Anne Grimmer, Beverley Dick and Gail Smith.

PRAYER FOR GROWTH - We trust in Your goodness and faithfulness, Lord, and we believe that You have great things in store for our church. We commit ourselves and our church into Your hands and ask for Your blessing and guidance as we seek to grow Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

REGIONAL BISHOP – Reverend Canon Sarah Plowman as she prepares for her ordination as a Bishop and her role as our new Regional Bishop.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

A reading from Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.)
²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'
³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

Psalm 22:26-32

²⁶ From you springs my praise in the great congregation:
I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;
²⁷ The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied:
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—
may their hearts rejoice for ever!
²⁸ Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord:
and let all the families of the nations worship before him.
²⁹ For the kingdom is the Lord's:
and he shall be ruler over the nations.
³⁰ How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage:
or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?
³¹ But he has saved my life for himself:
and my posterity shall serve him.
³² This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation:
and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

A reading from 1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 15:1-8

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord... **ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA**

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-12; John 15:9-17