

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona
St Clement's Altona Meadows
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi



*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

20th June 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30am Holy Eucharist with Confirmation, St Eanswythe's

Presider and Preacher: Bishop Kate Prowd

Wominjeka :: Haere mai
Welcome



Confirmation:

Neona Kennett
Sajad (Sash) Sedighian
Kristy Shadbolt

Reception into the Anglican Communion:

Richard Hallett

A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are with us for the first time or visiting from elsewhere.

This booklet contains the full order of service: please join in the parts printed in bold type.

Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boonwurrung clan, part of the greater Kulin nation. We recognise and honour the Indigenous custodians of this land over countless generations, and we pay our respects to their elders, past and present. We commit ourselves to the path of reconciliation, justice and healing (including to Pay The Rent to local First Nations people).

Gathering in God's name

We meet in God's name, as God's people – children of God in all our rich diversity, with all that we carry from the complexity of our lives.

We turn to God in praise and prayer; this includes recalling all that has separated us from God, and claiming the love and forgiveness that is always held out to us.

The Collect then 'collects' these prayers and turns our attention towards the Bible readings which will follow.

HYMN

Holy Spirit, come confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come console us,
come as advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come renew us,
come yourself to make us live:
holy, through your loving presence,
holy, through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

There is one body and one Spirit;
there is one hope in God's call to us.
One Lord, one faith, one Baptism,
one God and Father of all.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

E te whānau a te Karaiti, i te mea kua hara tātou,
whakatata mai ki te hohou i te rongo.

(Family of Christ, because we have missed the mark, come closer to receive forgiveness.)

A pause for reflection

Lord God, you created this world, and made us in your own image.
Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, through your Son you overcame evil and death.
Rescue us from slavery to sin.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, by your Spirit, you restore us to fellowship
with you and with one another.

Breathe your love and freedom into our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The bishop says

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

O God our defender,
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid:
rescue your people from despair,
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,
and preserve us all from unbelief;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

The readings come from different parts of the Bible: different perspectives on the great story of God's presence and purpose among us. In the psalm we respond with the ancient words of prayer of God's people.

The sermon adds to our own reflections on the readings, and then we respond by affirming the faith as handed to us from previous generations.

We bring our prayers for the world and the Church, trusting that all things and all people are in God's hands.

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel

[A champion named Goliath from Gath came out from the Philistine camp. He was more than nine feet tall. He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore bronze scale-armour weighing one hundred twenty-five pounds. He had bronze plates on his shins, and a bronze scimitar hung on his back. His spear shaft was as strong as the bar on a weaver's loom, and its iron head weighed fifteen pounds. His shield-bearer walked in front of him.

He stopped and shouted to the Israelite troops, "Why have you come and taken up battle formations? I am the Philistine champion, and you are Saul's servants. Isn't that right? Select one of your men, and let him come down against me. If he is able to fight me and kill me, then we will become your slaves, but if I overcome him and kill him, then you will become our slaves and you will serve us. I insult Israel's troops today!" The Philistine continued, "Give me an opponent, and we'll fight!" When Saul and all Israel heard what the Philistine said, they were distressed and terrified.]

...
"Don't let anyone lose courage because of this Philistine!" David told Saul. "I, your servant, will go out and fight him!"

"You can't go out and fight this Philistine," Saul answered David. "You are still a boy. But he's been a warrior since he was a boy!"

"Your servant has kept his father's sheep," David replied to Saul, "and if ever a lion or a bear came and carried off one of the flock, I would go after it, strike it, and rescue the animal from its mouth. If it turned on me, I would grab it at its jaw, strike it,

and kill it. Your servant has fought both lions and bears. This uncircumcised Philistine will be just like one of them because he has insulted the army of the living God.

“The Lord,” David added, “who rescued me from the power of both lions and bears, will rescue me from the power of this Philistine.”

“Go!” Saul replied to David. “And may the Lord be with you!”

Then Saul dressed David in his own gear, putting a coat of armour on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David strapped his sword on over the armour, but he couldn’t walk around well because he’d never tried it before. “I can’t walk in this,” David told Saul, “because I’ve never tried it before.” So he took them off. He then grabbed his staff and chose five smooth stones from the streambed. He put them in the pocket of his shepherd’s bag and with sling in hand went out to the Philistine.

The Philistine got closer and closer to David, and his shield-bearer was in front of him. When the Philistine looked David over, he sneered at David because he was just a boy; reddish brown and good-looking.

The Philistine asked David, “Am I some sort of dog that you come at me with sticks?” And he cursed David by his gods. “Come here,” he said to David, “and I’ll feed your flesh to the wild birds and the wild animals!”

But David told the Philistine, “You are coming against me with sword, spear, and scimitar, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of heavenly forces, the God of Israel’s army, the one you’ve insulted. Today the Lord will hand you over to me. I will strike you down and cut off your head! Today I will feed your dead body and the dead bodies of the entire Philistine camp to the wild birds and the wild animals. Then the whole world will know that there is a God on Israel’s side. And all those gathered here will know that the Lord doesn’t save by means of sword and spear. The Lord owns this war, and he will hand all of you over to us.”

The Philistine got up and moved closer to attack David, and David ran quickly to the front line to face him. David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone. He slung it, and it hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone penetrated his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

(17.4-11, 32-49; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The Lord is a strong tower to those that are oppressed: he is a tower of strength in time of need.

All who heed your name will trust in you: for you have never forsaken those that seek you.

O sing praises to the Lord who dwells in Zion: tell among the peoples what great things he has done.

For he that avenges blood has remembered the poor: he has not forgotten their cry.

The Lord has been merciful toward me, he saw what I suffered from my foes: he raised me up again from the gates of death,

That I might tell all your praises in the gates of Zion: that I might rejoice in your deliverance.

The nations have sunk into the pit they dug for others: in the very snare they laid is their foot taken;

The Lord has declared himself and upheld the right: the wicked are trapped in the work of their own hands.

The wicked shall be given over to death: and all the nations that forget God.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten: nor shall the hope of the poor perish for ever.

Arise, Lord, let no human power prevail: let the nations be judged before you.

Put them in fear, O Lord: and let the nations know they are but human.

(9.9-20)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Later that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." They left the crowd and took him in the boat just as he was. Other boats followed along.

Gale-force winds arose, and waves crashed against the boat so that the boat was swamped. But Jesus was in the rear of the boat, sleeping on a pillow. They woke him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're drowning?"

He got up and gave orders to the wind, and he said to the lake, "Silence! Be still!" The wind settled down and there was a great calm. Jesus asked them, "Why are you frightened? Don't you have faith yet?"

Overcome with awe, they said to each other, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

(4.35-41; CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Confirmation

At confirmation the bishop represents the wider Church, before whom the candidates' baptism is confirmed as they affirm their faith and identity in Christ. It is a sacramental strengthening by the Holy Spirit for ongoing Christian life, and so therefore becomes a commissioning for Christian service and witness in the world.

THE PRESENTATION

The bishop invites the sponsors to present the candidates.

We welcome those who have come to be confirmed. Some of you were baptised as infants or young children. You will now affirm for yourselves the promises made on your behalf at your baptism. Some others of you have more recently been baptised, making your promises in your own name. You will reaffirm these promises with us today.

We will pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen all of you.

I invite the sponsors to present the candidates now.

The sponsors answer

We present N who comes to be confirmed.

THE DECISION

The bishop says to those who are to be confirmed

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I, N, turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

The bishop says

Will you each, by God's grace, strive to live your whole life as a disciple of Christ, loving God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

The bishop says to the congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters renew their response to Christ.
Will you support them?

The congregation answers

We will.

The minister says

Let us pray for those who are to be confirmed.

Merciful God, deliver them from all evil that they may walk in the way of truth and life;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Open their hearts by the Holy Spirit to your grace and truth;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send them into the world to witness to your love and justice;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring them and us all into the fullness of your peace and glory;

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

The bishop says to the candidates

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The bishop says to the congregation
This is the faith of the Church.

The congregation responds
**This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

The bishop says
Our help is in the name of the Lord
who made heaven and earth.
Blessed be the name of the Lord
now, and for ever. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God,
you have given your servants
new birth by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them their sins.
Strengthen them, we pray, with the Holy Spirit
that they may grow in grace.
Increase in them the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of discernment and inner strength,
the spirit of knowledge and true godliness,
and fill them with wonder and awe at your presence,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Those who are to be confirmed kneel before the bishop, who lays a hand upon each of them saying
Strengthen, Lord, your servant N with your Holy Spirit.
Empower and sustain him/her for your service.
And each of them answers with the congregation
Amen.

When all the candidates have been confirmed, the congregation joins with the bishop in praying
**Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more
until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.**

RECEPTION INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

The candidate is presented to the bishop.

Richard Hallett has already been baptised and has formerly been a communicant member of the Roman Catholic Church. He now asks to be received into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and seeks our prayers in the fellowship of this parish.

The bishop says to the candidate

Do you stand by the Christian confession and commitment made at your baptism?

I do.

Do you desire to be admitted into communicant membership of the Anglican Church of Australia and accept her doctrine and order?

I do.

The bishop welcomes the person in these words, taking him by the hand

We recognise you as a baptised and communicant member of the Christian Church.

The congregation responds

We receive and welcome you into the communion of the Anglican Church.

The bishop says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of wisdom and love,

source of all good,

by your Holy Spirit strengthen your servant Richard

and guide him in your way of peace and love.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candidate kneels and the bishop lays hands on the candidate's head, saying

Richard, may the Holy Spirit direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom in the fellowship of this Church.

God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless, preserve and keep you.

Amen.

AFTER THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Almighty and everliving God, watch over these your servants upon whom we have now laid our hands. Let your Holy Spirit always be with them and lead them to know and obey your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

In baptism, God has made us one in Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Everyone is invited to turn to those around, and offer a greeting of peace from where you stand. Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the basket/box provided.

Celebrating at the Lord's table

Our offerings of money and groceries remind us that we are called to participate with our lives and livelihoods in the coming of God's kingdom of justice, healing and peace.

In the Great Thanksgiving, the bishop voices the prayer of the whole assembly, recalling the mighty acts of God, Jesus' saving death and resurrection, and his last meal with his friends. The prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to make Christ present in our sharing of bread and wine, and to remake us as Christ's body in the world. We respond with the Lord's Prayer, as the crucified and risen Jesus prays anew through us.

Our sharing is a gift of grace, a communion with Jesus and with each other. There is a place here for each and every person.

HYMN

1. Whakarongo ki te kupu,
no ko mai, no Kawari;
Motu ke nga pukepuke,
koara pu te ao katoa.

*Oti rawa, oti rawa,
tana whakaoranga. (x2)*

3. Oti rawa! Ae te hari,
o te kupu ora nei;
Tini aua pai a Ihu,
tenei ra te puta nei.

*Oti rawa! Oti rawa!
Tenei ki maharatia. (x2)*

2. What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear,
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer:
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

4. Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

(last verse overleaf)

5. Tena, e nga Herepima,
tatou nei ka waiata,
ki a Ihu, te Ariki,
o te rangi, o te ao.
Hareruia! Hareruia!
Mona i kohurutia. (x2)

English words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1819-86 alt

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The bishop prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God. All join in affirming:

Blessing and honour and glory and power

are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Our Father in heaven

Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.

Sacred be your name.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

May your chiefly rule come

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

May it happen as seems good to you

ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

on earth as it is in heaven.

Hōmai ki a mātou āiane he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.

Give us now our bread for this day.

Murua ō mātou hara,

Cancel our sins

Me mātou hoki e muru nei i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

as we also cancel now those of the people who sin against us.

Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;

Do not let us be led into enticement,

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

But make us have life out of evil.

Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,

Yours also the chiefly rule, the strength,

me te korōria,

and the glory.

Āke āke āke. Āmine.

Ever and ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread and says

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing: please come forward as indicated and stand at one of the places marked in white. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion, please indicate when the priest comes to you.

During this time of coronavirus restrictions, only the communion bread will be shared; the communion wine will be received by one on behalf of all.

Going into the world

The Eucharist is food for the journey of faith, whatever awaits us as we go out to the rest of our lives. We have been renewed, transformed, and blessed: now we take that blessing to share with others, in our words and actions, our hearts and lives.

'The Eucharist never ends — it must be lived.'

NOTICES

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in baptism you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and his blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the body of Christ.

**Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

HYMN

All my hope on God is founded;
all my trust he will renew,
through all change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray our trust;
all we build with care and labour,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness lasts for ever,
deep his wisdom, passing thought;
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springing out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily the almighty giver
will his bounteous gifts bestow;
in his will our souls find pleasure,
leading us where'er we go.
Love will stand
at his hand,
joy shall wait for his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Hear Christ call
one and all:
those who follow shall not fall.

*Words: Robert Bridges (1844-1930) alt.
after Joachim Neander (1650-80)*

COMMISSIONING OF ALL THE BAPTISED

The bishop says

All who have been baptised and confirmed are called to study the Bible, to take part in the life of the Church, to share in the Holy Communion, and to pray faithfully and regularly.

We are called to share with others, by word and example, the love of Christ and his gospel of reconciliation and hope.

We are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, to honour all people and to pray and work for peace and justice.

I invite all of you to commit yourselves anew to this calling.

We will gladly do so, in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; give honour to all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEEK

praying together and at home

READINGS

Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings beforehand.

Some things to notice might be:

Is anything here particularly relevant to my situation at this time?

Is there anything here that doesn't immediately make sense to me?

What comes just before and just after this section of the Bible?

Does this remind me of something elsewhere in the Bible?

Readings for midweek Eucharists

Wednesday 23 June: Exodus 3.16-4.5; Psalm 130; Matthew 7.6-12

Thursday 24 June (Birth of John the Baptist): Isaiah 49.1-6; Psalm 139.1-11;
Acts 13.22-26; Luke 1.57-66, 80

Readings for next Sunday: 27 June (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

1 Samuel 1.1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43

DAILY PRAYER

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are shared at Eanswythe's on Monday (5pm), Tuesday (9am), Wednesday (8am and 5pm), Thursday and Friday (9am).

For our prayers:

The world and nation: For the decisive action needed to slow global warming.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Malawi and Zambia. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Rockhampton.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Upper Yarra Parish.

Our parish & community:

For those being confirmed and received into the Anglican Church today: Daniel, Grace, Khouroush, Kristy, Ladonna, Maryam, Neona, Sash (for confirmation), and Richard (for reception).

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

Particular current prayers: Hannah, Jemma, Kay, Elly, Vicky.

The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently: Marlene Brikkels, Lorraine Moore.

Year's mind: Jack Copeland (21), Jean Wallace (21), Rachel Davies (22), David Hocking (24), Russell Andrew (24), Harry Harradence (26).

Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer through the week): Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Belinda, Joseph, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Tanatha, Faye, Gustavo, Peter, Olivia, Patricia, Nancy.

To add names to the prayer list, either those needing prayers now (with their agreement) or those to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please send details to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au or give to one of the clergy.



SHARING THE PATH OF FAITH

reflections from the clergy and our parish community

Dear friends,

In preparation for today's confirmation services, I have been writing all the details in the parish confirmation registers, ready for Bishop Kate's signature. Looking back through the names in these registers (including some of you who are still part of our parish), one is reminded that each entry marks an important moment for that person's journey of faith. Each of these people has stood at the front of the church and affirmed the baptismal promise: "I turn to Christ."

Many more of you would have your names recorded in the baptism and confirmation registers of another parish: perhaps somewhere nearby, or perhaps in a church on the other side of the world. Today is a good opportunity to recall that moment in your life: What do you remember of your confirmation (and perhaps of your baptism too)? What was the story that brought you to those moments, the path towards your own affirmation of turning to Christ? And what can you notice and say about your journey of faith *since* that moment—what has God been changing and deepening and reshaping in you?

At the end of our confirmation service today we are all reminded of the shape of Christian life, and together we are invited to reaffirm our commitment to that life. In the confirmation liturgies of Anglican churches in some other parts of the world, this is expressed as a series of five questions:

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people, loving your neighbour as yourself?

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by prayer for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

To each of these questions, the candidates respond: *With the help of God, I will.*

Can that be a prayer for each of us from today: that we might draw on the help and grace of God, in order to live out the abundant life to which Christ calls us?

With my prayers for God's work in all of our lives, Chris

NOTES AND NEWS

for your information and prayers, from around and beyond the parish

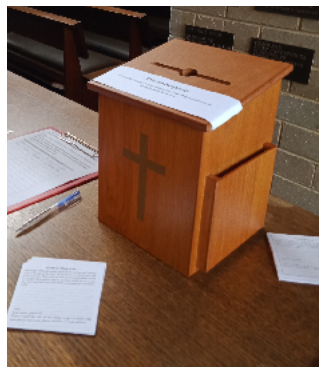
Welcome to Bishop Kate!

We are delighted to have Bishop Kate with us in the parish this morning. Within our diocese of Melbourne, Bishop Kate looks after the *Oodthenong* (a Woi Wurrung word for *gathering*) episcopate, which covers the outer northern and western suburbs of Melbourne, from Eltham all the way through Geelong and as far as Lorne and Queenscliff.

Prayer Boxes

You might notice a small wooden addition to the other sheets and provisions at the entrance. Meet our new prayer box. You are welcome to fill out a card to share your prayer requests with us. You can be assured your prayers and needs will be included when we gather for morning and evening prayer throughout the week, and will not be shared any further. This will then replace the ongoing prayers in our pew sheet.

If you would like anyone with a particular current need to be included in our pew sheet and Sunday prayers, let Chris or Katie know and we will do so.



A little snapshot from last Sunday evening at St Clement's, a wonderful gathering of our confirmation candidates. We were speaking about Holy Communion and reflecting on what it means for us. *"When I hear the words at the altar-table ('take, eat...'), I feel like I'm there with the first disciples", one said, "they're around me."*

Here's praying that the apostles— and indeed, the whole host of heaven — accompany these faithful ones, as they seek to live out the Faith confirmed in them this day...

Next week

Once again we are waiting to for an announcement during the week in order to know what restrictions will be in place for our Sunday services. If the 4m²/person rule is still in place, then it will again be necessary to register in advance: do look out for further communications in coming days. Don't forget that there is always plenty of room at the weekday Eucharists (9:30 Wednesday at St Clement's, 10:00 Thursday at St Eanswythe's), and at the 7:45 Sunday service at St Eanswythe's.

Checking In

At the moment we are legally required to check in every time we come to the church premises. Thank you to all those who have been using the QR code system; please ask for assistance today if you have smartphone but are not yet using the app. For those without a smartphone, a COVID marshal will enter your details for you.

For further information, and to download the Service Victoria app which is used for checking in, visit <https://service.vic.gov.au/check-in/>



During these times we are all asked to take responsibility for COVID-safe precautions:

- If you have any symptoms of illness, you should be remaining at home.
- Please use hand sanitiser on arriving and leaving, refrain from physical contact with others, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- Masks need to be worn while indoors, except when eating and drinking.

Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ If you are or have been away for a Sunday, you can see recent pew sheets on our website at www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets
- ⇒ Visit www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav for photos, links, news and other updates.
- ⇒ If you don't already receive our weekly email including news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

Giving...

- ⇒ Deposits can be made to the parish Bendigo Bank account at any time (BSB 633 000, account number 157 594 722, account name "St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches"). For pledge giving please include your name or envelope/reference number. For further details see anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving

Please send all material for the pew sheet to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 20th June

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

8:45am Holy Eucharist and Confirmation,
St Clement's

10:30am Holy Eucharist and Confirmation,
St Eanswythe's

5pm Parish Council, on Zoom

Monday 21st

5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Tuesday 22nd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Wednesday 23rd

8am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Thursday 24th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Friday 25th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

[To be confirmed:] 9:30am Clementines
playgroup, St Clement's

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

Sunday 27th June

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's

Groups meeting regularly in the parish:

Youth Group: Fridays fortnightly in term time, at St Clement's or on Zoom. Contact Rev'd Katie Bellhouse.

Altona Tiddlers Playgroup: Tuesdays in term time, 10am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993)

Clementines Playgroup: Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise (9395 5472)

Reflective Bible Study: monthly at the Vicarage, first Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.

Mothers' Union: monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661)

Caritas: monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)