

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



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

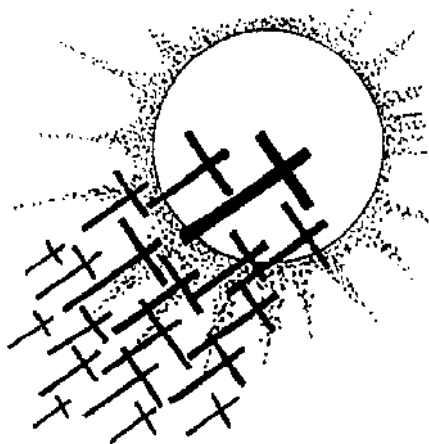


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

7th November 2021 ALL SAINTS

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Wominjeka :: Haere mai
Welcome



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.

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, sign in by the QR system, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- ◆ Facemasks must be worn indoors, except when consuming refreshments.

Our parish lies on the country of the 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 470 Rejoice in God's saints
(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.
**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.
**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:**

**we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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)

Eternal God,
neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth,
and in heaven rejoice with all your saints
who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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.

At the greeting of peace, we recognise that God's gift of peace constantly renews our human relationships and forms us as the Body of Christ.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain,
the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples
a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,
of select foods rich in flavour,
of choice wines well refined.

He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples,
the shroud enshrouding all nations.

He will swallow up death forever.

The LORD God will wipe tears from every face;
he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

They will say on that day,
"Look! This is our God,
for whom we have waited—
and he has saved us!

This is the LORD, for whom we have waited;
let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

(25.6-9; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the compass of the world and those
who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the waters.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart: who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.

They shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from the God of their salvation.

Of such a kind as this are those who seek him: those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?: the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory?: the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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SECOND READING

A reading from the Revelation to St John.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

(21.1-6a; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 105 Let all the world in every corner sing
(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn’t have died.”

When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, “Where have you laid him?”

They replied, “Lord, come and see.”

Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, “See how much he loved him!” But some of them said, “He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, “Lord, the smell will be awful! He’s been dead four days.”

Jesus replied, “Didn’t I tell you that if you believe, you will see God’s glory?” So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me.” Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

(11.32-44; CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

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Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

The response to the prayers is

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with our Parish Prayer

**God of this ancient land,
holy beyond time and place,
you search us out
and name us your beloved children.
Work in us to fulfil your longing
and compassion for every person.
Send your Spirit to renew our life,
and give us courage
to rise and follow where Jesus calls. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the risen 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 priest 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 393 Christ is alive, with joy we sing
(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

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 priest 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

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for 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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, grant us your peace.**

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 minister 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.

While communion is being shared, we sing:

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

(Hymn 706)

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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

God, the source of all holiness:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast in your kingdom.

**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 545 Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast
(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,
who has transformed those we remember today,
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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: 10th & 11th November

Exodus 23.1-13a; Psalm 119.97-104; Matthew 7.1-6

Readings for next Sunday: 14th November (25th Sunday after Pentecost)

1 Samuel 1.4-20; Song of Hannah (APBA p.429); Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25;
Mark 13.1-11

DAILY PRAYER

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are shared at Eanswythe's through the week: see the back page for times this week.

For our prayers:

The world and nation: For peace and stability in Ethiopia.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in the Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Archbishop Geoff Smith (Primate), General Synod and Standing Committee.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Paul's Canterbury (Rachel McDougall).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

Our parish & community: For those raising babies and young children, for support and connection.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Vivienne, Cathy, Nalani, Sash, Trish.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Dan Simmons (7 Nov), Amelia Hodgetts (11).

To add a name to the public pew sheet prayer list, for those needing prayers now or to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please contact one of the clergy.

If you have a prayer request to be included as we gather regularly for prayer throughout the week, please find the prayer box near the church entrance and fill out a card, or contact one of the clergy.



SHARING THE PATH OF FAITH

reflections from the clergy and our parish community

Dear friends,

Why 'All Saints' Day'?

Saints are, of course, people whose lives have been sanctified ('hallowed', 'made holy') by their encounter with Christ and, in him, the living God. Throughout the year the church turns to different saints, disciples, martyrs and slaves of Christ that have left a particularly strong mark on the world over the centuries.

Surely today we should pick *one*, one hallowed witness of our God and King, to commemorate - or none of them? Why do we need an extra day to celebrate them all in one piece, as a single unit? It might give an impression akin to a person getting to the end of a speech in which they've thanked individuals and then saying, '...and thanks to everyone else who has brought us to where we are today... We've...we've quite forgotten to mention who you are...but your presence means so much, all the same!' Hardly the highest mark of esteem you could afford a person!

But, that is not quite the point. Or, is it?

After all, no saint has ever stood alone before the world, as an individual counsel in human perfection. Such sanctity is alien to the Christian.

The saints of Christ stand together. Each one points us the companionship of countless others, others who have been captivated by our Lord, and held fast. The Book of Revelation offers us a glimpse of them, a great multitude beyond number, standing in white robes around the throne of God in heaven. (Which is, by the way, why the sanctuary party wear white robes at the Eucharist: as a symbol of our heavenly company, and calling.)

With us, the faithful on earth, the saints that have gone before us await the final dawn: *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...the holy city...coming down out of heaven from God... "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples."*

Fitting, then, that today should be the first Sunday in which we are able to regather, to share in the mystery of our own unity in the body of Christ.

For today, the church sets her eyes on the countless other persons, individuals, out of whom the Lord has wrought a new *people*, a new humanity for the kingdom of God. May the vision of them be 'burnt' in our retinæ as we celebrate the Eucharistic prayer: *Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing...*

Yours in Jesus, Kathryn

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Ordination of deacons...

Last Sunday evening the Rev'ds Andrew Seedhom and Mark Tibben (either side of Bishop Kate in the photo) were ordained as deacons in a service at St Eanswythe's. They are ministers at Sojourners Church, a church plant in Werribee which has joined the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne. In the course of the previous two weeks, the permitted number at that service went from 5, to 20, to 50! Is this the first ordination service to have been held at St Eanswythe's? Quite possibly!



...and ordination of priests

Our assistant curate, the Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse, will be ordained to the office of priest, on Saturday 27 November at 10:30am at St Paul's Cathedral. Unfortunately due to restrictions there cannot be an open invitation to attend, but the service will be live streamed. Please keep Kathryn in your prayers as she approaches this significant moment!

Rev'd Kathryn will preside at the Eucharist on Sunday 28th at 8:45am and 10:30am, and also at a special service on Saturday 27th at 5pm at St Eanswythe's. All are welcome to these celebrations as she begins her priestly ministry.

As a parish we will be making a presentation to Rev'd Kathryn on this occasion, and you are invited to contribute generously! Contributions can be made by direct deposit (with the reference "ordination gift") or in a clearly marked envelope in the collection plate.

Annual meeting reports

Thank you to everyone who participated in last week's Annual Parish Meeting. If you haven't yet seen the reports presented to the meeting, do pick up a printed copy today.

Op Shop volunteers

Our parish Op Shop re-opened this week—another encouraging sign of renewed life after lockdown! We do need some more volunteers to fill out the op shop roster—if you can do a shift even once a month, that would be helpful. Please talk to Zoya Davies at St Eanswythe's to find out more.

All Souls' service

Our annual All Souls' service is this evening, 5pm at St Eanswythe's. At this service we remember loved ones who have died, especially (but not only) in the last 12 months. If there are particular people whom you would like to add to the list of those remembered, please give their names to Rev'd Chris this morning, or you can write them onto the list as you arrive.

COVID-safe requirements

We are all getting used to life being a bit more complicated at the moment when we are out and about! It is not necessary to register in advance to come to church, but some of our services require those attending to show proof of vaccination (see back page) – please have this ready to show as you arrive. If you haven't already, adding the church as one of your "favourites" in the Service Victoria app means you can check in without needing to scan the QR code each time.

If you are a volunteer for any parish activity (playgroup, op shop, Sunday School etc), we need to record that your proof of vaccination has been sighted—Chris or Kathryn can do this quickly and easily.

Looking ahead: dates for the diary

21 November	St Clement's Patronal Festival
27 November	Special Eucharist: 5pm @ St Eanswythe's to celebrate Kathryn's Ordination

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 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**

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 7th November

ALL SAINTS

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

(requires vaccination)

10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

(requires vaccination)

5pm All Souls' service, St Eanswythe's

(requires vaccination)

Tuesday 9th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

7pm Caritas, location TBC

Wednesday 10th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

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

5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's

7pm Point Cook Small Group

Thursday 11th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

(requires vaccination)

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

11am Mothers' Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 12th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines playgroup, St

Clement's

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

Sunday 14th November

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

(requires vaccination)

10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

(requires vaccination)

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 7pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)