

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*

12th December 2021 Third Sunday of Advent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Holy Eucharist and Baptism, 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, check in by the QR system, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- ♦ Masks need to be worn at services where proof of vaccination is not required.

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).

ADVENT

The season of Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas) is a time of preparation and prayer. It is a wilderness time, perhaps best represented by the figure of John the Baptist who announced the coming of the Holy One, and who called upon God's people to repent. As Christmas draws closer, our attention is also drawn to Mary, who followed God's call to a vital role in the Word becoming flesh.

There are two horizons to the waiting and longing which are characteristic of Advent (which simply means 'coming'). Most obviously, we look towards Christmas and the coming of the Christ Child at Bethlehem. But we also look towards Jesus' future coming in glory, the time when all things will be gathered into God's kingdom of love, justice and peace.

The liturgical colour of Advent is purple, reflecting the note of expectancy. We are invited to a deeper awareness of our dependence on God for the healing and redemption of all nations and the whole creation. The fundamental Advent prayer is expressed in the Aramaic word *Maranatha* — 'Our Lord, come'.

The tradition of lighting candles on an Advent wreath, week by week, originated in northern Europe in the nineteenth century and has been widely adopted by Christian churches around the world. In the northern hemisphere, Advent falls at the darkest time of year and so the symbolism of light in darkness has a particular resonance. In Australia, the season of Advent leads us towards the longest, brightest days of the year, a different but equally powerful image.

Lord Jesus, come!

As the days grow longer
and the sun's heat increases,
increase our faith,
and bring us to worship you
by your cradle,
at your cross,
in your resurrection,
and at your glorious coming again
with judgement and with mercy. Amen.

*(Prayer from
Anglican Church of Australia Liturgical Commission)*

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 272 Come, thou long- expected Jesus
(at 8:45 and 10:30: the red hymn book Together in Song is found in the pew in front of you)

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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND PREPARATION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Heavenly Father, you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son:
forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you were proclaimed by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you speak through the prophets:
make us attentive to hear your word.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The priest says

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The third candle is lit on the Advent wreath.

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Almighty God,
you sent your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from the chaff
and evil clings even to what is good:
let the fire of your Spirit purge us of all corruption,
so that, purified, we may wait eagerly for him
whose coming is certain, whose Day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 Zephaniah.

Rejoice, Daughter Zion! Shout, Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem.

The LORD has removed your judgment;

he has turned away your enemy.

The LORD, the king of Israel, is in your midst;

you will no longer fear evil.

On that day, it will be said to Jerusalem:

Don't fear, Zion.

Don't let your hands fall.

The LORD your God is in your midst—a warrior bringing victory.

He will create calm with his love;

he will rejoice over you with singing.

I will remove from you those worried about the appointed feasts.

They have been a burden for her, a reproach.

Watch what I am about to do to all your oppressors at that time.

I will deliver the lame;

I will gather the outcast.
I will change their shame into praise and fame throughout the earth.
At that time, I will bring all of you back,
at the time when I gather you.
I will give you fame and praise among all the neighbouring peoples
when I restore your possessions and you can see them—says the LORD.

(3.1-4; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

FOR THE PSALM: A SONG OF ISAIAH

‘Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust and will not be afraid;
‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.’

With joy you will draw water: from the wells of salvation.

**On that day you will say: ‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
‘Make known his deeds among the nations: proclaim that his name is exalted.
‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously: let this be known in all the world.**

‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion: for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

(Luke 12.2-6)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don’t be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

(4.4-7; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN 274 The people that in darkness walked
(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. The axe is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire."

The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"

He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He replied, "Collect no more than you are authorized to collect."

Soldiers asked, "What about us? What should we do?"

He answered, "Don't cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay."

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

(3.7-18; 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

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 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 644 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
(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

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
in the words that Jesus taught us:

**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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, 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.

While communion is being shared, we sing:

He became poor that we may be rich,
loving the world and leaving his throne;
King of all kings, and Lord of all lords,
flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone. (Hymn 721)

Words: Graham Maule & John Bell

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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 for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage
in the power of your Spirit.**

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN 265 O come, O come Emmanuel
*(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book Together in Song;
the final three verses of this hymn are sung unaccompanied)*

DISMISSAL

As we await our coming Saviour,
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: 15th & 16th December

Ezekiel 37.1-6; Psalm 139.1-18; Matthew 19.16-26

Readings for next Sunday: 19th December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Micah 5.2-5a; Song of Mary; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

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 relationships of trust and goodwill between leaders of nations.

The Church:

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

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill).

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Mary's Sunbury (Gavin Ward, Matthew Browne, Catherine Fisher, Ros Armstrong).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Common Grace—an Australian Christian movement for justice.

Our parish & community: For people living with chronic pain and illness. For Spencer Hospet as he is baptised today.

Those with particular needs at this time:
Vivienne, Nalani, Sash.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Bobby Meiers (12), Peter Elvin (15), Gordon Geering (15), Charlie Kearsley (16).

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,

Rejoice! Be glad! That is the Advent message in today's readings from Zephaniah and Philippians, reminding us that the Lord's coming is indeed good news for the world.

The book of the prophet Zephaniah is set in the seventh century BC, during the time of King Josiah. It is one of the twelve "minor prophets" in the Hebrew Bible (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi) and shares some features with others of them. In particular, Zephaniah looks ahead to a "Day of the Lord", when God will intervene decisively in history to establish justice and righteousness, and when nations and people who have rejected God will confront the consequences of their actions.

Much of Zephaniah's writing imagines the drama of those consequences, particularly for Israel and Judah who have abandoned their calling to be God's chosen people. But right at the end of the book, in the passage we hear today, we find this call to anticipate with joy the return of a God whose love never ends, and whose purpose is to gather in all the peoples of the earth to a place of belonging and healing.

Paul's letter to the Philippians also brings a call to live with gladness and joy, reminding us that this is the basic shape of Christian character—because the Lord is near to us in all the circumstances of our lives.

The Dutch priest and author Henri Nouwen wrote:

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. ... Joy is not the same as happiness. We can be unhappy about many things, but joy can still be there because it comes from the knowledge of God's love for us. ... Joy is essential to the spiritual life. ... Joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing—sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war or even death—can take that love away.

Can we be people of joy, this week—living in the deep trust and knowledge that we are unconditionally loved? Can we seek joy, choose joy, pray for joy—so that we might share that gift with others?

As we continue through this season of Advent, may we in particular find deep joy in the growing anticipation of our Lord's coming.

With Advent blessings, Chris

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Service arrangements in Advent

During Advent, Sunday morning services at each centre are alternating between vaccinated only and open to all, as we seek to be intentional in welcoming all who may wish to share in our worship.

At services where vaccination is required, those over 12 are asked to show this proof when arriving. Masks are not required (although still recommended eg when less than 1.5m from others), and we can freely share refreshments.

At services that are open to all, no proof of vaccination is required, and we need to wear masks indoors; also refreshments need to be shared outdoors.

Further details are on the back page. If you've been vaccinated, you are welcome to come to any service - just bring a mask with you in case it's required.

Empty Christmas tree

Today is the last day for gifts of non perishable food and unwrapped new toys to be placed under the tree at both churches—thank you to all who have donated.

Service of lessons and carols

Readers and welcomers are needed for this service next Sunday evening, and also a couple of people to assist with serving refreshments afterwards—please let Chris know if you would like to be involved.

Ping Pong-a-thon—TODAY!

Grace from St Clement's is inviting our support for a ping pong-a-thon, raising funds to support the work of several amazing organisations in combatting modern day slavery. You can sponsor Grace at <https://pingpongathon.com/gracecroft>, or come along and play yourself today, between 1pm and 8pm.

Third Sunday of Advent



Finding Joy in times of COVID-19

Many families who have been living in crowded refugee camps in India for decades want to return home to Sri Lanka. Sadly, the COVID-19 crisis has meant that many are unable to travel. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner keep refugees safe by providing medicine and protective clothing and equipment. Once the emergency is over, they will continue helping families experience the joy of returning to their homeland in Sri Lanka. **Please give today.**



CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188

Praying together in Advent

15 December, 7-7:30pm (v): Mary, Help of Christians Catholic Church,
Altona

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CHRISTMAS WEEK SERVICES (these details are also available on a separate sheet)

Sun 19th	7:30pm	Service of Lessons and Carols, St Eanswythe's (V)
Tue 21st	6pm	Nativity service for all ages, St Eanswythe's (V)
Fri 24th 5pm (Christmas Eve)		Nativity service for all ages, outdoors at St Clement's—bring a rug or chair (V)
	9pm	Christmas Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)
	11:30pm	Christmas Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (O)
Sat 25th	8am	Christmas Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (O)
(Christmas Day)	9:30am	Christmas Eucharist, St Clement's (V)
Sun 26th	9:30am	Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)
(Boxing Day)		(NB There is just one service in the parish for this Sunday.)

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SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

7:45am	Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
9:30am	Eucharist (combined parish service), St Eanswythe's
5pm	Eucharist (a more relaxed service for all ages), St Clement's

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 12th December

Third Sunday of Advent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (O)

8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's (O)

10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)

7pm Parish Council, on Zoom

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

Tuesday 14th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's

7pm Caritas Christmas gathering, St Eanswythe's (V)

Wednesday 15th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's (O)

5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's

7pm Point Cook Small Group

7pm Advent ecumenical prayers, Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church (V)

Thursday 16th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)

Friday 17th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's

Sunday 19th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)

8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's (V)

10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (O)

7:30pm Service of Lessons and Carols, St Eanswythe's (V)

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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 online. Contact Rev'd Kathryn 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)