## 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

# 30th January 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Combined Parish 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, check in by the QR system, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- ♦ Masks need to be worn while indoors.
- ♦ All are encouraged to share refreshments outdoors, and only those who have been vaccinated may do so indoors.

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 111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (at 9:30am, 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.** 

#### GLORIA

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, vou 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, vou 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)

Righteous God, you confound the world's wisdom by giving your blessing to the lowly and pure in heart: give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, which has been revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Jeremiah.

The LORD's word came to me:

"Before I created you in the womb I knew you;

before you were born I set you apart;

I made you a prophet to the nations."

"Ah, LORD God," I said, "I don't know how to speak

because I'm only a child."

The LORD responded,

"Don't say, 'I'm only a child.'

Where I send you, you must go;

what I tell you, you must say.

Don't be afraid of them.

because I'm with you to rescue you,"

declares the LORD.

Then the LORD stretched out his hand,

touched my mouth, and said to me,

"I'm putting my words in your mouth.

This very day I appoint you over nations and empires,

to dig up and pull down,

to destroy and demolish,

to build and plant."

(1.4-10; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **PSALM**

To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness rescue and deliver me: incline your ear to me and save me.

Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.

# Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked: from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.

For you, Lord, are my hope: you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.

On you have I leaned since my birth: you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb, and my praise is of you continually.

(71.1-6)

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I speak in tongues of human beings and of angels but I don't have love, I'm a clanging gong or a clashing cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and I know all the mysteries and everything else, and if I have such complete faith that I can move mountains but I don't have love, I'm nothing. If I give away everything that I have and hand over my own body to feel good about what I've done but I don't have love, I receive no benefit whatsoever.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

As for prophecies, they will be brought to an end. As for tongues, they will stop. As for knowledge, it will be brought to an end. We know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, what is partial will be brought to an end. When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, reason like a child, think like a child. But now that I have become a man, I've put an end to childish things. Now we see a reflection in a mirror; then we will see face-to-face. Now I know partially, but then I will know completely in the same way that I have been completely known. Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love.

(13.1-13; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 417 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit (at 9:30am, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

#### THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor, and freedom to prisoners. **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.

Jesus began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

Everyone was raving about Jesus, so impressed were they by the gracious words flowing from his lips. They said, "This is Joseph's son, isn't it?"

Then Jesus said to them, "Undoubtedly, you will quote this saying to me: 'Doctor, heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we've heard you did in Capernaum." He said, "I assure you that no prophet is welcome in the prophet's hometown. And I can assure you that there were many widows in Israel during Elijah's time, when it didn't rain for three and a half years and there was a great food shortage in the land. Yet Elijah was sent to none of them but only to a widow in the city of Zarephath in the region of Sidon. There were also many persons with skin diseases in Israel during the time of the prophet Elisha, but none of them were cleansed. Instead, Naaman the Syrian was cleansed."

When they heard this, everyone in the synagogue was filled with anger. They rose up and ran him out of town. They led him to the crest of the hill on which their town had been built so that they could throw him off the cliff. But he passed through the crowd and went on his way.

(4.21-30; CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### SERMON



#### NICENE CREED

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 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 497 Let all mortal flesh keep silence (at 9:30am, 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

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:

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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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

Father of all
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

HYMN 596 Fill my whole life (at 9:30am, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

#### BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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.

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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 Wednesday Eucharist: 2nd February (Presentation of Christ)

Malachi 3.1-4; Psalm 84; Luke 2.22-40

Readings for Thursday Eucharist: 3rd February

Philippians 1.3-11; Psalm 97; Luke 5.17-26

Readings for next Sunday: 6th February (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany)

Isaiah 6.1-8; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15.1-11; Luke 5.1-11

## **DAILY PRAYER**

Morning and Evening Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe's during the week: see the back page for times this week. Anyone is welcome to these short services.

## For our prayers:

<u>The world and nation:</u> For a peaceful resolution of tensions between Russia and Ukraine.

### The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara and Tunisia. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Rockhampton (Bishop Peter Grice).

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Christ Church Brunswick (Lindsay Urwin OGS, Russell Goulbourne, Jack Lindsay).

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state. <u>Our parish & community:</u> For our op shop and playgroups, resuming after summer. *Preparing for baptism:* Liam Ross.

Those with particular needs at this time: Vivienne, Lola, Thenjiwe, Susie, Sarah.

## The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently: Tammyanne Barnes. Year's mind: Jack Pell (31), Ohomairangi Jamaine Paikea-McRoberts (5).

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 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,

As always, the summer break disappears too quickly! Today we particularly recognise and pray for the coming start of a new year for students and teachers, with all the possibilities and hopes that come with new beginnings.

Our January trial of a 5pm service at St Clement's has been very well received, and has already started to become what we imagined and hoped for: a gathering with a slightly different style of worship, involving young and old in different ways, and with some fellowship over a meal afterwards. Thanks be to God! And thank you to everyone who has come regularly during January, as well as to those who have come along to "taste and see" this new service.

So it seems right to hold and build on the energy and possibility of gathering at this time! Parish Council has therefore decided to continue the 5pm service as we move on from the January trial period.

At the same time, from next week we will return to our regular Sunday morning service times: 7:45, 8:45 and 10:30. That makes for a very full Sunday! Indeed, it is simply not sustainable as anything other than an interim measure, and so Parish Council has been discussing and discerning a longer-term way forward for our Sunday services—there will be more to communicate about this in the coming week.

Meanwhile, other parts of our parish life are also emerging from the summer break. This week the Op Shop reopens, and our playgroups too will soon be up and running again—please do pray for these ministries of welcome and care, and the relationships that form around them.

And so this year lies ahead of us—at school and at work, with our families and neighbours and friends, and in the life of the parish—as a journey that we embark on together. We know some of the contours and marking points of the way ahead, especially in the shape of the church year as we move towards Lent, Holy Week and Easter. There is also much that is unknown, for which we trust in the goodness of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

God bless the path on which you go.
God bless the earth beneath your feet.
God bless your destination.
God be a smooth way before you,
A guiding star above you,
A keen eye behind you
This day, this night, and forever. (a prayer by Ray Simpson)

With my prayers for all that God has in store for us, Chris

## **NOTES AND NEWS**

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

## Services in February

Next week we return to regular Sunday service times, while also continuing the 5pm service from its January trial period (as outlined on the previous page). In February our Sunday services will therefore be:

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

1pm St Eanswythe's (Maori service)

5pm St Clement's

Our **midweek Eucharists** are both back from this week: 9:30am Wednesday at St Clement's, and 10am Thursday at St Eanswythe's. On Wednesday we will mark the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, recalling the infant Jesus being brought to the temple and recognised as the Messiah by Simeon and Anna—do come along as the church celebrates this moment of grace and light.

**Sunday School** at both centres will resume next week, during the 8:45 and 10:30 services. (As for our church services, children who are 8 and older need to be wearing a face mask.)

## Op Shop

Our parish Op Shop reopens this Tuesday after a break over the summer—there is plenty of new stock, so do drop in during the week and have a look! If you are interested in joining the roster of Op Shop volunteers, please talk to Zoya Davies.

## Reflective Bible study

A gathering to hear and reflect together on a passage from the Gospels—no prior knowledge or experience is needed! This Wednesday (note change of day), 7:30-8:30pm at the Vicarage (7 Bent St, Altona). All welcome—do talk to Chris with any questions.

## Ordination of deacons

This Saturday 5 February, Dr Kathleen Alleaume-Ross (formerly on theological student placement in our parish) will be among those ordained as deacons at St Paul's Cathedral. All are welcome to the service, which starts at 10:30am; it will also be live streamed at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsCathedralMelbourne">www.youtube.com/c/StPaulsCathedralMelbourne</a>

#### Call Out

If you are coming along or interested in coming along to the 5pm service, we are looking for people who would like to regularly:

- do Bible readings,
- bring a pot or plate of something for supper,
- lead our intercessions.
- assist by serving at the altar table,
- be our 'slides' person,
- get involved in the music (singing, playing an instrument).

If you are interested, please speak to Kathryn or Chris, and email:

kathryn.bellhouse@anglicanaltlav.org.au

## Youth Group

Our first meeting for this year is this Friday, 5-6:30pm at St Clement's. If you're in grades 5-12, you're very welcome to come along. (Please bring \$5 towards our pizzas.) Enquiries to Kathryn.

## Small Group

Amidst the confusions of the lockdown season last year, a parish 'small group' has managed to form over the past six months.

With a mixture of Zoom and in-person meetings, we gather on Tuesday evenings to catch up, reflect on different parts of the Bible, and pray. When in person, we have something to eat as well.

If you are interested in coming along, email: kathryn.bellhouse@anglicanaltlav.org.au

## Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week
- $\Rightarrow$  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 30th January Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 5pm All-age Eucharist, St Clement's

## Monday 31st

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

## **Tuesday-Friday**

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

## **Tuesday 1st February**

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 7pm Small group, on Zoom

## Wednesday 2nd

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple** 9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's 7:30pm Reflective Bible study, Vicarage

## Thursday 3rd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

## Friday 4th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's 5pm Youth group, St Clement's

## Sunday 6th February Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 8:45am Sung Eucharist, St Clement's 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's 1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's 5pm All-age Eucharist, St Clement's

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's (in recess during January)

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 Wednesday 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)