

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*

10th April 2022 PALM SUNDAY

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement'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.
- ♦ Please feel free to use a mask if you wish.
- ♦ 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).

LENT

The season of Lent covers the forty days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Eve. It recalls the forty days spent by Jesus in the desert, fasting and praying. For the Church it is likewise a time of preparation, prayer and fasting: a wilderness time.

From early in the Church's history, Lent was principally viewed as a period of preparation for those to be baptised at Easter. As candidates for baptism were instructed in the Christian faith, the whole community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance. So too for us, Lent leads towards the renewal of our baptism at Easter.

Our worship has a different, more subdued character during these weeks: we omit the *Gloria in excelsis* (Glory to God in the highest), and there is a greater emphasis on repentance and renewal, experienced at its starkest in the Ash Wednesday liturgy. The liturgical colour is purple, symbolizing penitence and humility.

Our confession of sin moves to a later position in the service, as a response to the Ministry of the Word, allowing God to reveal where our lives need to be opened up again to God's work in us. It is immediately followed by the Greeting of Peace, as we turn to our neighbours and recognise an amazing gift: that because we have been reconciled to God, renewal and reconciliation and peace have also become possible in our human relationships.

As Lent progresses we are drawn inexorably towards the mystery of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. The dramatic and distinctive liturgies of Holy Week—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday—lead us to a place of emptiness and desolation, into which the exultant alleluias of Easter burst with new life and hope.

God of all seasons,
in your pattern of things
there is a time for keeping
and a time for losing,
a time for building up
and a time for pulling down.
In this holy season of Lent
as we journey with our Lord to the Cross,
help us to discern in our lives
what we must lay down
and what we must take up,
what we must end
and what we must begin.

Prayer from the Church of Scotland

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 – and turn our hearts and minds to God's presence in our midst.

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

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins,
whose mercy endures 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.**

silence

Holy God,
**holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.**

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

God of all,
you gave your only-begotten Son
to take the form of a servant,
and to be obedient even to death on a cross:
give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus
that, sharing in his humility,
we may come to be with him in his glory,
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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD God gave me an educated tongue
to know how to respond to the weary
with a word that will awaken them in the morning.
God awakens my ear in the morning to listen,
as educated people do.

The LORD God opened my ear;
I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.

Instead, I gave my body to attackers,
and my cheeks to beard pluckers.

I didn't hide my face
from insults and spitting.

The LORD God will help me;
therefore, I haven't been insulted.

Therefore, I set my face like flint,
and knew I wouldn't be ashamed.

The one who will declare me innocent is near.
Who will argue with me?

Let's stand up together.
Who will bring judgment against me?
Let him approach me.

Look! The LORD God will help me.
Who will condemn me?

(50.4-9a; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble :
my eye wastes away for grief,
my throat also and my inward parts.

**For my life wears out in sorrow,
and my years with sighing :
my strength fails me in my affliction,
and my bones are consumed.**

I am become the scorn of all my enemies :

and my neighbours wag their heads in derision.
I am a thing of horror to my friends :
and those that see me in the street shrink from me.
 I am forgotten like one dead and out of mind :
 I have become like a broken vessel.
For I hear the whispering of many :
and fear is on every side;
 While they plot together against me :
 and scheme to take away my life.
But in you, Lord, have I put my trust :
I have said ‘You are my God.’
 All my days are in your hand :
 O deliver me from the power of my enemies
 and from my persecutors.
Make your face to shine upon your servant :
and save me for your mercy’s sake.

(31.9-18)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:
 Though he was in the form of God,
 he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
 But he emptied himself
 by taking the form of a slave
 and by becoming like human beings.
 When he found himself in the form of a human,
 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
 even death on a cross.
 Therefore, God highly honoured him
 and gave him a name above all names,
 so that at the name of Jesus everyone
 in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow
 and every tongue confess that
 Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(2.5-11; CEB)

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

THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
 Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross: therefore God has exalted him, and given him the name that is above every name.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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 continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it. As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. They said,

"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!" He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

(19.28-40; 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.**

Prayer and penitence

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

We acknowledge before God our failings and our brokenness, and claim the hope for wholeness and renewal that is found in the cross of Jesus.

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.

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.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Everyone is welcome to kneel or remain seated.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

With our hearts turned to God in repentance,
with the knowledge of our sins laid bare before the cross of Jesus Christ,
in the name of the living God, your sins are forgiven.
Receive God's mercy, take hold of your forgiveness,
and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, walk in the light of Christ.
Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his 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 357 When his time was over, the palms lay where they fell
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

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 praises God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

... with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name:
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 prayer continues by recalling the Last Supper, and concludes:

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church, now and for 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.

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
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.

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 our help and strength,
through these holy mysteries confirm our faith
that by the death and resurrection of your Son
we may walk in the way of salvation.

**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 OF PALMS

Today begins the Great Week of the Christian Year. With Christians throughout the world, we come together in these days to call to mind, and to express in word and action, the centre of the Easter mystery:
our Lord's Passover from death to life.

Let us commit ourselves to walk the way of the cross, so that, sharing his sufferings, we may be united with him in his risen life.

All hold up their palms for this blessing.

Sovereign God, we thank you for these crosses of palm. By your blessing may they be for us signs of the victory of your Son. May we who carry them in his name ever hail him as our Messiah, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

Christ our Saviour draw you to himself, that you may find in him crucified a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sin forgiven; 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 Wednesday Eucharist: 13th March

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 70; John 13.21-32

Readings for next Sunday: 17th April (Easter Day)

Isaiah 65.17-25; Hymn to the Risen Christ; Acts 10.34-43; Luke 24.1-12

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:

The world and nation: For Ukrainians in Ukraine and overseas, as their people continue to suffer.

The Church:

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

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Willochra (Bp John Stead, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Christ Church Hawthorn (Andrew Dircks).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners in Gaza, India, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

Our parish & community: For school students, families and staff—for rest,

renewal and safety as the school holidays begin.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Vivienne, Susie, Dulcie, Terence, Stuart, Anthony.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Gwen Durbridge (10), Robert Dann, bishop (10), Richard Sculley (11), Lewis Lauer (14).

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,

The “Great Week” of the Christian year begins today. Since Ash Wednesday, we have steadily been drawing towards these days around which our faith is formed: these days in which we share, once again, Jesus’ journey to the cross and then to the joy and wonder of the resurrection.

When I was growing up, our family would be part of services on Good Friday and Easter Day; I remember seeing various other liturgies listed in the pew sheet, and wondering what they were all about. Perhaps they weren’t really intended for everyone?

Let me assure you that, in fact, all our services this week are part of a journey for us all to share! They give us different perspectives, steeped in the tradition of the church, from which to reflect on the great mystery of our Lord’s death and resurrection.

The service of *Tenebrae* (which means *shadows*) on Wednesday evening is really an extended lament, reaching into the rich tradition of the Hebrew Bible to find solace in God when all seems lost. It is a lament in anticipation of Jesus’ death, during which darkness descends and candles are symbolically extinguished, one by one. Yet even in the darkness, the psalms remind us that hope cannot be completely extinguished.

Maundy Thursday takes us to the Last Supper, where Jesus commanded his disciples to share bread and wine in memory of him, and to serve each other just as he did in washing their feet. This service ends in darkness and silence, as we go into the night, to return and gather around the cross the next day.

And greatest of all is the Easter Vigil Eucharist, where we proclaim the light of the risen Christ, tell the story of God’s faithfulness, renew our own baptismal commitment and identity, and share with joy in the first Eucharist of Easter.

If you’ve never come to some of these services, do consider joining in. They are indeed for everyone, the whole people of God sharing together in this Great Week.

With my prayers for our journey to the cross in these days,
Chris

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Holy Week and Easter services

This is the most important week of the year in the worship of the Church—please do set aside time to share in our worship and devotion during these days, and please do invite others too!

Working bees

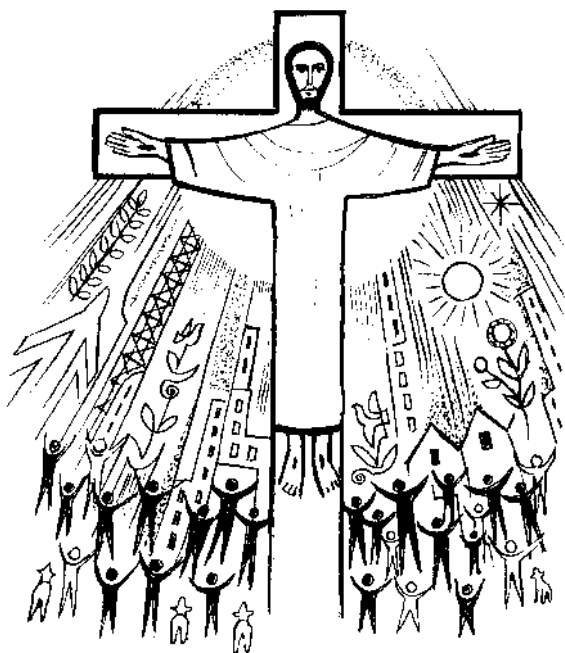
Can you spare some time on Saturday to spruce up our churches in preparation for Easter? At St Eanswythe's there will be a short Morning Prayer at 9am then the work will begin; and at St Clement's we'll meet at 11am. All welcome!

Thank you

Many thanks to John Stewart for providing our palms for today, and to those who folded the palm crosses which we carry into the week and year ahead.

BCA boxes

If you have a donation box for the Bush Church Aid Society, please bring it in to Beryl Brown so that it can be emptied.



This week in our parish:

Sunday 10th April

PALM SUNDAY

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
5pm Evening Worship: Stations of the
Cross and Eucharist, St Clement's

Monday 11th

9am Morning Prayer and litany for peace,
St Eanswythe's

Tuesday-Thursday

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

Tuesday 12th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
7pm A reflection on following Christ: the
life of Desmond Tutu
(documentary), Trinity Uniting
Church

Wednesday 13th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
11am Nursing home service, St George's
NB No Evening Prayer today
7pm Tenebrae (a service of readings and
music), St Eanswythe's

Thursday 14th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
NB No 10am Eucharist today
7pm Holy Eucharist with footwashing and
stripping of the altar, St Clement's

Friday 15th

GOOD FRIDAY

9am Service for families and children, St
Clement's
11am Ecumenical Walk of Witness, Cherry
Lake reserve
1pm Solemn Liturgy, St Eanswythe's

Saturday 16th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Working bee, St Eanswythe's
11am Working bee, St Clement's
8pm Lighting of the new fire, Easter Vigil
and first Eucharist of Easter, St
Eanswythe's

Sunday 17th April

EASTER DAY

8:30am Easter Eucharist with renewal of
baptism, St Clement's
10:30am Easter Eucharist with renewal of
baptism, St Eanswythe's
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5pm Evening Worship: an Emmaus
Eucharist, 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 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:
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***Holy Week and Easter services are listed
on a separate flyer available at the back of the church,
and on our website at
anglicanaltlav.org.au/holy-week-and-easter-services/***

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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)

Small group: Tuesday evenings, online or in person. Contact Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse.

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)