

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*

24th July 2022 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am 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.

In line with current health advice we recommend
wearing a mask inside.



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 134 Praise my soul the king of heaven

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,
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)

Provident Father,
with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips,
we ask, we seek, we knock at your door:
help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Opening the Scriptures

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

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

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Hosea.

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a prostitute and have children of prostitution, for the people of the land commit great prostitution by deserting the Lord." So Hosea went and took Gomer, Diblaim's daughter, and she became pregnant and bore him a son. The Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will destroy the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Jezreel Valley." Gomer became pregnant again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Name her No Compassion, because I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have compassion on the house of Judah. I, the Lord their God, will save them; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen." When Gomer finished nursing No Compassion, she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Not My People because you are not my people, and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel will be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it will be said to them, "Children of the living God."

(1.2-10; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

O Lord, you were gracious to your land: you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people: and covered all their sin.

You put aside all your wrath: and turned away from your fierce indignation.

Return to us again, O God our saviour: and let your anger cease from us.

Will you be displeased with us for ever: will you stretch out your wrath from one generation to another?

Will you not give us life again: that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O Lord: and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God will speak: for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.

Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him: and his glory shall dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall flourish out of the earth: and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will also give us all that is good: and our land shall yield its plenty.

For righteousness shall go before him: and tread the path before his feet.

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SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

So live in Christ Jesus the Lord in the same way as you received him. Be rooted and built up in him, be established in faith, and overflow with thanksgiving just as you were taught. See to it that nobody enslaves you with philosophy and foolish deception, which conform to human traditions and the way the world thinks and acts rather than Christ. All the fullness of deity lives in Christ's body. And you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not administered by human hands. The circumcision of Christ is realized in the stripping away of the whole self dominated by sin. You were buried with him through baptism and raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead because of the things you had done wrong and because your body wasn't circumcised, God made you alive with Christ and forgave all the things you had done wrong. He destroyed the record of the debt we owed, with its requirements that worked against us. He cancelled it by nailing it to the cross.

When he disarmed the rulers and authorities, he exposed them to public disgrace by leading them in a triumphal parade.

(2.6-15; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 465 Father in heaven, grant to your children
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Ask and it will be given to you, says the Lord; knock, and the door will be opened. **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 was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

Jesus told them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

Give us the bread we need for today.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don’t lead us into temptation.”

He also said to them, “Imagine that one of you has a friend and you go to that friend in the middle of the night. Imagine saying, ‘Friend, loan me three loaves of bread because a friend of mine on a journey has arrived and I have nothing to set before him.’ Imagine further that he answers from within the house, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up to give you anything.’ I assure you, even if he wouldn’t get up and help because of his friendship, he will get up and give his friend whatever he needs because of his friend’s brashness. And I tell you: Ask and you will receive. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. To everyone who knocks, the door is opened.

“Which father among you would give a snake to your child if the child asked for a fish? If a child asked for an egg, what father would give the child a scorpion? If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

(11.1-13; 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 prayers may include this or another response:

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 595 O Jesus I have promised
(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 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 to receive a personal blessing. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. All the communion bread will have wine added to it, but if you also wish to drink from the common cup then please remain and it will be brought to you. If you would prefer not to share communion but to receive a personal blessing, please indicate when the priest comes to you.

While communion is being shared, we sing:

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.**

*Jacques Berthier, Les Presses de Taizé (1982),
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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

Gracious God,
we thank you that in this sacrament
you assure us of your goodness and love.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
and help us to grow in love and obedience
that we may serve you in the world
and finally be brought to that table
where all your saints feast with you for ever.

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 168 For the fruits of all creation
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; 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 weekday Eucharists:

2 Samuel 15.7-22; Psalm 57; John 11.5-16

Readings for next Sunday: 31st July (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

Hosea 11.1-11; Psalm 107.1-9, 107.43; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

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 the nation of Sri Lanka, its government, its citizens, and especially those struggling to afford basic goods.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Ballarat (Bp Garry Weatherill, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: St Alfred's Blackburn North (ministry team & people).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Welcome West Wagon—support refugees and asylum seekers in the Western suburbs.

Our parish & community: For all who cannot pray for themselves.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Stuart, Anthony, Denise, Carol, Hannah. Jimmy & Lila.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Olive Malin (24), Ellie Doloughan (24), Kath Milway (27), Rita Camilleri (27).

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 pilgrim,

On Tuesday I went to visit a parishioner at a local hospital. When I found her (having gone to the wrong bed at least twice already), she was in a room with four beds, and a voice piped up from behind her bedside curtain: 'Kathryn... I'm right here!'

Someone I've been longing to see, but who has been in preventative isolation for some time, was in the very next bed. How's that for a coincidence! When I last spoke to her, she was in a different hospital altogether. She told me she'd arrived in this room yesterday and was going to be taken somewhere else that afternoon. But for a brief moment in time these two women shared a curtain, and I happened to meet them there and then. So I was able to share the blessed sacrament with both of them. (St Augustine calls it 'the sacrament of our own unity' in Christ.)

In 2019 part of my preparation for being ordained was visiting patients at Alfred Hospital. There was another person in that program who said she didn't believe in co-incidences. She called them 'God-incidences' instead. It is a clumsy expression, I grant you! But her point was powerful: *there is method in the madness.*

No. Not method. *Grace.* There is grace in every coincidence and happenstance. It is God who brings the threads of our lives together in beautiful ways. Which brings me to the letter of St Paul to the Colossians. In the letter the apostle makes a powerful statement about Christ: *'you have been filled by him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.'*

He's not making a political statement here. He's proclaiming a cosmic truth. That Christ is the living Word and Wisdom of God; he is the author of every coincidence; the one who gives form and direction to the way things unfold in the world, in and above and beyond every lesser power or authority; he is the one who draws together the threads of our lives, giving them coherence and meaning.

Even the word coincidence itself. At its root the word has little to do with randomness or chance. It originally referred to things coming together in meaningful ways, coinciding with one another in substance or nature. Subsequently it has come to mean two things happening at the same moment in time. In either sense, I do believe *there is grace at work in the madness.* The more we place our trust in that reality, the more capable we are of embracing what he has in store for us, bearing a sense of security with us as we respond to all the changes and chance encounters of our lives in this world.

Peace be with you all, Kathryn

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Midweek Eucharist & Small Group

At both our midweek Eucharists and Tuesday evening small group we are nearing the conclusion of our exploration of the story of David.

If you are free of a Wednesday or Thursday morning, or of a Tuesday evening, in coming weeks there will be good opportunities to join one of these groups for a four week study series, as we turn to the story of Ruth in the Bible—

‘Pursuing God: into a strange land...’ As one of the great outsiders and heroines of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, there is something in Ruth’s story for everyone.

More information to follow. Please see the back page of the pew sheet for details of when and where we meet, and contact Kathryn with any queries.

COVID restrictions

In line with current health advice, the church diocese is once again encouraging us to wear masks inside. Our Parish Council COVID-safe group commends this advice to you, especially when attending our larger gatherings (more than 20 people). We are particularly conscious of those in our midst who are more vulnerable and the prevalence of different COVID variants in the wider community.

The diocese also continues to commend current health advice of maintaining good hygiene, using sanitizer where appropriate, and staying home if you are unwell.

Please let other parish folk know if you need supplies or support!

Long service leave & locum vicar

Chris is currently on long service leave until Monday 8 August. During this time, please contact the Rev’d Gail Bryce, our part-time locum vicar, or Kathryn, our curate, for parish matters, pastoral matters, or spiritual counsel. (Please also let me know if you would like to contribute to a gift to thank Gail for her ministry among us.)

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

You are invited!

**Mothers Union are hosting
Lunch at St Eanswythe's
Tomorrow (Monday 25th July)
@ 11.00am**

**Our guest speaker's topic is
"Buckingham Palace in my underwear"
Sounds interesting and fun wouldn't you say?
So come along and enjoy
\$15 per person**

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 24th July

Sith Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

Wednesday 27th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

11am St George's Nursing Home Service

Thursday 28th

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Tuesday-Friday

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

Friday 29th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup

Tuesday 19th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's

7pm Small Group, for details contact

Kathryn

Sunday 31st July

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

5pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

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)