

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*

2nd October 2022 **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung 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. Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service.

This booklet contains the full order of service: please join in the parts printed in bold type.

Masks are no longer required, but any who wish to are of course welcome to wear one.

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 158 God has spoken by his prophets
(at 10:30am only, 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,
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)

Faithful God,
have mercy on us your unworthy servants,
and increase our faith,
that, trusting in your Spirit's power to work in us and through us,
we may never be ashamed to witness to our Lord
but may obediently serve him all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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.

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 Lamentations.

Oh, no!

She sits alone, the city that was once full of people.

Once great among nations, she has become like a widow.

Once a queen over provinces, she has become a slave.

She weeps bitterly in the night, her tears on her cheek.

None of her lovers comfort her.

All her friends lied to her; they have become her enemies.

Judah was exiled after suffering and hard service.

She lives among the nations; she finds no rest.

All who were chasing her caught her—
right in the middle of her distress.

Zion's roads are in mourning; no one comes to the festivals.

All her gates are deserted. Her priests are groaning,
her young women grieving. She is bitter.

Her adversaries have become rulers; her enemies relax.

Certainly the LORD caused her grief because of her many wrong acts.

Her children have gone away, captive before the enemy.

Daughter Zion lost all her glory.

Her officials are like deer that can't find pasture.

They have gone away, frail, before the hunter.

(1.1-6; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FOR THE PSALM

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness: is wormwood and gall!

My soul continually thinks of it, and is bowed down within me.

But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that one should wait quietly, for the salvation of the Lord.

(Lamentations 3.19-26)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God’s will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

To Timothy, my dear child.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I’m grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. I’m reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I’m sure that this faith is also inside you. Because of this, I’m reminding you to revive God’s gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. God didn’t give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

So don’t be ashamed of the testimony about the Lord or of me, his prisoner. Instead, share the suffering for the good news, depending on God’s power. God is the one who saved and called us with a holy calling. This wasn’t based on what we have done, but it was based on his own purpose and grace that he gave us in Christ Jesus before time began. Now his grace is revealed through the appearance of our saviour, Christ Jesus. He destroyed death and brought life and immortality into clear focus through the good news. I was appointed a messenger, apostle, and teacher of this good news. This is also why I’m suffering the way I do, but I’m not ashamed. I know the one in whom I’ve placed my trust. I’m convinced that God is powerful enough to protect what he has placed in my trust until that day. Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching that you heard from me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Protect this good thing that has been placed in your trust through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

(1.1-14; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 619 (tune 234) Have faith in God, my heart
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the good news. **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.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

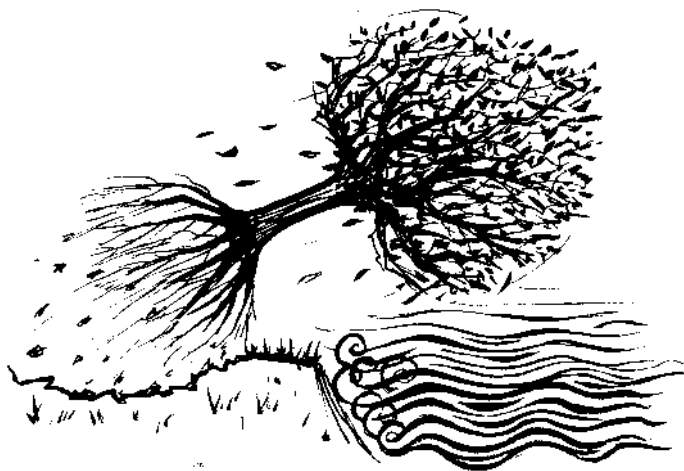
"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after ploughing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner'? Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink'? You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.'"

(17.5-10; 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 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.

HYMN 628 In faith and hope and love
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

*Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the bowl/basket provided.
The ministry of the parish is sustained by our financial giving, either through the offering plate or by direct bank deposit. Groceries are shared in the community in partnership with Laverton Community Integrated Services and the Hobsons Bay Salvation Army.*

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.

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 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:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on 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

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.

**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.**

HYMN 154 Great is your faithfulness
(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:

Readings for weekday Eucharists:

1 Peter 2.9-17; Psalm 33.13-22; Mark 3.31-35

Readings for next Sunday: 9th October (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7; Psalm 66.1-11; 2 Timothy 2.1-15; Luke 17.11-19

Our weekday gatherings for small group (Tuesday) and the Eucharist (Wednesday and Thursday) are currently working through parts of the first letter of Peter, and anyone is also welcome to share in reading 1 Peter from home.

You can find resources to accompany your reading on our parish website at anglicanaltlav.org.au/2022/09/08/reading-1-peter.

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 those in Cuba and the United States impacted this week by Hurricane Ian, and for those providing aid and relief.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Ministry to the Defence Force (Bp Grant Dibden, chaplains and defence personnel).

Diocese of Melbourne: Abp Philip Freier, Bp Kate Prowd; All Saints', Greensborough (Julie Blinco-Smith)

Agencies supported by our parish:

Welcome West Wagon – providing support to asylum seekers in the western suburbs.

Our parish & community: For school students, staff and parents as a new term begins this week.

Those with particular needs at this time: Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Hannah, James, Adelina.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Alexander Lambert (2), Ken Porter (3), Ronald Richards (4), Barbara Smith (6), William Court (6), Neil Brown (7).

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,

At this time of year there are signs of spring all around us—trees blossoming, flowers blooming, new growth and life in our gardens. Outside our home there are a handful of tulips which emerge and flower for just a few weeks each year, and then disappear after beautifully heralding this season of new life.

For the people of the Kulin nation, September and October mark the *Poorneet* (tadpole) season, when temperatures rise, the *murnong* (yam daisy) tubers are ready for eating, and the *bubup mirrim* (young kangaroos) are ready to leave their mother's pouch. The wonder of life and creation!

New life is right at the centre of our faith as followers of Jesus. We are shaped by the stories of Jesus himself, who brought new hope and possibility into the lives of the people he met and taught, cured and called. At the heart of everything is Jesus' own journey through death and into new life, which affirmed once and for all the overwhelming power of God's life and love. We claim our place within this triumphant life and love at our baptism, and indeed each time we gather as God's people.

We see the pattern of dying and rising in the new life around us in God's creation; and we see it too in our own lives and their "seasons" of renewal. Sometimes we may find ourselves drawn into a letting go, or allowing one thing to end, so that God can bring about something new. Sometimes we may find ourselves in a time of emptiness, without any clear way forward, so that we simply have to trust that in the patterns of God's working there will always come the gift of new life and fruitfulness.



Where do you notice this movement towards new life in yourself at the moment? What are the signs that something is stirring towards a new beginning? Or is there something that needs to be let go in order to make room for God's gift and purpose in you?

With my prayers for that life in each of us, Chris

NOTES AND NEWS

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

Te Wairua Tapu Fundraiser—High Tea

1:30pm, Saturday 22nd October at the St Eanswythe's Hall.

Entry \$25/person. \$5 raffle plus door prizes on the day.

Guest speaker: Te Rarangi Gussy Paikea

Please put your name on the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to join us on the day. All payments to be paid beforehand. Questions—please contact Cyndy McRoberts on 0418 107 764. Thank you for all your support.

The Melbourne Anglican

The October issue of TMA is now available, and it looks a bit different from in the past—this is the first month of a new magazine format for our diocesan news. Do pick up your copy today.

Reflective Bible study

All welcome as we spend time with a reading from the Gospels, looking at where it connects with our own lives. No prior knowledge required! 7:30-8:30pm this Wednesday, at the Vicarage.

Anglican lectionaries and calendars

It's time to order your Anglican lectionaries and calendars for the coming year: please use the link in the weekly parish email. The calendars feature beautiful photos of Anglican churches around Australia. Orders through the parish close on Sunday 16 October.

COVID safety

With the COVID peak now well behind us, we have stepped back from the general recommendation to wear masks in indoor gatherings. Please do continue to be conscious of your own and others' wellbeing, including through using sanitiser and staying at home when unwell. Some will no doubt wish to continue wearing a mask, and you are more than welcome to do so. Thank you for your continued understanding.

Looking ahead: dates for the diary

22 October	High Tea hosted by the Te Wairua Tapu congregation, 1:30pm at St Eanswythe's
3 November	All Souls' service, 7pm at St Eanswythe's
6 November	Bishop Kate visit to 5pm service
20 November	St Clement's Patronal Festival
27 November	Annual Parish Meeting

God our creator,
 you have made each one of us in every part.
 Bless us through and through,
 that we may delight to serve you to the full.
 Bless our eyes, that we may discern the beauty you give.
 Bless our ears, that we may hear you in the music of sounds.
 Bless our sense of smell, that your fragrance may fill our being.
 Bless our lips, that we may speak your truth,
 and sing your joy.
 Bless our hands, that they may play, write and touch
 as you guide them.
 Bless our feet, that they may be messengers of your peace.
 Bless our imaginations, that we may be fired with wonder
 in your truth.
 Bless our hearts, that they may be filled with your love.
 Bless us through and through,
 that we may delight to serve you to the full,
 through Jesus Christ, who took our nature to make us whole.
 Amen.

A Prayer Book for Australia, p221

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:

Sunday 2nd October

Seventeenth 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 with Blessing of
Animals, St Clement's

Monday 3rd

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Tuesday-Friday

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

Tuesday 4th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's
7:30pm Small group, on Zoom

Wednesday 5th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's
7:30pm Reflective Bible Study, vicarage

Thursday 6th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1pm Nursing home service, Estia Altona
Meadows

Friday 7th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's

Sunday 9th October

Eighteenth 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. 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)