

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona  
St Clement's Altona Meadows  
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi



*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith ✚ serving others ✚ nurturing a common life*

## **12th May 2024** **Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Maori Service), St Eanswythe's  
5:00pm Evening Prayer, 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.

Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service.

*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.*

INTROIT HYMN      201 King of glory, King of peace  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,  
your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things:  
mercifully give us faith to trust  
that, as he promised,  
he abides with us on earth until the end of time;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles *(1.15-17, 21-26)*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' [...] So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and

apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (1)

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

**But their delight is in the law of the Lord: and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

They are like trees planted beside streams of water: that yield their fruit in due season.

**Their leaves also shall not wither: and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

**Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John (5.9-13)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN    609 May the mind of Christ my Saviour  
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The Lord said: I will not leave you as orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17.6-19)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.



For the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## SERMON

## Celebrating at the Lord's Table

*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.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 217(ii) Love divine, all loves excelling  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*



Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion but to receive a personal blessing, please indicate when the minister comes to you.

While communion is being shared, we sing:

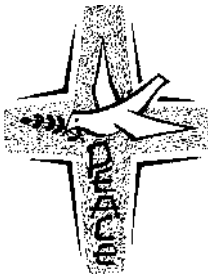
**Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God’s holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.**

*Hymn 706  
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## Going into the World

The Eucharist offers us a way to be 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.’**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### *This Week in our Parish*

**Sunday 12 May:**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement’s  
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe’s  
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe’s  
5:00pm Evening Prayer, St Clement’s

**Tuesday - Friday**

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

**Tuesday 14 May**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe’s  
10:00am Tiddler’s Playgroup,  
St Eanswythe’s\*

**Wednesday 15 May**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement’s

**Thursday 16 May**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe’s

**Friday 17 May**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe’s  
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,  
St Clement’s\*

**Sunday 19 May:**

**Day of Pentecost**

9:30am Combined Service to thank  
Rev’d Dave, St Eanswythe’s  
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe’s  
5:00pm Holy Eucharist to thank  
Rev’d Alan, St Clement’s

*\*During school term*

## Notices

**Working Bee Thank You from Churchwardens:** A big thank you to all who so willingly attended our two working bees to fix up the Church and Vicarage Gardens and to clean up the Vicarage. This could not be achieved without your dedicated and back-breaking work. Thanks to all, your willing and hard work the Church now reflects the love that Christ wants us to display to all who pass by. Due to your efforts the Church and Vicarage is now a warm and welcoming presence for Rev'd Kerry and Vaoa whom we are sure will appreciate and treasure.

**Sunday 19 May 2024:** There will be a combined service at 9:30am at St Eanswythe's to thank Rev'd Dave for his service to our parishes over the last year. The 5:00pm evening holy eucharist will be to thank Rev'd Alan for his service over the last few months. Please join us for these two very special occasions.

**Reflective Bible Study:** The reflective Bible study group meets once a month and is open to all. Held in St Eanswythe's meeting room (enter through the door from the car park behind the Op Shop), and on the following Tuesdays at 7.30pm:

21 May (3rd Tuesday)

25 June (4th Tuesday)

23 July (4th Tuesday)

13 August (2nd Tuesday)

10 September (2nd Tuesday)

15 October (3rd Tuesday)

12 November (2nd Tuesday)

10 December (2nd Tuesday)



**Churchwarden:** Any parishioner interested in becoming a Churchwarden please contact Lily as she will be stepping down from her role at the end of October 2024.

**Treasurer:** Gary, our Treasurer will be stepping down after the Annual Parish Meeting at the end of October this year. We are looking for someone who would be willing to replace him allowing plenty of time for handover.

## Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

### **Sunday School:**

Sundays at 10:30am at St Eanswythe's (except December school holidays).

### **Tiddlers Playgroup:**

Tuesdays in term time, 10:00am 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)

### **Mothers' Union:**

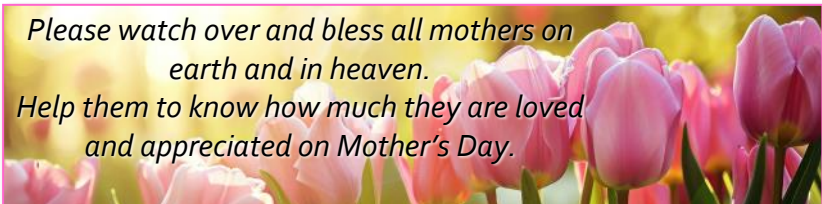
Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11:00am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661)

### **Caritas:**

Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday at 3:00pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)

*Please watch over and bless all mothers on  
earth and in heaven.*

*Help them to know how much they are loved  
and appreciated on Mother's Day.*



## *For our Prayers This Week*

The world and nation: We pray for the homeless, hungry and lonely people in our communities.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.

For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn  
(Bp Mark Short, Asst Bp Carol Wagner,  
Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

Holy Trinity & Emmanuel Oakleigh  
(Colleen Arnold-Moore).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya.

Our parish & community: For God's guidance, love and care of our people.

We also pray for the safe arrival of our new Vicar Rev'd Kerry and his family.

Those with particular needs at this time:

Rev'd Dave will ask at each service for people to nominate issues of concern that the parish can pray for.

Doris has asked to pray for her young friend Kaitlin.

The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:*

Alec Bayley (13),  
James Mead (17),  
Veronica Jelinek (18).



*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 the clergy or parish office.*

## *Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson*

### **PRAYER:**

Rev'd Dave T is calling to the parish to be consistent with prayer. For as Paul cries to the Thessalonians (5:17); "Pray without ceasing"

"Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." - St. Therese of Lisieux

"Therefore, when you decide to undertake this work of prayer and feel by grace that you are called by God, lift up your heart to God with a meek stirring of Love." - Cloud of Unknowing

"Give me faith, Lord, and let me help others find it." - Leo Tolstoy

In these times of challenge, doubt and uncertainty and for many in difficulty and great pain and struggle, for believers and unbelievers..hold strong in prayer! As a parishioner stated: "it is still God's world".....and I concur: our hope for everything lies in the Lord. *Dave T*

## *Planned Giving Program 2024/2025*

You should have received your invitation to Stewardship Sunday and relative information by now – if you have been missed pick up a letter today or phone Pat Baines on 9315 7838 or [p.baines@bigpond.com](mailto:p.baines@bigpond.com).

**Stewardship Sunday is this Sunday.** This is an important day for the parish and all parishioners are invited to play their part in the new program. When we “plan our giving” the parish council is in a much better position to make responsible financial decisions such as the affordability of stipends, outreach programs and maintenance projects to name a few.

Giving can be made in several ways – by making a pledge (which can be adjusted at any time) or using weekly envelopes. It is also possible to use a set of envelopes without committing to a set sum, or to give using the open plate. Whichever method is chosen, parishioners can be assured that all matters relating to their giving remain confidential and can be varied at any time. Any questions regarding planned giving can be discussed with Pat Baines. The program lasts for 1 year and Pat and Anita have to have the new envelopes ready for distribution by the last Sunday in May (26th).

## *Eucharist Readings for this Week*

*Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings for this week.*

### **Readings for Wednesday 15 May**

Acts 20.28-38; Ps 68.28-35; John 17.11-19

### **Readings for Thursday 16 May**

Acts 22.30 & 23.6-11; Ps 16.1-6; John 17.20-26

### **Readings for Sunday 19 May: Day of Pentecost**

Ezekiel 37.1-14, Ps 104.26-36; Acts 2.1-21; John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15



**Morning Prayer:** Shared on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9:00am at St Eanswythe's. Everyone is welcome.

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