

# 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*

## **19th May 2024** **Day of Pentecost (Year B)**

9:30am Combined Service for Rev'd Dave, St Eanswythe's  
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Maori Service), St Eanswythe's  
5:00pm Evening Eucharist for Rev'd Alan, 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      409 O breath of life, come sweeping through us  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive 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 book of Ezekiel (37.1-14)

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O LORD God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had

come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, ‘Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the LORD God : Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God : I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD , when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD , have spoken and will act, says the LORD.

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

PSALM (104.26-36)

Lord, how various are your works: in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.

**There is the wide, immeasurable sea: there move living things without number, great and small;**

There go the ships, to and fro: and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to sport in the deep.

**These all look to you: to give them their food in due season.**

When you give it to them, they gather it: when you open your hand they are satisfied with good things.

**When you hide your face, they are troubled: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

When you send forth your spirit they are created: and you renew the face of the earth.

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever: may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble: if he but touch the mountains, they shall smoke.

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have any being.**

May my meditation be pleasing to him: for my joy shall be in the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of Apostles (2.1-21)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

GRADUAL HYMN    407 Breathe on me, breath of God  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

*(15.26-27; 16.4b-15)*

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. [...]

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you;

but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

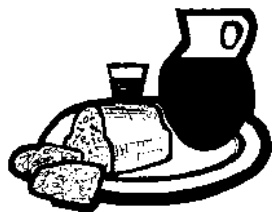
## SERMON

### 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 413 Holy Spirit, come confirm us  
*(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:*

**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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**Holy, holy, holy.  
My heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart knows how to say to you:  
Holy are you, Lord.**

*(Hymn 723)  
Words: Anon (from Argentina)*

# 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 411 Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord  
(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.**

## Notices

**Thursday 23 May 2024:** Join in the celebration of a New Ministry of Rev'd Kerry Davis at St Eanswythe's at 7:00pm as Vicar of St Eanswythe's with St Clement's Anglican Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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)	10 September (2nd Tuesday)
25 June (4th Tuesday)	15 October (3rd Tuesday)
23 July (4th Tuesday)	12 November (2nd Tuesday)
13 August (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.

## Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

### Readings for Wednesday 22 May

James 4.13-14; Ps 49.1-4, 10-12; Mark 9.38-40

### Readings for Thursday 23 May

James 5.1-6; Ps 49.17-21; Mark 9.41-50

### Readings for Sunday 26 May: Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6.1-8; Ps 29; Romans 8.12-17; John 3.1-17



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

## For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: We pray for the people of Bunbury in WA, picking up the pieces after a freak tornado leaves a trail of destruction, where over 200 homes were damaged

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, and Seychelles.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Melbourne (Abp Philip Freier, Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

St George's, Queenscliff and St James Point Lonsdale (Jo White).

*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.*

Agencies supported by our parish:

Common Grace – uniting Australian Christians in advocacy and prayer.

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

We also pray for the 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:*

Laurie Brooks (19),  
Elizabeth Bellhouse (21),  
John Andrew (23),  
Doug Cutting (24),  
Luke Mitchell (24).



## This Week in our Parish

### **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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 21 May**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

7:30pm Reflective Bible Study,

St Eanswythe's

*\*During school term*

### **Wednesday 22 May**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 23 May**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

7:00pm Commissioning of Rev'd Kerry,  
St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 24 May**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,  
St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 26 May: Trinity Sunday**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

## Message from Rev'd Dave

Hello everyone!

Today we celebrate Pentecost. Spirit of God falls upon the apostles and another hard to explain miracle occurs! This follows the Ascension which was difficult and the resurrection which was stunning and now this! The apostles are given the power to be witnesses to Jesus' resurrection and God's deep, unbreakable love for all people. This was made clear to us last week when the apostles elected Judas's replacement stating that they required a new witness to the Lord's resurrection...not a leader, not a steward...but a witness! And now we have the giving of God's spirit to enable the apostles in this mission. Clearly the purpose of the church is to witness and tell

everyone from everywhere in the world about this fact of Jesus' resurrection and God here empowers them to become multilingual right then and there, in the middle of a massive crowd of international travellers. Isaiah spoke for Yahweh when he wrote about this kind of mission beforehand. "I will also make you a light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isa. 49:6)...and lo, here it is commencing.....Praise be to God! Amen. *Regards: Dave*



## Message from Rev'd Alan

Dear Friends,

I am excited for the future of this parish. Whilst I do not know personally your new vicar, Rev'd Kerry, he comes with experience in many areas that are needed for the growth of the church. His background will also allow him to be a strong integrating force between the Maori and the rest of us, to better harness the full resources available in this parish. Rev'd Kerry is an articulate preacher, whose sermons will engage and challenge.

As many of you will know, I have had an association with St Eanswythe's since the mid-1960s principally as a parishioner. It has, therefore, been a joy for me to have served you as your priest for four weeks between Rev'd Dorothy and Rev'd Dave, and to celebrate at St Clement's on the third Sunday of each month. As I am sure you are, I am grateful to Rev'd Dave for his long stint as Acting Vicar. I look forward to joining with you in just a few weeks to celebrate the commissioning of Rev'd Kerry and the beginning of a new chapter in the life of your parish. ~ *Fr Alan Smith*



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