

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*

23rd June 2024

The Birth of John the Baptist (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 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.

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 254 O changeless Christ, for ever new
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray,
and give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid,
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask,
save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ,
your Son our Lord. **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 Isaiah (49.1-6)

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
And he said to me, 'You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
But I said, 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.’
And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength — he says,
‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’
Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM (139.1-11)

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.
You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.
You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.
Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?
If I ascend into heaven you are there: if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.
If I spread out my wings towards the morning: or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me: and your right hand shall hold me.
If I say ‘Surely the darkness will cover me: and the night will enclose me’,
The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of Apostles (13.16-26)

So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: ‘You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them

Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 234 How good, Lord, to be here
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1.57-66, 80)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. [...] The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

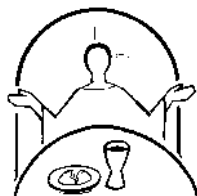


For the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 138 Eternal Father, strong to save
(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:

**Father, bless us as we go,
Jesus, walk beside us.
Holy Spirit, guide us.**

*Hymn 781
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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 52 Let us sing to the God of salvation
(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.**



Weekly Prayer

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist
was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way for your Son our Saviour
by preaching a baptism of repentance:
make us so to follow his teaching and holy life,
that we may truly repent,
and, following his example, may constantly speak
the truth, boldly rebuke vice,
and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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)

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 anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving

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For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: We pray for the migrants who have died and those that are missing in shipwrecks off Italy.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
Malawi, and Zambia.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:
The Diocese of North West Australia
(Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:
Holy Trinity Williamstown
(Elizabeth Murray, Monica Matoc).

Agencies supported by our parish:
Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

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

We pray for our Vicar Rev'd Kerry and his family.

Those with particular needs at this time:
Denise, Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Michael, Anna, Toby, John, Margaret, Wilford, Jan.

The communion of saints:

Recently departed:

John LeRoy (17),

Year's mind:

David Hocking (24),
Russell Andrew (24),
Harry Harradence (26),
Maureen Fiscaline (28),
Ron Hewson (29),
Jean Barger (29).



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.

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 23 June:

Birth of John the Baptist

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 25 June

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
7:30pm Reflective Bible Study,
St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 26 June

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Benetas Nursing Home Service,
St George's

Thursday 27 June

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 28 June

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

Sunday 30 June:

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

**During school term*

Notices

Planned Giving Program: The 2024/2025 program has been finalised & we have increased our commitment to \$2,702 per week which is a weekly increase of \$204. 92 invitations were issued. 81 people responded & 66 of those pledged. Others will continue to use open plate. The average pledge is \$40.93. Any queries about parish giving can be directed to Anita McAnda. ~ *Pat Baines*

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), on the following Tuesdays at 7.30pm:

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

Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday 26 June

2 Kings 22.8-13, 23.1-3; Ps 119.33-40; Matthew 7.15-20

Readings for Thursday 27 June:

Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and teacher (d.444)

2 Kings 24.8-17; Ps 79.1-9; Matthew 7.21-29

Readings for Sunday 30 June: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

2 Samuel 1.1, 17-27; Ps 130; 2 Corinthians 8.7-15; Mark 5.21-43



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

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