

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*

11th August 2024 **Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (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.

Please join us for 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 517 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Grant, O Lord,
that we may see in you the fulfilment of all our need,
and may turn from every false satisfaction
to feed on the true and living bread
that you have given us in Jesus Christ;
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 book of Second Samuel (18.5-9, 14, 31-33)

⁵ The king gave orders to Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.' And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. ⁶ So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷ The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸ The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. ⁹ Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. ¹⁴ Joab said, 'I will not waste time like this with you.' He took three spears in his hand, and thrust them into the heart of Absalom, while he was still alive in the oak. ³¹ Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, 'Good tidings for my lord the king!

For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.’³² The king said to the Cushite, ‘Is it well with the young man Absalom?’ The Cushite answered, ‘May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.’³³ The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, ‘O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would that I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (130)

¹ Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice;

² **O let your ears consider well: the voice of my supplication.**

³ If you, Lord, should note what we do wrong: who then, O Lord, could stand?

⁴ **But there is forgiveness with you: so that you shall be feared.**

⁵ I wait for the Lord, my soul waits for him: and in his word is my hope.

⁶ **My soul looks for the Lord: more than watchmen for the morning, more, I say, than watchmen for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is ample redemption.

⁸ **He will redeem Israel: from the multitude of their sins.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (4.25-5.2)

⁴ ²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. **5** ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6.35, 41-51)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' ⁴² They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' ⁴³ Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'



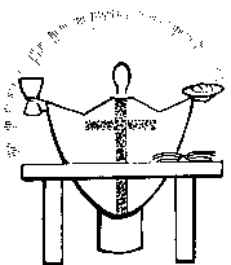
For the Gospel of the Lord:

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 584 (i) Just as I am, without one plea
(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:

**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.**

Hymn 741
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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 547 Be thou my vision
(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.



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

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne is committed to churches being places where everyone is safe, especially children and vulnerable people. All church workers and volunteers are required to complete training and relevant checks. If you wish to raise any concerns about misconduct, past or present, please contact the independent Professional Standards body, Kooyoora (1800 135 246; www.kooyoora.org.au).

Notices

Safe Ministry: The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne is renewing its commitment to the active and visible care of children and vulnerable people who attend our churches or come under our care. As the people of this parish, we each have a responsibility as a disciple of Jesus to be more aware of the kinds of situations that can cause harm to those who are part of our community of faith.

Over the coming weeks I will be reaching out to those with special responsibilities in our parish to provide guidance on the steps necessary for continued Safe Ministry. I would be most grateful for your support and cooperation as we take the steps necessary to ensure that our parish remains a safe and supportive environment for all people in our faith community. – *Rev'd Kerry*

Save the Date: We will hold a working bee at St Eanswythe's on Saturday 24 August from 9.30am to work on the gardens and clean the church, hall, kitchen, meeting room and courtyard. Please make yourself available to come and help if you are free that day.

Sunday 8 September: A combined service will be held at 9:30am at St Eanswythe's to celebrate St Eanswythe's Day. Please mark your diaries, and bring a plate for a shared lunch that will follow the service.

Australian Anglican Church Calendar 2025: If you would like to purchase a Calendar for 2025, please provide your details on the form on the Notice Board.

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:

13 August (<i>2nd Tuesday</i>)	12 November (<i>2nd Tuesday</i>)
10 September (<i>2nd Tuesday</i>)	10 December (<i>2nd Tuesday</i>)
15 October (<i>3rd Tuesday</i>)	

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 Matthey (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 (0416 264 840)

For our Prayers this Week

The world and nation:

We pray for:

- Calm and peace on the streets of UK following riots.
- Foodbanks across the country helping struggling families at a critical time of need.
- Medical professionals and support workers who care for the sick and elderly.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, and Niger.

For Christians 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:

The Anglican Parish of Croydon Hills & Wonga Park (Leroy Coote).

Agencies supported by our parish:

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

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, Elisabeth, Jennie, Brian.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Roy Little (11th),
Frederick Hawthorne (14th),
Br Roger of Taizé (16th),
Lucy Featherby (17th).



To add a name to the 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.

Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday 14 August, 9:00am St Clement's

Twentieth century martyrs

Ezekiel 9.1-7, 10.18-22; Ps 113; Matthew 18.15-20

Readings for Thursday 15 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Mary, Mother of our Lord

Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Ps 113 or Song of Mary; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.1-7

Readings for Sunday 18 August: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14; Ps 111; Ephesians 5.11-21; John 6.51-58



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

Weekly Prayer

Grant to us,
Lord, we beseech you,
the spirit to think and do always such things as are right,
that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you,
may by you be enabled to live according to your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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This Week in our Parish

Sunday 11 August:

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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 13 August

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's
7:30pm Reflective Bible Study,
St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 14 August

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care
Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 15 August

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 19 August

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

Sunday 18 August:

Thirteenth 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 Eucharist, St Clement's

**During school term*

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