

# 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*

## 25th August 2024

### Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Year B)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist Including Baptism, 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      477 Jesus call us here to meet him  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Everliving God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear the prayers we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in the ministry to which you have called them  
each may serve you in holiness and truth;  
through our Lord and Saviour 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 First Kings (8.22-30, 41-43)

<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup> He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup> the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup> Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." <sup>26</sup> Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. <sup>27</sup> 'But will God

indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup> Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup> that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. <sup>30</sup> Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. <sup>41</sup> 'Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name <sup>42</sup> —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, <sup>43</sup> then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM (84)

- <sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling-place: O Lord God of hosts!
- <sup>2</sup> **My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- <sup>3</sup> The sparrow has found her a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- <sup>4</sup> **Blessed are those who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you.**
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you: in whose heart are the highways to Zion;
- <sup>6</sup> **Who, going through the valley of dryness, find there a spring from which to drink: till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.**
- <sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength: they appear, every one of them, before the God of gods in Zion.
- <sup>8</sup> **O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.**
- <sup>9</sup> Behold, O God, him who reigns over us: and look upon the face of your anointed.
- <sup>10</sup> **One day in your courts is better than a thousand: I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.**
- <sup>11</sup> For the Lord God is a light and a shield, the Lord gives favour and honour: and no good thing will he withhold from those who walk in innocence.
- <sup>12</sup> **O Lord God of hosts: blessed are those who put their trust in you.**

#### SECOND READING

A reading from Ephesians (6.10-20)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against

the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup> As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN      427 Lord, your word abiding  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life, you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St John (6.56-69)

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

<sup>56</sup> Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' <sup>59</sup> He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. <sup>60</sup> When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' <sup>61</sup> But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup> Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup> It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup> But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup> And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' <sup>66</sup> Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?'

<sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup> We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

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 625 I need you, Lord, for I have seen  
*(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:*

**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).*

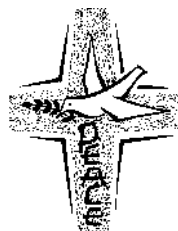
## Going into the World

*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 545 Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast  
*(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

**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.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, 10 November 2024 at 11am at St. Eanswythe's preceded by a combined service at St. Eanswythe's starting at 9:30am. All members are encouraged to attend. Would those who lead ministries in the parish, please forward your annual report as a Word document to the Parish Administrator, Edita Abram, [parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au) by 18 October.

**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.

**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. With 13 beautiful photographs of Anglican Churches in all states and territories of Australia it makes a quality adornment on your wall, or a splendid gift.

**APBA Lectionary 2025 (Luke):** If you would like to purchase a 2025 Lectionary at \$17, please provide your details on the form on the Notice Board.

**St Peter's Bookroom Spring Book Fair:** As-New & Second-Hand Book Fair on Saturday 7th (10am - 4pm) and Sunday 8th (10am - 2pm) September with Christian theology and spirituality books available.

**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:

10 September (2nd Tuesday)	12 November (2nd Tuesday)
15 October (3rd Tuesday)	10 December (2nd Tuesday)

Jesus said, 'It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless.  
The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.'

John 6.63 epray\*

## *For our Prayers this Week*

### The world and nation:

We pray for:

- For all refugees fleeing harm and for countries and communities worldwide to welcome them.
- Safety on our roads for all users especially those who endure a long daily commute or whose job involves many hours driving.
- Agencies and groups that provide ministry and support to those in prison.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

Christ Church Essendon  
(George Kirreh).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre - providing support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

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, Enid.

### The communion of saints:

*Anniversaries this Week:*

Mary Truman (25th),  
Jesse James (26th),  
Carmela Said (31st).



*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 28 August, 9:00am St Clement's**

**Augustine of Hippo, bishop & teacher (d. 430)**

2 Thessalonians 3.1-18; Ps 128; Matthew 23.27-32

**Readings for Thursday 29 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

**Beheading of John the Baptist**

1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Ps 145.1-7; Matthew 24.42-51

**Readings for Sunday 1 September: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Song of Songs 2.8-13; Ps 45.1-2, 6-9; James 1.17-27; Mark 7.1-8, 14-23



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

## *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)

## *This Week in our Parish*

### **Sunday 25 August:**

#### **Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist including Baptism,  
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 27 August**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,  
St Eanswythe's\*

### **Wednesday 28 August**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care  
Service, Altona Meadows

### **Thursday 29 August**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 30 August**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

### **Sunday 1 September:**

#### **Fifteenth 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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