

# 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*

## **1st September 2024** **Fifteenth 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 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.

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      154 Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things;  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ 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 Song of Songs (2.8-13)

<sup>8</sup> The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup> My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup> My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

<sup>11</sup> for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup> The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtle-dove  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup> The fig tree puts forth its figs,  
and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (45.1-2, 6-9)

<sup>1</sup> My heart is astir with fine phrases, I make my song for a king: my tongue is the pen  
of a ready writer.

<sup>2</sup> **You are the fairest of men, grace flows from your lips: therefore has God  
blessed you for ever and ever.**

<sup>6</sup> Your throne is the throne of God, it endures for ever: and the sceptre of your  
kingdom is a righteous sceptre.

<sup>7</sup> **You have loved righteousness and hated evil: therefore God, your God, has  
anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.**

<sup>8</sup> All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes and cassia: music from ivory  
palaces makes you glad.

<sup>9</sup> **Kings' daughters are among your noble women: the queen is at your right  
hand in gold of Ophir.**

SECOND READING

A reading from James (1.17-27)

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down  
from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

<sup>18</sup> In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we  
would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my  
beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your  
anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all  
sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the  
implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word,  
and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word  
and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look  
at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But  
those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not  
hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup> If any  
think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their  
religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is

this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN      513 Bread of heav'n, on you we feed  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Mark (7.1-8, 14-23)

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

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?'

<sup>6</sup> He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honours me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’ <sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’ <sup>17</sup> When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> He said to them, ‘Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, <sup>19</sup> since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?’ (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said, ‘It is what comes out of a person that defiles. <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly.

<sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

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 259 Among us and before us, Lord, you stand  
*(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:*

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;  
those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;  
God alone fills us.**

## 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 687 God gives us a future  
*(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)

**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 [anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

## *For our Prayers this Week*

### The world and nation:

We pray for:

- Fathers and father figures, who lovingly care for their children and families.
- Emergency service workers who respond to calls for assistance and are often in harm's way.
- Food Bank organisations that support households with food parcels and other necessities.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Benin, Ivory Coast, and Togo.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of The Northern Territory  
(Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

St Paul's Frankston  
(Claudia Mauracher).

### 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 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, Hayden.

### The communion of saints:

*Anniversaries this Week:*

Victor Nicholas (2nd) ,  
Roy Durbridge (4th),  
Eric Vincent (6th).



*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 4 September, 9:00am St Clement's**

1 Corinthians 3.1-9; Ps 33.13-21; Luke 4.38-44

### **Readings for Thursday 5 September, 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

1 Corinthians 3.18-23; Ps 24.1-6; Luke 5.1-11

### **Readings for Sunday 8 September: St Eanswythe's Patron Day**

Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps 125; James 2.1-10, 14-17; Mark 7.24-37



**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 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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 3 September**

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

### **Wednesday 4 September**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 5 September**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,  
Altona Meadows

### **Friday 6 September**

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

### **Sunday 8 September:**

#### **St Eanswythe's Patron Day**

9:30am Combined Service, St Eanswythe's,  
Followed by a Shared Lunch

*\*During school term*

## *Parish Contact List*

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