

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*

22 September 2024

Eighteenth 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 351 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God and Father of all,
you have taught us through your Son that the last shall be first,
and have made a little child the measure of your kingdom:
give us the wisdom from above,
so that we may understand that in your sight
the one who serves is the greatest of all.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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 Proverbs (31.10-31)

¹⁰ A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹² She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. ¹³ She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. ¹⁴ She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. ¹⁵ She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. ¹⁹ She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. ²⁰ She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.

²² She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. ²³ Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. ²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: ²⁹ 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.' ³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹ Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (1)

¹ Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the ungodly: nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken their seat amongst the scornful.

² **But their delight is in the law of the Lord: and on that law will they ponder day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted beside streams of water: that yield their fruit in due season.

⁴ **Their leaves also shall not wither: and look, whatever they do, it shall prosper.**

⁵ As for the ungodly, it is not so with them: they are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

6 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

⁷ For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

SECOND READING

A reading from James (3.1-12)

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a

restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 609 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

God has called us with the gospel; to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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 (9.30-37)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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 217(ii) Love divine, all loves excelling
(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 we go,
Jesus, walk beside us,
Holy Spirit guide us.**

*Hymn 81
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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 256 From heaven you came, helpless babe
(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

Election of a new Archbishop: Melbourne Anglicans are invited to participate in a survey by 23 September to assist the Board of Nominators in discerning the needs of the diocese in its next Archbishop, following the retirement of Archbishop Philip Freier in February next year. The survey enables you to provide insights that will help shape the selection criteria and priorities and to express views in a range of categories. The survey takes around 45 minutes to complete and is available at boardofnominators.org/survey.

Archbishop Philip: Our parish will be contributing to the diocese-wide farewell gift for Archbishop Philip Freier, who is retiring in February next year after 18 years as Archbishop of Melbourne. Any parishioner who wishes to make a personal contribution to be included with the parish contribution may do so either online into the parish Bendigo account BSB 633 000 Account 157 594 722 with the reference "Archbishop Gift". Or given in an envelope which are at the back of the church and placed in the weekly offertory. Contributions by 30 November would be welcomed.

Bush Church Aid: Beryl will be collecting and clearing BCA boxes by the end of September.

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 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. We will shortly be providing training sessions for those with special responsibilities to ensure that our parish remains a safe and supportive environment for all people in our community of faith.

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:

15 October (3rd Tuesday) | 12 November (2nd 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

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).

For our Prayers this Week

The world and nation:

We pray for:

- Marking International Peace Day, for kindness and compassion towards the millions of people around the world affected by conflict.
- The displaced and deceased following severe flooding in various European countries.
- Timely availability of more homes to alleviate the nation's housing crisis.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

The Parish of St Paul's, Inverleigh
w. St John's (Timothy Smith).

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 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, Joshua.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Archie Burt (22nd),
Nesta Barassi (23rd),
Ivy Shillington (23rd),
Betty Priest (25th),
James Featherby (28th).



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 25 September, 9:00am St Clement's

Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d.1932)

Proverbs 30.5-9; Ps 119.97-104; Luke 9.1-6

Readings for Thursday 26 September, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d.1626)

Ecclesiastes 1.2-11; Ps 90.1-6; Luke 9.7-9

Readings for Sunday 29 September: Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10, 9.20-22; Ps 124; James 5.12-20; Mark 9.38-50

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 22 September:

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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 24 September

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

Wednesday 25 September

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

Thursday 26 September

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 27 September

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

Sunday 29 September:

Nineteenth 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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