

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*

29 September 2024

Nineteenth 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 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 245 We have a gospel to proclaim
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,
your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our eyes to see those who are in need,
and teach us to set no store by riches and earthly rewards,
so that, in surrendering ourselves to serve you in your children,
we may labour for the treasure that endures;
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 Esther (7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22)

7¹ So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. 2 On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' 3 Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. 4 For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' 5 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' 6 Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. 9 Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said,

‘Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.’ And the king said, ‘Hang him on that.’¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. **9²⁰** Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year,²² as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (124)

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say: if the Lord had not been on our side, when our enemies rose against us,

² **Then they would have swallowed us alive: when their anger was kindled against us.**

³ Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us: the raging waters would have gone clean over us.

⁴ **But praised be the Lord: who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.**

⁵ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we have gone free.

⁶ **Our help is in the name of the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING

A reading from James (5.12-20)

¹² Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your ‘Yes’ be yes and your ‘No’ be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation. ¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever

brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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.**

Your word, O Lord, is truth; make us holy in the truth. **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 (9.38-50)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁸ John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹ But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. , ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ 'For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

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.**



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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 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you
(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 anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving

Notices

St Francis Day Pet Service: To celebrate St Francis Day, we will be holding a Pet Service at St Clement's Church on Sunday 6 October as part of the 5pm service. Pets and their owners are most welcome to attend. So bring along your pet for a blessing as we celebrate our animal friends and 'furry family members'.

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.

Carols in the Park Choir: Everyone of all singing ability is invited and welcome to attend the Carols in the Park Choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays on 20 November, 27 November and 4 December from 7pm –9pm at the Salvation Army, 108 Queen Street Altona.

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)



Daylight Saving: Sunday 6 October 2024

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward 1 hour.

For our Prayers this Week

The world and nation:

We pray for:

- Successful negotiations between sides locked in hostilities in conflict zones.
- Families mourning the loss of loved ones in tragic circumstances.
- Farmers and growers who supply the food for our daily needs.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Riverina (Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Paul's Kew East (John Sanderson, Heidin Kunoo, Samantha Lo).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

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: October

Doreen McAnda (1st),
Joan McFarland (1st),
David Penman, bishop (1st),
Alexander Lambert (2nd),
Ken Porter (3rd),
Ronald Richards (4th),
Nancy Winder (5th).



*To add a name to the pew sheet prayer list
or to remember someone on the anniversary of their death,
please contact the 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 2 October, 9:00am St Clement's

Job 9.1-6; Ps 88.8-15; Luke 9.57-62

Readings for Thursday 3 October, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Job 19.21-27; Ps 27.9-17; Luke 10.1-12

Readings for Sunday 6 October: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Job 1.1, 2.1-10; Ps 26; Hebrews 1.1-4, 2.5-15; Mark 10.2-16

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

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Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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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 1 October

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

Wednesday 2 October

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 3 October

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

Friday 4 October

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

Sunday 6 October:

Twentieth 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 with
Blessing of Animals, St Clement's

**During school term*

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