

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*

6 October 2024

Twentieth 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 with Blessing of Animals, 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 134 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Loving God,
you have made us in your own image, creating us male and female,
and you have consecrated the covenant of marriage
so that in it is signified the spiritual marriage between Christ and his Church:
pour your grace upon all who are called to this holy state,
that, keeping their promise of faithfulness to each other,
they may reflect in their lives your love for us all;
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 Job (1.1; 2.1-10)

1¹ There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil. **2**¹ One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. **2** The LORD said to Satan, 'Where have you come from?' Satan answered the LORD, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.' **3** The LORD said to Satan, 'Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.' **4** Then Satan answered the LORD, 'Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. **5** But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.' **6** The LORD said to Satan, 'Very well, he is in your power;

only spare his life.’ ⁷ So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸ Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes. ⁹ Then his wife said to him, ‘Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.’ ¹⁰ But he said to her, ‘You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?’ In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (26)

¹ Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity: I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.

² **Put me to the test, O Lord, and prove me: try my mind and my heart.**

³ For your steadfast love has been ever before my eyes: and I have walked in your truth.

⁴ **I have not sat with deceivers: nor consorted with the hypocrites;**

⁵ I hate the assembly of the wicked: I will not sit with the ungodly.

⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord: that I may go about your altar,**

⁷ And lift up the voice of thanksgiving: to tell of all your marvellous works.

⁸ **Lord, I love the house of your habitation: and the place where your glory dwells.**

⁹ Do not sweep me away with sinners: nor my life with those that thirst for blood,

¹⁰ **In whose hand is abomination: and their right hand is full of bribes.**

¹¹ As for me, I walk in my integrity: O ransom me and be favourable toward me.

¹² **My foot stands on an even path: I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews (1.1-4; 2.5-12)

¹ ¹ Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³ He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ² ⁵ Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶ But someone has testified somewhere, ‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? ⁷ You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honour, ⁸ subjecting all things under their feet.’ Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹ but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and

honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹ For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹² saying, ‘I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 236 Jesus’ hands were kind hands, doing good to all
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. **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 (10.2-16)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



² Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?’ ³ He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ ⁴ They said, ‘Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.’ ⁵ But Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, “God made them male and female.” ⁷ “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.” So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’ ¹⁰ Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’ ¹³ People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

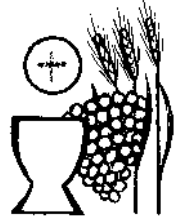
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 229 Jesus loves me, this I know
(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:

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.**

*Hymn 706
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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 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.**



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.

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)

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:

- Families and communities devastated by Hurricane Helene in the United States and flooding in Nepal.
- Students and teachers as they return to the classroom for the start of Term 3.
- The gift of companionship and joy received from our pets.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Anglicare Australia (Bp Chris Jones, Kasy Chambers).

Diocese of Melbourne:

City on a Hill East, Malvern (Nicholas Coombs).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in the Solomon Islands, Mozambique and Sri Lanka.

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:

Barbara Smith (6th),
William Court (6th),
Neil Brown (7th).



*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 9 October, 9:00am St Clement's

Galatians 2.1-14; Ps 117; Luke 11.1-4

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

Galatians 3.1-5; Ps Song of Zechariah (APBA p.10); Luke 11.5-13

Readings for Sunday 13 October: Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Job 23.1-9, 16-17; Ps 22.1-15; Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31

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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1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Evening Eucharist with
Blessing of Animals, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 8 October

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

**During school term*

Wednesday 9 October

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

Thursday 10 October

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 11 October

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

Sunday 13 October:

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
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