

# 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*

**27 October 2024**

## **Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost (Year B)**

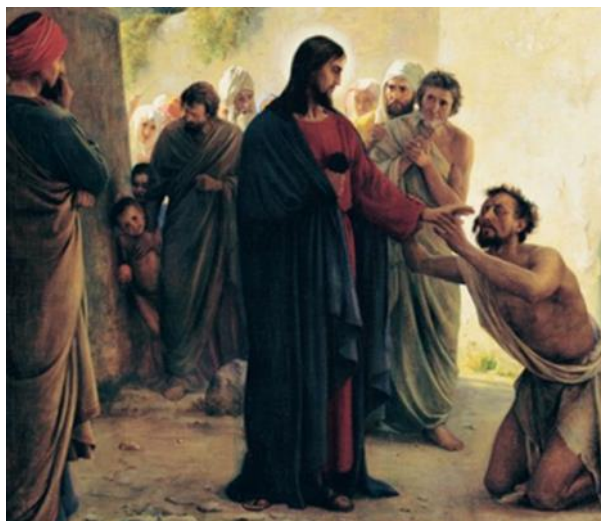
8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

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      161 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,  
you give light to the blind and comfort to the sorrowing,  
and in your Son you have given us a High Priest  
who has offered the true sacrifice for us  
and yet can sympathise with us in our weakness:  
hear the cry of your people  
and lead us home to our true country,  
where with your Son and the Holy Spirit  
you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 (42.1-6, 10-17)

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered the Lord : <sup>2</sup> 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. <sup>3</sup> "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. <sup>4</sup> "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me." <sup>5</sup> I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; <sup>6</sup> therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.' <sup>10</sup> And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup> Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold

ring. <sup>12</sup> The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup> He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup> In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup> After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup> And Job died, old and full of days.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (34.1-8, 19-22)

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the Lord continually: his praise shall be always in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> **Let my soul boast of the Lord: the humble shall hear it and rejoice.**  
<sup>3</sup> O praise the Lord with me: let us exalt his name together.  
<sup>4</sup> **For I sought the Lord's help and he answered: and he freed me from all my fears.**  
<sup>5</sup> Look towards him and be bright with joy: your faces shall not be ashamed.  
<sup>6</sup> **Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me: and saved me from all my troubles.**  
<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him: and delivers them in their need.  
<sup>8</sup> **O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are they that hide in him!**  
<sup>19</sup> The trials of the righteous are many: but our God delivers us from them all.  
<sup>20</sup> **He guards all our bones: so that not one is broken.**  
<sup>21</sup> Evil will slay the wicked: and those who hate the righteous will be destroyed.  
<sup>22</sup> **The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants: and none who hide in him will be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews (7.21-28)

<sup>21</sup> but this one became a priest with an oath, because of the one who said to him, 'The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest for ever" '—  
<sup>22</sup> accordingly Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant.  
<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.  
<sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to

weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN      745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; the glorious company of apostles praise you. **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 (10.46-52)

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

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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      644 Safe in the shadow of the Lord  
*(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:*

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
lover of all,  
trail wide the hem of your garment.  
Bring healing, bring peace.**

*Hymn 737*

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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 147 To God be the glory, great things he has done  
*(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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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## Notices

**2025 Anglican Church Calendar and Lectionary:** For parishioners who requested either a Calendar or Lectionary, these are available to collect this week. Please make payment online to BSB 633 000, account number 157 594 722, reference "Calendar" or "Lectionary" and your name. Calendars are \$15 and Lectionaries \$17. Or you may pay in cash to Rev'd Kerry.

**Nominations for Elections:** Nominations are called for Churchwardens, Parish Council and Incumbency Committee members to be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting meeting on 10 November. If you feel called to serve in one or more of these roles please complete the Nomination Form at the entrance to the church and have it signed by two parishioners who are on the parish roll. A summary of each of these roles is on the church noticeboard. Nomination Forms must be received by Rev'd Kerry by 8.30am on 3 November.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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:

12 November (2nd Tuesday) | 10 December (2nd Tuesday)

FAITH  
HOPE  
LOVE

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
give to us the increase of faith, hope and love;  
and, that we may obtain what you promise,  
make us to love what you command;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## *For our Prayers this Week*

### The world and nation:

We pray for:

- Wise and compassionate leadership of His Majesty King Charles and Commonwealth leaders engaging in discussions on regional and global issues in Apia.
- Calm and clarity of mind for Year 11 and 12 students preparing for end-of-year exams.
- Support groups and agencies assisting those with addiction issues.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Canada, United States of America.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp P. Stuart, Asst Bps C. Murry, S. Roulston, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

The Parish of St Peter's, Mornington w. St Martin's, Mount Martha (C. Clayton).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Welcome West Wagon – providing support to asylum seekers in the western suburbs.

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:*

John Murray (26th),  
Winifred Underhay (26th)  
Joan Andrews (27th).



*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 time to prepare for worship by exploring the readings for this week.*

**Wednesday 30 October, 9:00am St Clement's**

Ephesians 6.1-9; Ps 145.10-13; Luke 13.22-30

**Thursday 31 October 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

**Martin Luther (d.1546)**

Ephesians 6.10-20; Ps 144.1-8; Luke 13.31-35

**Sunday 3 November: All Saints**

Isaiah 25.6-9; Ps 24; Revelation 21.1-6a; John 11.32-44



### **Morning Prayer:**

Tuesday and Friday mornings 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 27 October: Twenty-Third**

#### **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 Prayer, St Clement's

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 29 October**

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

### **Wednesday 30 October**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 31 October**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 1 November**

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

### **Sunday 3 November: All Saints**

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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