

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona
St Clement's Altona Meadows
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

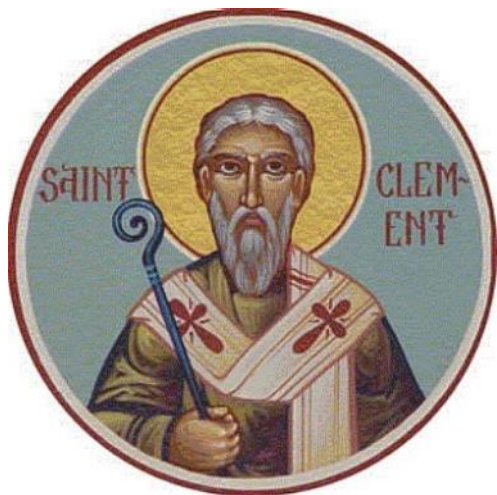


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

24 November 2024 **Christ the King - The Reign of Christ** **St Clement's Patronal Celebration**

9:30am St Clement's Combined Service

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.

The Collect then 'collects' these prayers and turns our attention towards the Bible readings which will follow.

INTROIT HYMN 237 Hail Redeemer, King divine
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleansing the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

THE COLLECT (*prayer of the day*)

Christ the King / The Reign of Christ

Everlasting God,
whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son,
our Lord and King:
grant that the people of earth,
now divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from 2 Samuel (23.1-7)

¹ Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: ² The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. ³ The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴ is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. ⁵ Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? ⁶ But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; ⁷ to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (93)

¹ The Lord is king, and has put on robes of glory: the Lord has put on his glory,
he has girded himself with strength.
² **He has made the world so firm: that it cannot be moved.**
³ Your throne is established from of old: you are from everlasting.
⁴ **The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice: the floods lift up their pounding.**
⁵ But mightier than the sound of many waters, than the mighty waters or the breakers of the sea: the Lord on high is mighty.
⁶ **Your decrees are very sure: and holiness, O Lord, adorns your house for ever.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Revelation (1.4b-8)

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 256 From heaven you came, helpless babe
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I have called you friends, says the Lord, for all that I have heard from my Father I have been known to 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 John (18.33-37)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered,

'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?'

³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'



For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of Sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

The prayers may include this or another response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with our 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.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Everyone is invited to offer a greeting of peace. Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the basket provided.

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 142 Glory be to God the Father
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

...to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:

...do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:

...we worship you in songs of never ending praise:

Blessing and honor and glory and power

are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**We who are many are one body
For we all share in the one bread**

**Jesus Lamb of God , have mercy on us.
Jesus bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

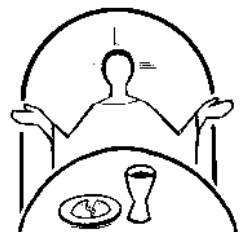
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

The priest breaks the bread and says

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.
Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

We are one body, alleluia,
for though many, we share one bread.
**Be known to us, Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.**



Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us celebrate the feast. Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.
Alleluia!

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:

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Hymn 778

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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

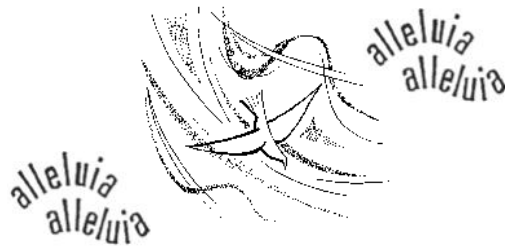
1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

3. Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4. Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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

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Notices

Parish Appointments: At the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday 10 November, the following appointments were made to serve in 2024-25:

Parish Nominations Committee: Anita McAnda, Scott Pitcher, Anna Watts.

Wardens: Anna Watts, Scott Pitcher, Denis Lee.

Parish Council: Dean Mason, Sandra Hansen, Richard Hallet, Anita McAnda, Fred McAnda, Soon Ghee Yap and Ting Wang.

As Wardens, Anna Watt, Scott Pitcher and Denis Lee are also members of Parish Council.

Children's Christmas Toys: We are seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys to supplement Christmas Food Hampers provided by our local Salvation Army at their annual Christmas community celebrations supporting families in need. This event takes place in mid-December, and, as such, our toy donations need to be ready for their processing no later than the 8th December. Donations may be made on Sunday's or left with Zoya at the Op Shop (Tue-Fri). Contacts: Fred, Alta and Sandra.

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.

Tearfund Useful Gifts: The Tearfund Gift shop will once again be operating this advent. Gift catalogue will be at each Church. If you have a big order please contact Phillis on 0417 869 595 to avoid disappointment. Thank you for your support.

St Clements: 24 Nov at 9:30am | 1 Dec at 5:00pm | 8 Dec at 5:00pm

St Eanswythe's: 1 Dec at 10:30am | 8 Dec at 10:30am | 15 Dec 10:30am

Christmas Bowl: Envelopes are available if you would like to make a donation to share the peace this Christmas to those who need it most.

Treasurer Update: Following the Annual Parish Meeting, the Wardens have appointed Ting Wang as the new Parish Treasurer, succeeding Gary Beadell. We extend our sincere thanks to Gary for the dedication he brought to this role and look forward to Ting's contribution in the coming term.

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 10 December: The reflective Bible study group will meet on 10 December (2nd Tuesday) at 7.30pm in St Eanswythe's meeting room (enter through the door from the car park behind the Op Shop).

Our Prayers

The World and Nation:

- Food and humanitarian supplies will reach communities affected by conflict.
- Safety and wellbeing of travellers as they journey around the world.
- That we may be inspired by the steadfast faith of St Clement.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

Parish of St Alban the Martyr St Albans (Incumbency vacant).

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, Carol, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Michael, Anna, Toby, John, Margaret, Wilford, Elisabeth, Jennie, Brian, Enid, Joshua, Hayden.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Rhonda Eudey (24th),
John Atkinson (24th),
Jean Cutting (28th),
Vic Wilson, priest (29th),
Frank Woods, bishop (29th).

*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 27 November, 9:00am St Clement's

Revelation 15.1-4; Ps 98; Luke 21.12-19

Thursday 28 November, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Revelation 18.1-2, 18.21-19.9a; Ps 100; Luke 21.20-28

Sunday 1 December: First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16; Ps 25.1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13; Luke 21.25-38



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 24 November:

St Clement's Patronal Celebration

Christ the King - The Reign of Christ

9:30am Combined Service, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 26 November

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 27 November

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 28 November

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 29 November

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Sunday 1 December:

First Sunday of Advent

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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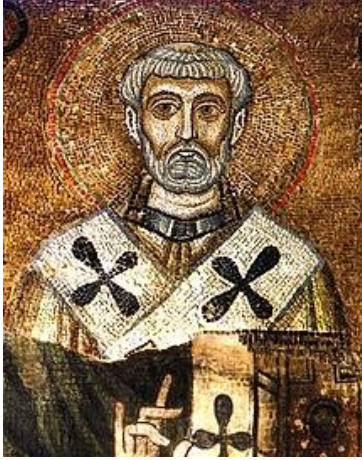
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St Clement



November 23:
Saint Clement of Rome,
Bishop and Martyr
d.c. 100

Patron Saint of sailors, mariners,
sick children, and stonecutters

Pope St. Clement I was pope in the second half of the 1st century. Although little is known about the life of St. Clement, it is believed that he was consecrated by St. Peter. He is known as one of the Apostolic Fathers, a group of theologians in the early Church who knew the Twelve Apostles and helped bridge the gap in Church theology.

Later in his life, he was exiled to modern day Ukraine by Emperor Trajan. When he arrived there, St. Clement performed a miracle, providing water to others imprisoned with him. For performing this miracle while already imprisoned, he was tied to an anchor and thrown over the side of a ship.

The symbol of St. Clement is an anchor which represents his martyrdom.

Pope Saint Clement, you were entrusted with the care of the Church on earth at the very beginning of its founding. You led through your pastoral care, your writings, and by the witness of your life. Please pray for me, that I will have the courage to lay my life down for Christ.

Pray that out of love for others, I will share the Gospel with those entrusted to my care in imitation of you.

Saint Clement I, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

