

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



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

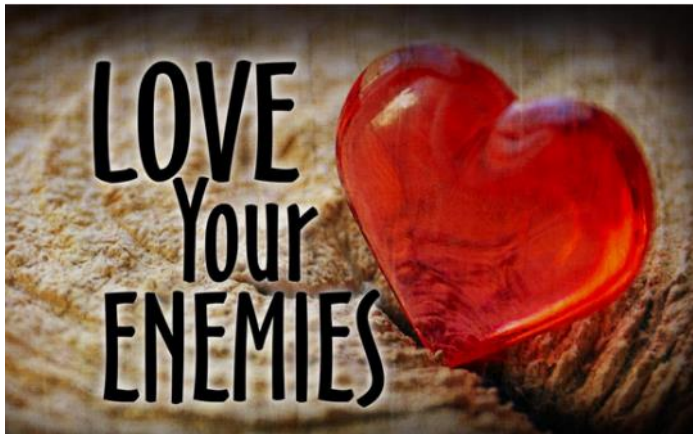


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:
growing in faith ✝ serving others ✝ nurturing a common life*

23 February 2025 **Seventh Sunday After Epiphany (Year C)**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Māori Service), St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Evening Worship, 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 152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of compassion,
keep before us the love you have revealed in your Son,
who prayed even for his enemies.
In our words and deeds help us to be like him,
through whom we pray, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **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 Genesis (45.3-11, 15)

³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.' ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.' ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all

that you have, will not come to poverty.”¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (37.1-11, 40-41)

¹ Do not vie with the wicked: or envy those that do wrong;

² **For they will soon wither like the grass: and fade away like the green leaf.**

³ Trust in the Lord and do good: and you shall dwell in the land and feed in safe pastures.

⁴ **Let the Lord be your delight: and he will grant you your heart's desire.**

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord: trust him, and he will act.

⁶ **He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light: and your innocence as the noonday.**

⁷ Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: do not be vexed when someone prospers, when they put their evil purposes to work.

⁸ **Let go of anger and abandon wrath: let not envy move you to do evil.**

⁹ For the wicked shall be cut down: but those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

¹⁰ **In a little while the ungodly shall be no more: you will look for them in their place, but they will not be found.**

¹¹ But the meek shall possess the land: and enjoy the abundance of peace.

⁴⁰ **Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord: he is their strength in time of trouble.**

⁴¹ The Lord will help them and deliver them: he will save them from the ungodly and deliver them, because they come to him for refuge.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians (15.35-50)

³⁵ But someone will ask, ‘How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?’³⁶ Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.³⁷ And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.³⁹ Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.⁴⁰ There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another.⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory.⁴² So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.⁴³ It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.⁴⁵ Thus it is written, ‘The first man,

Adam, became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰ What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 625 I need you, Lord, for I have seen
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The Child is the light to enlighten the nations, and the Glory of your people Israel.
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (6.27-38)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁷ 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² 'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ 'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

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 648 Help us accept each other
(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:

**God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Trust and do not fear.**

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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 620 O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising
(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.**

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

Name Tags: To help our new Assistant Curate, Rev'd Johnwerni Maryoe, get to know us better, please make it a habit to wear your name tag at worship. If you don't have a name tag or need a new one, please let Edita in the office know, and she will arrange one for you.

Nuptial Mass for Rev'd Dr Alan Smith: On Saturday 8th March 2025 at 2pm, the Rev'd Dr Alan Smith will be marrying Dr Kate Strasser at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Williamstown. You are warmly welcome to attend the Nuptial Mass if you would like to share this special occasion with them.

Prayer List: To keep our prayer list current, we will be updating it regularly. Mindful of a person's right to privacy, please check that the person is comfortable having their name included in our parish service sheet. Once confirmed, provide their name to Edita in the office. Names will remain on the list for six weeks. If continued prayers are needed, please let Edita know.

Palm Crosses: If you have any surplus palm crosses from previous years, please bring them and place them in the basket at the back of the church. These crosses will be burned to create the ashes for our Ash Wednesday services on 5 March. In keeping with tradition, new palm crosses will be available on Palm Sunday.

St Peter's: For the past eighteen months, the St Peter's South Sudanese Congregation has been worshipping regularly at St Clement's. They have now advised that they will soon be relocating to a new venue better suited to their growing congregation. Their final service at St. Clement's will be on Sunday, 30 March.

Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

*You will be children of the Most High;
for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.*

Luke 6.35



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Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- For our new Assistant Curate, Rev'd Johnwerni Maryoe, that his ministry will be richly blessed and bear spiritual growth.
- For parish nominations committees, prospective clergy and acting vicars in congregations presently seeking new vicars.
- The safety and wellbeing of passengers and staff on our public transport networks.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

France, Germany, and Monaco.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Willochra, Sth Australia
(Bp Jeremy James, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

St David's Doncaster East (Judith Frost).

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:

Stuart, Carol, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Michael, Anna, Toby, John, Margaret, Elisabeth, Jennie, Brian, Enid, Joshua, Hayden, Ashlee, Doris, Jan Neyland.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Clive Whiteley (23rd),
Ron Briscoe (24th),
Ruth Hodgson (25th),
Rosa Nicholas (25th),
Russell Milway (26th),
Gertrude Jones (26th),
Wilma Tudhope (27th),
Mary Little (1/3).



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.

Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday 26 February, 9:00am St Clement's

Sirach 4.11-19; Ps 119.161-168; Mark 9.38-40

Thursday 27 February, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

George Herbert, parish priest, poet (d. 1633)

Sirach 5.1-8; Ps 1; Mark 9.41-50

Sunday 2 March: Last Sunday After Epiphany - Transfiguration

Exodus 34.29-35; Ps 99; 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2; Luke 9.28-36



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 23 February:

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

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 Worship, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 25 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 26 February

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 27 February

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 28 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Sunday 2 March:

Last Sunday After Epiphany

- Transfiguration

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 Worship, St Clement's

**During school term*

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