

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*

2 March 2025

Last Sunday After Epiphany Transfiguration (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 583 Take up your cross, the Saviour said
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,
glorious and faithful, you reveal the beauty of your face
to those who seek you with a sincere heart:
strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross,
and open our hearts to its transforming power,
so that, clinging in love to your will for us,
we may walk as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **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 Exodus (34.29-35)

²⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴ but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵ the Israelites would see the face

of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (99)

¹ The Lord is king, let the nations tremble: he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

² **The Lord is great in Zion: he is high above all nations.**

³ Let them praise your great and terrible name: for holy is the Lord.

⁴ **The Mighty One is king and loves justice: you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.**

⁵ O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name: they called to the Lord and he answered.**

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud: they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

⁸ **You answered them, O Lord our God: you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.**

⁹ O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Corinthians (3.12-4.2)

³ ¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. ⁴ ¹ Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 234 How good, Lord, to be here
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory. **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 (9.28-36)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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:

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

Hymn 741

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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 237 Hail Redeemer, King diving
(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

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Notices

Pancakes on Tuesday: Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent, is traditionally a day to use up any leftover food by making pancakes. Come and enjoy pancakes at St Clement's from **5:30pm on Tuesday, 4 March**. Please either bring pancakes (and toppings to share) or ingredients to make them at St Clement's. A \$5 donation is requested, with proceeds gifted to a local charity.

Ash Wednesday Services: There will be Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion services on **Wednesday, 5 March at 9:00am at St Clement's, and 7:00pm at St Eanswythe's**. All are welcome to attend.

High Tea: Te Wairua Tapu ki Poipiripi, the Māori Congregation of our parish, will host a High Tea on **Saturday, 22 March from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at St Eanswythe's**. Enjoy delicious food and drinks. Tickets are \$30 per person, with raffle tickets available for \$5. Tickets are limited, so please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard. For enquiries, please contact Cindy McRoberts at 0494 089 813.

Mothers Union Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Thursday 13 March at 11:00am. All meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of the month as usual. Annual Subscriptions of \$45.00 are now due.

Bush Church Aid: Beryl Brown is now collecting and clearing all BCA Boxes.

Lost Gold Bracelet: One of our parishioners may have lost a gold bracelet at St Eanswythe's. If anyone has found it, can they please pass it on to Rev'd Kerry.

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.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Joining countless others around the world, we pray for Pope Francis's health and recovery.
- Respectful and responsible campaigning among those seeking office in the forthcoming Federal elections.
- Wisdom and encouragement for the students and lecturers of our diocese's two theological colleges as they begin the new academic year.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Belgium, Luxembourg, and Netherlands.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod, Sophie Relf-Christopher, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Paul's Fairfield (Peter Carolane).

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 clergy and their families.

Those with particular needs:

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

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Harold Petersen (2nd),
Noel Richardson (3rd),
Soraya Christie (6th),
Lorraine Doull (7th),
Ted Thornton (8th),
Paul Geering (8th).



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 5 March: Impositioning Ashes Service,

9:00am St Clement's and 7:00pm St Eanswythe's

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17; Ps 51.1-17; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Thursday 6 March, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Ps 1; Luke 9.22-25

Sunday 9 March: First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Ps 91.1-2, 9-16; Romans 10.4-13; Luke 4.1-15



Morning Prayer:

Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00am at St Eanswythe's. Everyone is welcome.

Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 4 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 5 March: Ash Wednesday

9:00am Holy Eucharist and

Impositioning of Ashes, St Clement's

7:00pm Holy Eucharist and

Impositioning of Ashes, St Eanswythe's

Thursday 6 March

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,

Altona Meadows

Friday 7 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Sunday 9 March:

First Sunday in Lent

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

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