

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*

9 March 2025

First Sunday in Lent (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 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O saving God,
who led your people through the wilderness
and brought them to the promised land:
so guide us that, following our Saviour,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
and be brought to the glory of the world which is to come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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 Deuteronomy (26.1-11)

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.'

⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (91.1-2, 9-16)

- ¹ Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High: who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
² **They will say to the Lord 'You are my refuge and my stronghold: my God in whom I trust.'**
⁹ The Lord himself is your refuge: you have made the Most High your stronghold.
¹⁰ **Therefore no harm will befall you: nor will any scourge come near your tent.**
¹¹ For he will command his angels: to keep you in all your ways.
¹² **They will bear you up in their hands: lest you dash your foot against a stone.**
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder: the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
¹⁴ **'You have set your love upon me,' says the Lord, 'and therefore I will deliver you: I will lift you out of danger, because you have known my name.**
¹⁵ 'When you call upon me I will answer you: I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue you and bring you to honour.
¹⁶ **'With long life I will satisfy you: and fill you with my salvation.'**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (10.4-13)

⁴ For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. ⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹² For there is no distinction

between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 591 Forty days and forty nights
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (4.1-15)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.’

⁴ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “One does not live by bread alone.”’ ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, ‘To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ ⁸ Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’ ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you”, ¹¹ and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’ ¹² Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

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 211 (t ii) Jesus, lover of my soul
(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:

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

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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 684 Love will be our Lenten calling
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.**



Notices

Filming in Altona: Filming for the motion picture *The Mongoose* will take place on Tuesday, 11 March, affecting the streets of Altona, including the area outside St Eanswythe's Church. Due to expected disruptions to parking and traffic flow, there will be no Morning Prayer or Tiddlers Playgroup that day, and the Op Shop will be closed. Additionally, the church hall and car park behind the church will be unavailable. Location of Caritas, to be finalised.

Lenten Bible Study – Starts 11 March: Join us for a six-week Lenten Bible Study, held on Tuesday evenings from 11 March to 15 April at 7:00pm. If you would like to participate, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Study booklets are available for \$13.60.

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes – Thank You! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who provided food and attended our Shrove Tuesday Pancakes Evening at St Clement's. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout, and many delicious pancakes were enjoyed! A total of \$96.00 was raised, which will be donated to Anglicare Victoria – Family Services.

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.

Assistant Curate Recording: Our Assistant Curate, Rev'd Johnwerni, a graduate of Trinity Theological College in Melbourne, recently shared his journey of faith and ministry training in an interview recorded at St Clement's Church. You can watch the short video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU7wBGPJ2Zk&t=11s>.

Name Tags: To help our 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.

Archbishop's Election: The Diocese of Melbourne's lay and clergy synod members will gather at St Paul's Cathedral on 23 and 24 May to elect a new Archbishop following the retirement of Archbishop Philip in February. For more information on the election process, visit: How the Election Works (<https://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/2025/02/how-does-an-election-for-a-new-archbishop-work/>).

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

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

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.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Safety and protection for Christians facing persecution in Congo and elsewhere around the world.
- Communities in Queensland and New South Wales as they recover from the effects of Cyclone Alfred.
- Peace and reconciliation among ethnic groups affected by recent violence in our communities.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Ireland and the United Kingdom.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn
(Bp Mark Short, Asst Bp Vanessa Bennett, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

The Parish of St John's, Frankston North
w. St Luke's, Carrum Downs (David Sullivan, Cheryl Sullivan).

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:

Ryan Morgan (14th).



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.

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.*

Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday 12 March: 9:00am St Clement's

Jonah 3.1-10; Ps 51.6-9; Luke 11.29-32

Thursday 13 March, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Addns to Esther 14.3-14; Ps 138.1-3; Matthew 7.7-12

Sunday 16 March: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

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 (*except 11 March*), 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)

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1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

5:00pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

Wednesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 11 March

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study,

St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 12 March

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 13 March

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 14 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

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**During school term*

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