

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



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

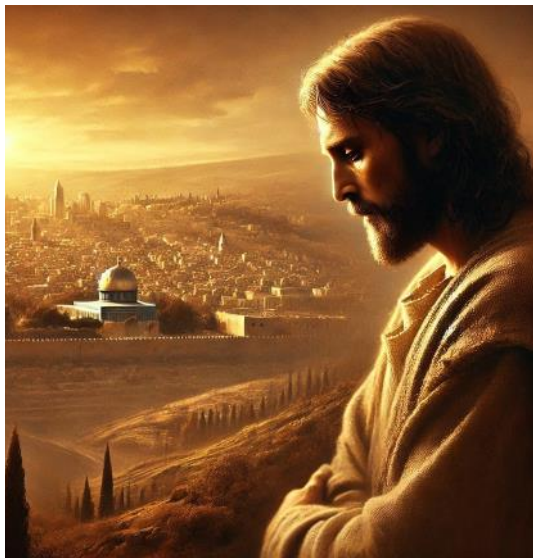


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:
growing in faith ✝ serving others ✝ nurturing a common life*

16 March 2025 **Second 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 :: Welcome
Haere mai



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

693 Come as you are

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of our ancestors,
whose chosen servant Abraham
was given faith to obey your call
and go out into the unknown:
endow your Church with such faith
that we may follow you with courage;
for the sake of 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 Genesis *(15.1-12, 17-18)*

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ² But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³ And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵ He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. ⁷ Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸ But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I

shall possess it?’⁹ He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (27)

- ¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?: the Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² **When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, come upon me to devour me: they shall stumble and fall.**
- ³ If an army encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid: and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- ⁴ **One thing I have asked from the Lord, which I will require: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**
- ⁵ To see the fair beauty of the Lord: and to seek his will in his temple.
- ⁶ **For he will hide me under his shelter in the day of trouble: and conceal me in the shadow of his tent, and set me high upon a rock.**
- ⁷ And now he will lift up my head: above my enemies round about me.
- ⁸ **And I will offer sacrifices in his sanctuary with exultation: I will sing, I will sing praises to the Lord.**
- ⁹ O Lord, hear my voice when I cry: have mercy upon me and answer me.
- ¹⁰ **My heart has said of you, ‘Seek his face’: your face, Lord, I will seek.**
- ¹¹ Do not hide your face from me: or thrust your servant aside in displeasure;
- ¹² **For you have been my helper: do not cast me away or forsake me, O God of my salvation.**
- ¹³ Though my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord will take me up.
- ¹⁴ **Teach me your way, O Lord: and lead me in an even path, for they lie in wait for me.**
- ¹⁵ Do not give me over to the will of my enemies: for false witnesses have risen against me, and those who breathe out violence.
- ¹⁶ **But I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord: in the land of the living.**
- ¹⁷ O wait for the Lord; stand firm and he will strengthen your heart: and wait, I say, for the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from Philippians (3.17-4.1)

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. **4** ¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 420 Holy spirit, go before us
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

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

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From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard, this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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 (13.31-35)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' ³² He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem."

³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

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:

**Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.**

*Hymn 730
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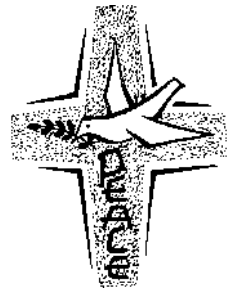
Going into the World

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 547 Be Thou my vision
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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



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

Lenten Bible Study Reminder: For all participating in the Lenten Bible Study series, our gatherings will be held on **Tuesdays at 7:00pm** as follows:

St Eanswythe's: March 18 & 25

St Clement's: April 1, 8 & 15

We look forward to sharing this time of reflection and learning together.

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/>).

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 Cyndi McRoberts on 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.

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.

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.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- More powerful nations will respect international boundaries and the sovereignty of all nations.
- Negotiations between Ukraine and Russia lead to a just and lasting peace.
- Protection and support for those in abusive relationships.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Melbourne
(Genieve Blackwell, Diocesan Admin;
Asst Bps Paul Barker, Bradly Billings,
Kate Prowd, Alison Taylor, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Barnabas' Glen Waverley
(Maria Brand-Starkey, Ginger Chen,
Bradley Jackson, Ming Li).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

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, Toby, John, Margaret, Elisabeth, Jennie, Brian, Enid, Joshua, Hayden, Ashlee, Doris, Jan Neyland, Lola Grant.

The communion of saints

Anniversaries this Week:

John Millichip (16th),
Vera McAllister (18th),
Ron Atkins (20th),
Shirley King (22nd).



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 19 March: 9:00am St Clement's

AAR Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Samuel 7.4-16; Ps 89.19-30; Romans 4.13-22; Matthew 1.18-25

Thursday 20 March, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, bishop and missionary (d.687)

Jeremiah 17.5-10; Ps 1; Luke 16.19-31

Sunday 23 March: Third Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55.19; Ps 63.1-9; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9

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 16 March:

Second 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 18 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study,

St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 19 March

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 20 March

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 21 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Saturday 22 March:

Te Wairua Tapu ki Poipiripi High Tea

1:30pm High Tea, St Eanswythe's

Sunday 23 March:

Third 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

**During school term*

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