

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 March 2025 **Third 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 201 King of Glory, King of Peace
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God, the fountain of life,
to a humanity parched with thirst
you offer the living water that springs from the Rock,
our Saviour Jesus Christ:
stir up within your people the gift of your Spirit,
that we may profess our faith with freshness
and announce with joy the wonder of your love.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 Isaiah (55.1-9)

- ¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM (63. 1-9)

1 O God, you are my God: eagerly will I seek you.
2 My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you: as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.
3 So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary: and saw your power and your glory.
4 For your unchanging goodness is better than life: therefore my lips shall praise you.
5 And so I will bless you as long as I live: and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
6 My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness: my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.
7 When I remember you upon my bed: when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
8 How you have been my helper: then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,
9 Then my soul clings to you: and your right hand upholds me.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians (10.1-13)

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.
¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 131 Father of heaven whose love profound
(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 *(13.1.9)*

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?' ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' ⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

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 453 We limit not the truth of God
(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:

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.**

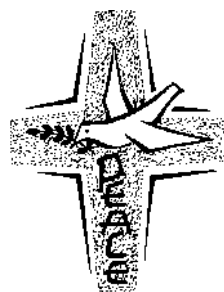
Going into the World

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 650 Brother, sister let me serve you
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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



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

Palm Cross Making! Got some time to spare? Come along and help make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday! No prior experience necessary — we'll show you how! Where: St Eanswythe's, 10am, Friday 11 April.

St Eanswythe's Centenary: September 2026 will mark the centenary of St Eanswythe's Church as a place of Anglican worship in Altona. A committee will be convened to organise various events and activities to celebrate this important milestone. If you would like to be involved in this committee, please contact Jan Hudson (0419 946 359) or Lily Griffin (0413 065 705).

Archbishop's Election: Lay and clergy synod members will gather at St Paul's Cathedral on 23 and 24 May to elect a new Archbishop for the diocese following the Archbishop Philip's recent retirement. For more information on the election process, visit: <https://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/2025/02/how-does-an-election-for-a-new-archbishop-work/> and <https://www.boardofnominators.org/election-process>

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

St Eanswythe's: March 25. St Clement's: April 1, 8 & 15.

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

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.

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:

- Global economic policies will benefit all stakeholders.
- People will find strength and hope in their faith in these uncertain times.
- For the grace to forgive and the courage to seek forgiveness.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Tasmania

(Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People);

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Columb's Hawthorn (Mark McDonald, Helena Cameron);

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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:

Jan Neyland, Lola Grant.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Jack Kane (25th),

Lilian Brown (26th),

Josephine Saunders (29th),

Marge Duckett (30th).



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 March: 9:00am St Clement's

Deuteronomy 4.1 (2-3) 4-9; Ps 147.12-20; Matthew 5.17-19

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

Jeremiah 7.23-28; Ps 95.6-11; Luke 11.14-23

Sunday 30 March: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5.2-12; Ps 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.11-32

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:00am at St Eanswythe's. Everyo



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)

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5:00pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 25 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
7:00pm Lenten Bible Study,
St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 26 March

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care
Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 27 March

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 28 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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