

# 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*

## **30 March 2025** **Fourth 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      217(ii) Love divine, all loves excelling  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of compassion,  
you are slow to anger, and full of mercy,  
welcoming sinners who return to you with penitent hearts:  
receive in your loving embrace all who come home to you,  
and seat them at your bountiful table,  
that, with all your children,  
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
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 Joshua (5.2-12)

<sup>2</sup> At that time the LORD said to Joshua, 'Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites a second time.' <sup>3</sup> So Joshua made flint knives, and circumcised the Israelites at Gibeath-haaraloth. <sup>4</sup> This is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the warriors, had died during the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt. <sup>5</sup> Although all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people born on the journey through the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. <sup>6</sup> For the Israelites travelled for forty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the warriors who came out of Egypt, perished, not having listened to the voice of the LORD. To them the LORD swore that he would not let them see the land that he had sworn to their ancestors to give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>7</sup> So it was

their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way. <sup>8</sup> When the circumcising of all the nation was done, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. <sup>9</sup> The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. <sup>10</sup> While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

#### PSALM (32)

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.  
<sup>2</sup> **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.**  
<sup>3</sup> For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.  
<sup>4</sup> **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**  
<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;  
<sup>6</sup> **I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord': and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**  
<sup>7</sup> For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.  
<sup>8</sup> **You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**  
<sup>9</sup> 'I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.  
<sup>10</sup> **'Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.'**  
<sup>11</sup> Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.  
<sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

#### SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Corinthians (5.16-21)

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not

counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GRADUAL HYMN      546 Lord Jesus, think on me  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

#### THE GOSPEL

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

I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **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 (15.11-32)  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, ‘There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.” So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, “How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’ ” <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, “Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!” And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> ‘Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, “Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.” <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father

came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, “Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!” <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.” ’

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 409 O breath of life, come sweeping through us  
*(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 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. Amen.**



## Notices

**Palm Sunday Combined Service:** Join us on **Sunday, 13 April, 9:30am at St Eanswythe's for a special Palm Sunday Combined Service**, where we will come together as a parish to begin Holy Week. As is customary with our combined services, no other services will be held that day. Commencing this year, the Palm Sunday Combined Service will become an annual fixture in our calendar, and next year, it will take place at St Clement's.

**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 Philip's 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>. Please also pray for the Board of Nominators as it undertakes this important task for the diocese.

**Lenten Bible Study:** For all participating in the Lenten Bible Study series, our gatherings will be held on **Tuesday at 7:00pm at St Clement's on April 1, 8 & 15**. We look forward to sharing this time of reflection and learning together.

**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 Editia in the office know.

**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>.

**Mothers Union Annual Project:** Their annual project is to provide 5 blank Christmas cards to women in prison to enable them to send to family/friends. Donations of spare Christmas cards would be gratefully received and could be left at the back of the church.

**Thank you from Rev'd Alan:** Friends, Kate and I were overwhelmed by so many of you attending our wedding. It was wonderful having people from my home parish. Some of you I have known for more than 50 years! It really was like having my extended family present. Your presence contributed significantly to the celebration being such a joyous occasion. We look forward to joining you at a service in the future.



## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- Across the world, governments will act with integrity and compassion in serving their people.
- Civilian and humanitarian sites are protected in conflict zones.
- Healing and strength for those receiving medical treatment.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Czech Republic, Poland, and Slovakia.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia.

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

St George's Ivanhoe East  
(Incumbency vacant).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Welcome West Wagon – providing support to asylum seekers in the western suburbs.

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, Doris LeRoy.

### The communion of saints:

*Anniversaries this Week:*



*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 2 April: 9:00am St Clement's**

Isaiah 49.8-15; Ps 145.8-13; John 5.17-30

**Thursday 3 April, 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

**Richard of Chichester, bishop (d. 1256)**

Exodus 32.7-14; Ps 106.20-24; John 5.31-47

**Sunday 6 April: Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Isaiah 43.16-21; Ps 126; Philippians 3.3-14; John 12.1-8

**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 30 March:**

#### **Fourth 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 1 April**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study,  
St Clement's

### **Wednesday 2 April**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 3 April**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,  
Altona Meadows

### **Friday 4 April**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,  
St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 6 April:**

#### **Fifth 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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