

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*

18 May 2025 **Fifth Sunday of Easter (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 following
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

626 Lord of creation, to you be all praise
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

We behold your glory, O God,
in the love shown by your Son,
lifted up on the cross and exalted on high:
be glorified anew in the love we have for one another
as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus,
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 Acts (11.1-18)

¹ Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³ saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶ As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸ But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹ At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where

we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (148)

- ¹ Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven: O praise him in the heights.
- ² **Praise him, all his angels: O praise him, all his host.**
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all you stars of light.
- ⁴ **Praise him, you highest heaven: and you waters that are above the heavens.**
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded and they were made.
- ⁶ **He established them for ever and ever: he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.**
- ⁷ O praise the Lord from the earth: praise him, you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ **Fire and hail, mist and snow: and storm-wind fulfilling his command;**
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills: fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ **Beasts of the wild, and all cattle: creeping things and winged birds;**
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth, and all peoples: princes, and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² **Young men and maidens: old folk and children together.**
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is exalted.
- ¹⁴ **His glory is above earth and heaven: and he has lifted high the horn of his people.**
- ¹⁵ Therefore he is the praise of all his servants: of the children of Israel, a people that is near him. Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from Revelation (21.1-6)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed

away.’⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’⁶ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

699 A new commandment I give unto you
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John (13.31-35)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, ‘Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, “Where I am going, you cannot come.” ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

641 This is my will, my one command
(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 93 Praise the Lord, you heavens adore him
(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 anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving

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Notices

Planned Giving Update: Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to our Planned Giving program. Letters of confirmation and offertory envelopes (where requested) will be available shortly. A few responses are still outstanding, so we anticipate sharing the final results of the program in the coming weeks.

Electing a New Archbishop: Please uphold in prayer the Electoral Synod that gathers on 23-24 May to elect the next Archbishop of Melbourne. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the Synod's deliberations.

St Eanswythe's Flower Roster: We currently have a number of vacancies on the flower roster, and would warmly welcome your participation in this valued ministry. If you are able, please consider helping by arranging two vases of flowers for a Sunday service. You may wish to do this in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion. Thank you to all who have generously donated towards the purchase of flowers—your support is deeply appreciated. Please contact Zoya Davies at brian.zoya2@optusnet.com.au or 0406 595 138 if you can assist.

St Eanswythe's Centenary Working Group: The Centenary Working Group, formed to plan a programme of events to commemorate 100 years of Anglican worship at St Eanswythe's Church in Altona, meets on the **fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00am at St Eanswythe's**. If you would like to be part of this important and celebratory work, please join us.

St Clement's Playgroup – Volunteer Needed: Clementine's Playgroup meets on Friday mornings from 9:30am to 11:30am during the school term. With Louise Matthey moving from the area, we are seeking a friendly volunteer to assist from Friday 18 July. If you're available on Friday mornings during term time and would enjoy helping oversee this welcoming and lively group, please contact Lily on 0413 065 705 or Sandra on 0410 040 661 for more information.

Weekly Email Updates: If you're not currently receiving our parish's weekly email and would like to stay up to date with services, events, and parish news, please contact Edita in the parish office with your email address. She can be reached at parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au or by phone at 03 9398 1005 on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am - 2:30pm.

Vacation Bible School – “Wisdom Calls Aloud” (July 9–11): IREC Melbourne invites children (Prep–Year 6) to a three-day Vacation Bible School from July 9–11 at Heathdale Christian College, 9:30am–3:00pm daily. The program includes Bible stories, crafts, and activities designed to grow faith in a fun and nurturing environment. Fully led by pastors and volunteers, the early bird cost is \$75 per child. More info and registration: www.irecmelbourne.org/vbs-2025.



Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Warmth in households as cooler temperatures begin.
- Rain for Victorian farmers who are experiencing one their driest periods on record.
- For the Electoral Synod as it meets on 23-24 May to elect the 14th Archbishop of Melbourne.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Hope25 outreach in schools & colleges.

Diocese of Melbourne:

Jika Jika Preston (Michael Hopkins,
Chaplain Soma, Fan Zhang).

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:

Ashlee.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Laurie Brooks (19th),
Elizabeth Bellhouse (21st),
John Andrew (23rd),
Doug Cutting (24th),
Luke Mitchell (24th).



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 21 May: 9:00am St Clement's

Acts 15.1-6; Ps 122; John 15.1-8

Thursday 22 May: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Acts 15.7-21; Ps 96.1-6; John 15.8-11

Sunday 25 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

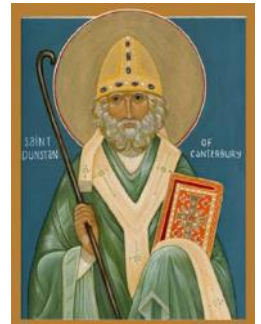
Acts 16.9-15; Ps 67; Revelation 21.10-14; John 5.1-9

Morning Prayer:

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

Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury (d. 988)

Feast Day: Monday 19 May - English bishop and Benedictine monk whose work included restoring monastic life in England and reforming the English Church.



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 18 May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 20 May

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 21 May

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 22 May

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 23 May

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

Sunday 25 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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