

# 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*

## 25 May 2025

### Sixth 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

154 Great is your faithfulness

*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

### THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Great and loving God,  
your will for us in your Son Jesus  
is the peace which the world cannot give,  
your abiding gift, the Advocate he promised.  
Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear,  
and keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word.  
Grant this through Jesus Christ,  
the firstborn from the dead,  
who lives with you now and always  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
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 (16.9-1)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' <sup>10</sup> When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup> We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup> and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup> On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth.

The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup> When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (67)

1 Let God be gracious to us and bless us: and make his face shine upon us,

**2 That your ways may be known on earth: your liberating power among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you.

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing: for you judge the peoples with integrity, and govern the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you.

**6 Then the earth will yield its fruitfulness: and God, our God, will bless us.**

7 God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

SECOND READING

A READING FROM REVELATION (21.10-14; 21.22-22.5)

<sup>10</sup> And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. <sup>11</sup> It has the glory of God and a radiance like a very rare jewel, like jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It has a great, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are inscribed the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites; <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup> And the wall of the city has twelve foundations, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. <sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. <sup>1</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

409 O breath of life come sweeping through us  
(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 (14.23-29)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

23 Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24 Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. 25 ‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28 You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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      538 Feed Us Now  
*(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:*

**Holy, holy, holy.**

**My heart, my heart adores you.**

**My heart knows how to say to you:**

**Holy are you, Lord.**



## 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 687 God gives a future  
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

(Hymn 723)

Words: Anon (from Argentina)

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 [anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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## Notices

**June Fitzgerald:** Many will recall June Fitzgerald who was parishioner at St Eanswythe's and St Clement's for many years. June's funeral will be held at 11:00am on Tuesday, 27 May at Nelson Bros, 81 Kororoit Creek Road, Williamstown. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Planned Giving Update:** Thank you to all those who participated in our Planned Giving Program on Stewardship Sunday. The 2025/26 program starts next Sunday & your thank you letters & envelopes, where required, are available today for you to collect at church. There are still some responses to come in so we should be able to share the final result of the program in the coming weeks.

**Electing a New Archbishop:** The Electoral Synod will meet on 23–24 May to discern and elect the 14th Archbishop of Melbourne. Should an election not be concluded at that time, additional dates in late-May/early June have been set aside to continue the process.

**Enriching our understanding of our Faith:** Parish Council is considering the best way to support the ongoing development of our understanding of our faith and the enrichment of our relationship with God. There are many excellent video and audio presentations which can assist us to do this, perhaps with a number of short [5 or 6 weeks] sessions each year. If you are interested in helping to plan how and when this program should work, you are invited to a meeting at St. Clement's Church at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18th of June. Contact Richard Hallett at [richardhallett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:richardhallett@optusnet.com.au) if you would like information about some of the content suggested for this program.

**St Eanswythe's Centenary Working Group:** The Centenary Working Group is coordinating a program of events to mark 100 years of Anglican worship at St Eanswythe's Church, Altona. The group meets on the **fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00am at St Eanswythe's**. If you have photographs or memorabilia that could contribute to the centenary celebrations, we would be grateful if you would consider sharing them. Items can be brought to the parish office, where they will be copied and returned. Your contribution will help us honour the rich history of our parish.

**Vicar's Leave:** Rev'd Kerry will be on annual leave from 4-15 June. During this time services will be conducted by Rev'd Johnwerni.

**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](mailto:brian.zoya2@optusnet.com.au) or 0406 595 138 if you can assist.

**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 Mattey 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.

## *Our Prayers*

### For the Nation and the World:

- Family and friends of June Fitzgerald as they mourn her passing and prepare for her funeral on 27 May.
- Communities on the NSW Central Coast impacted by severe flooding.
- For the Electoral Synod as it elects the next Archbishop of our Diocese.

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.

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

#### *Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of the Northern Territory  
Bishop Gregory Anderson; Clergy and People

#### *Diocese of Melbourne:*

St John's Heidelberg

### 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:

Ashlee Attwood, Mary Duguarte.

### The communion of saints:

#### *Anniversaries this Week:*

Isabel Henshall (27th),  
Connie George (27th),  
Dorothy Smith (29th),  
Bill Rice (29th),  
Ian James Scarlett (29th).  
Eileen Eudey (30th)  
Jane Nicholas (30th)  
Margaret Starbrook (31st)  
Ruth Lord (31st)



## *Readings for this Week*

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

### **Wednesday 28 May: 9:00am St Clement's**

Acts 17.15-18.1 Ps 148.7-15; John 16.12-15

### **Thursday 29 May: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Acts 1.1-11; Ps 110; Ephesians 1.15-23, Luke 24.44-53

### **Sunday 1 June: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16.16-34; Ps 97; Revelation 22.12-22; John 17.20-26

### **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 25 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 26 May**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

### **Wednesday 27 May**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 28 May**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 29 May**

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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