

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



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

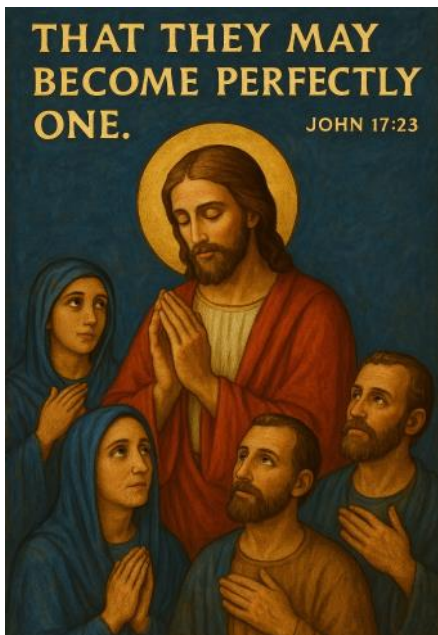


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith ✠ serving others ✠ nurturing a common life*

## 1 June 2025 Seventh 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

462 Now we come, our heavenly Father  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

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

Almighty God,  
whose blessed Son before his passion  
prayed for his disciples that they might be one,  
as you and he are one: grant that your Church,  
being bound together in love and obedience to you,  
may be united in one body by the one Spirit,  
that the world may believe in him whom you have sent,  
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for 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 (16.16-34)

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews' <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as

Romans to adopt or observe.’ <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, ‘Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.’ <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ <sup>31</sup> They answered, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.’ <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

PSALM (97)

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of islands be glad.
- <sup>2</sup> **Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.**
- <sup>3</sup> Fire goes before him: and burns up his enemies on every side.
- <sup>4</sup> **His lightnings light the world: the earth sees it and quakes.**
- <sup>5</sup> The mountains melt like wax before his face: from before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> **The heavens have proclaimed his righteousness: and all peoples have seen his glory.**
- <sup>7</sup> They are ashamed, all those who serve idols and glory in mere nothings: all gods bow down before him.
- <sup>8</sup> **Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced: because of your judgements, O God.**
- <sup>9</sup> For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth: you are exalted far above all gods.
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord loves those that hate evil: the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.**
- <sup>11</sup> Light dawns for the righteous: and joy for the true of heart.
- <sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: and give thanks to his holy name.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from Revelation (22.12-21)

<sup>12</sup> 'See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.' <sup>14</sup> Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. <sup>15</sup> Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practises falsehood. <sup>16</sup> 'It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.' <sup>17</sup> The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.' And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. <sup>18</sup> I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book; <sup>19</sup> if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. <sup>20</sup> The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

459 In Christ there is no east or west  
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The Lord said: I will not leave you as orphans, I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **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 (17.20-26)

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

<sup>20</sup> 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup> that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which



you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.  
<sup>25</sup> ‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

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     521 Lord Christ, at your first eucharist you prayer  
*(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     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. Alleluia, alleluia!  
In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**



## Notices

**Planned Giving Update:** Our Planned Giving program for 2025/2026 will commence this Sunday, 1 June. We are grateful to report a weekly pledged total of **\$2,900**, representing an increase of **\$198 per week** compared to last year. A total of **88 invitations** were issued, and we received **82 responses**, with **65 people making a formal pledge**. Others have indicated they will give through the offertory plate or envelopes without specifying an amount. The **average weekly pledge is \$44.61**. Any immediate questions regarding parish giving can be directed to **Pat Baines** on 0400 051 121. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the ministry and mission of our parish.

**Archbishop Elect:** Last weekend, the Diocesan Electoral Synod elected the Right Reverend Dr Richard (Ric) Thorpe as the **14th Archbishop of Melbourne**. Archbishop-elect Thorpe is married to Louie and is widely known for his leadership in church planting and revitalisation in the Anglican communion including Victoria. He will be installed at St Paul's Cathedral later in the year, with a date to be announced.

**Clergy House Cleaning Bee:** The Clergy House at 81 Powlett Street, Altona Meadows, is currently being redecorated and re-carpeted in preparation for Rev'd Johnwerni and his family moving there. A cleaning bee is planned for **Friday 6 June at 10:30am**. If you are available to assist, your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Ladies Mid-Year Dinner:** Come and share in a time of fellowship and connection. **Thursday 19 June at 6:30pm at Pier 71**, 71 Pier Street, Altona. RSVP by Monday 16 June to Vaoa Davis, [kandvdavis@gmail.com](mailto:kandvdavis@gmail.com) or 0425 163 101.

**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 meets on the **fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00am at St Eanswythe's** to plan events to mark 100 years of Anglican worship at St Eanswythe's Church, Altona. 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 emailed or brought to the parish office, where they will be copied and returned.

**Blank Christmas Cards:** Mothers Union members are now collecting blank Christmas cards to be distributed to prisoners to enable them to send greetings to family and friends. Members and parishioners who would like to contribute to this project are asked to leave cards in the box at the back of the church.

**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 have vacancies on the flower roster, and would warmly welcome additional support 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. Louise Matthey is moving from the area, so we are seeking a friendly volunteer to assist from Friday 18 July. If you're available please contact Lily on 0413 065 705 or Sandra on 0410 040 661.

## *Our Prayers*

### For the Nation and the World:

- For the success of this year's Planned Giving program, beginning today.
- In National Reconciliation Week, we pray for continued efforts to honour First Nations peoples through truth, justice, and healing.
- We give thanks for the appointment of our new Archbishop, The Right Reverend Dr Richard Thorpe.
- That communities facing disaster or conflict receive timely aid and support .

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*  
Angola, and Mozambique.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*  
Hope25: outreach in agencies and sector ministries.

*Diocese of Melbourne:*  
St James the Great Anglican Church St Kilda East  
(Paul Bower).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Common Grace – uniting Australian Christians in advocacy and prayer.

Our parish & community: For God's guidance, love and care of our people.

We pray for our clergy and all who serve and volunteer in our parish.

### Those with particular needs:

Ashlee Attwood, Mary Duguarte.

### The communion of saints:

*Anniversaries this Week:*

Betty Douglas (2nd),  
June Geering (2nd),  
Peter Meiers (5th),  
James McGrath (5th),  
John McIntyre, bishop (6th),  
Rolf von Kalm (6th).



Feast Day 5 June  
*Boniface: English Benedictine monk and leading figure in the Anglo-Saxon mission to the Germanic parts of Europe.*



## Readings for this Week

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

### **Wednesday 4 June: 9:00am St Clement's**

Acts 20.28-38; Ps 68.28-35; John 17.11-19

### **Thursday 5 June: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

**Boniface of Mainz, bishop and martyr (d.754)**

Acts 22.30, 23.6-11; Ps 16.1-6; John 17.20-26

### **Sunday 8 June: Day of Pentecost**

Genesis 11.1-9; Ps 104.26-36; Acts 2.1-21; John 14.8-17



### **Morning Prayer:**

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

## This Week in our Parish

### **Sunday 1 June:**

#### **Seventh 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 3 June**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

### **Wednesday 4 June**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 5 June**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,

Altona Meadows

### **Friday 6 June**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 8 June: Day of Pentecost**

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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