

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*

22 June 2025

Second Sunday after Pentecost (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

102 Praise to the living God

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Pour out upon us, O God,
the power and wisdom of your Spirit,
so that we, who have been baptised into Christ
and made your children through faith,
may know your Son's power to heal, and,
being made one in him,
may overcome all barriers that divide us;
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 1 Kings *(19.1-4, 8-15a)*

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.' ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' ⁵ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁶ At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ⁷ He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' ⁸ He said, 'Go out and stand

on the mountain before the Lord , for the Lord is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord , but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ ¹⁴ He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the Lord , the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

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

PSALM (42)

¹ As a deer longs for the running brooks: so longs my soul for you, O God.
² **My soul is thirsty for God, thirsty for the living God: when shall I come and see his face?**
³ My tears have been my food day and night: while they ask me all day long ‘Where now is your God?’
⁴ **As I pour out my soul by myself, I remember this: how I went to the house of the Mighty One, into the temple of God,**
⁵ To the shouts and songs of thanksgiving: a multitude keeping high festival.
⁶ **Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul: and why so unquiet within me?**
⁷ O put your trust in God: for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.
⁸ **My soul is heavy within me: therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.**
⁹ Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waters: all your waves and breakers have gone over me.
¹⁰ **Surely the Lord will grant his loving mercy in the day-time: and in the night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**
¹¹ I will say to God, my rock, ‘Why have you forgotten me: why must I go like a mourner because the enemy oppresses me?’
¹² **Like a sword through my bones, my enemies have mocked me: while they ask me all day long ‘Where now is your God?’**
¹³ Why are you so full of heaviness, my soul: and why so unquiet within me?
¹⁴ **O put your trust in God: for I will praise him yet, who is my deliverer and my God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Galatians (3.10-14,23-9)

¹⁰ For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who does not observe and obey all the things written in the book of the

law.’ ¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law; for ‘The one who is righteous will live by faith.’ ¹² But the law does not rest on faith; on the contrary, ‘Whoever does the works of the law will live by them.’ ¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree’— ¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. ²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 714 Eat this bread, drink this wine. (sung twice)
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel

of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (8.26-39)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁶ Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, ‘What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me’— ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, ‘What is your name?’ He said, ‘Legion’; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they

ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ ‘Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.’ So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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 598 Dear Father, Lord of humankind
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Hymn 773

From the Taizé Community (1978)

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:

Glory to God, Glory to God

Glory in the highest

Glory to God, Glory to God

Alleluia, alleluia

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 256 From heaven you came helpless babe
(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

Safe Ministry Training: Level 1 and Level 2 Safe Ministry Training will be held at St Eanswythe's on **Thursday, 3 July**. If your training is due, please confirm your attendance with Richard Hallett email: richardhallett@optusnet.com.au or mob 0421 471 073. Your participation helps ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all.

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.

Special Film Screening – The First Hymn: Parishioners may be interested in attending a special screening of *The First Hymn*, a documentary that traces the discovery of an ancient scrap of papyrus found in the Egyptian desert—believed to contain the earliest-known Christian hymn with both music and lyrics. The film is introduced by songwriters **Chris Tomlin** and **Ben Fielding**, and includes a live Q&A with **Professor John Dickson**, who explores the hymn's historical and spiritual significance. **Date:** Tuesday 8 July, 6:30pm at HOYTS Melbourne Central, 211 La Trobe Street, Melbourne. For more details, visit: www.thefirsthymnmovie.com

Clementines Playgroup – Temporary Break: Please note that *Clementines* playgroup at St Clement's will pause from 27 June to 18 July due to volunteer absences and the school holiday period. We look forward to welcoming families back when sessions resume on 25 July.

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 or 0406 595 138 if you can assist.

Choral Evensong – Nicene Creed: The Nicene Creed is a foundational expression of our Christian faith and identity. This year marks the **1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea**, where the Creed was first adopted. To commemorate this significant milestone, parishioners are warmly invited to attend a **special Choral Evensong at All Saints Church, 2 Chapel Street, East St Kilda, on Sunday 6 July at 5pm**. The preacher will be **Rev'd Dr Michael Bird**, Deputy Principal and Lecturer, Ridley College, who will reflect on the history and enduring significance of the Nicene Creed.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- For peace in areas of growing conflict—especially Israel and Iran.
- The elderly and homebound and those living alone or in aged care.
- A renewal of faith in Australia: That hearts across our nation may be drawn back to God.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Malawi, Zambia.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of North Queensland (Bp Keith Joseph, Clergy & People)

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Matthew's Wheelers Hill
(Samantha White).

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 all who serve and volunteer in our parish.

Those with particular needs:

Ashlee Attwood, Mary Duguarte, Terry LeRoy, Andrew Baines, Sandra Hansen.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Racheal Davies (22nd),
David Hocking (24th),
Russell Andrew (24th),
Harry Harradence (26th),
Brian Zimsen (26st),
Maureen Fiscaline (28th),
Ron Hewson (29th),
Jean Barger (29th).



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 25 June: 9:00am St Clement's

Genesis 15.1-18; Ps 105.1-7 Matthew 7.15-20

Thursday 26 June: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Genesis 16; Ps 106.1-5; Matthew 7.21-29

Sunday 29 June: Third Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14; Ps 77.1-2, 11-20;

Galatians 5.1, 13-25; Luke 9.51-62

Morning Prayer:

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

Everyone is welcome.



Feast Day 24 June

Jewish preacher and forerunner of Jesus Christ active in the Jordan River area. He proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

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 22 June:

Second Sunday after 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 24 June

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 25 June

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

Thursday 26 June

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11:00am St Eanswythe's Centenary
Working Group, St Eanswythe's

Friday 27 June

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*

Sunday 29 June:

Third Sunday after 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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