

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*

29 June 2025

Third 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

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| 1. Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me? | 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound
In you and you in me? |
| 2. Will you leave your self behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me? | 5. Lord, your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you and you in me? |

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God, the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
the strength of the thoughts that seek you:
help us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 2 Kings (2.1-2, 6-14)

¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ⁶ Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰ He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

PSALM (77.1-2, 11-20)

- ¹ I call to my God, I cry out toward him: I call to my God, and surely he will answer.
² **In the day of my distress I seek the Lord, I stretch out my hands to him by night: my soul is poured out without ceasing, it refuses all comfort.**
¹¹ I will declare the mighty acts of the Lord: I will call to mind your wonders of old.
¹² **I will think on all that you have done: and meditate upon your works.**
¹³ Your way, O God, is holy: who is so great a god as our God?
¹⁴ **You are the God that works wonders: you made known your power among the nations;**
¹⁵ By your mighty arm you redeemed your people: the children of Jacob and Joseph.
¹⁶ **The waters saw you, O God, the waters saw you and were afraid: the depths also were troubled.**
¹⁷ The clouds poured out water, the heavens spoke: and your arrows darted forth.
¹⁸ **The voice of your thunder was heard in the whirlwind: your lightnings lit the world, the earth shuddered and quaked.**
¹⁹ Your way was in the sea, your path in the great waters: and your footsteps were not seen.
²⁰ **You led your people like sheep: by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Galatians (5.1, 13-25)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

563 Let him to whom we now belong
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.
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 (9.51-62)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' ⁵⁹ To another

he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' ⁶¹ Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' ⁶² Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

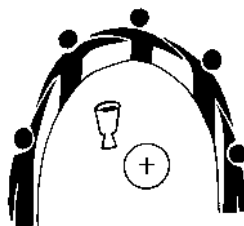
Celebrating at the Lord's Table

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 259 Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
(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:

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.**

*Hymn 706
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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 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky
(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.**



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

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 Revd Dr Michael Bird, Deputy Principal and Lecturer, Ridley College, who will reflect on the history and enduring significance of the Nicene Creed.

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.

Enriching Our Faith: To support our continuing growth in faith and understanding, Richard Hallett will lead a study series exploring key themes that deepen our relationship with God. Sessions will take place **fortnightly from 22 July to 16 September, from 7.00pm-8.30pm, at St Clement's**. All are warmly invited to attend. For further information, contact Richard at richardhallett@optusnet.com.au or mobile 0421 471 073.

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.

*Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for Jesus' sake will find it. Matthew 10.39*

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Pathways to lasting reconciliation between warring nations may be found and upheld.
- Safety for those sheltering or fleeing from areas of violence and war.
- Hospitals and emergency services may be resourced to meet the increased demand during winter.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
Kenya, and Tanzania.

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
(Bp Greg Anderson, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:
St Matthew's Ashburton (Kurian Peter).

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 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:

Colin Smith (30th),
Jessie Norman (2nd Jul).



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 2 July: 9:00am St Clement's

Genesis 21.5 (6-7) 8-20; Ps 34.1-10; Matthew 8.28-34

Thursday 3 July: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Genesis 22.1-19; Ps 116.1-9; Matthew 9.1-8

Sunday 6 July: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5.1-14; Ps 30; Galatians 6.1-6; Luke 10.1-12

Morning Prayer:

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



29 June: Feast of Peter and Paul

Apostles and Martyrs

*Prominent figures in the early church,
known for their leadership in
spreading the Gospel.*

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 Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661) or Lily Griffin (0413 065 705).

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 1 July

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 2 July

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 3 July

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:00pm Safe Ministry Training,

St Eanswythe's

1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,

Altona Meadows

Friday 4 July

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Sunday 6 July:

Fourth 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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