

# 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*

## 6 July 2025 Fourth 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

409 O breath of life, come sweeping through us  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

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

God of the covenant,  
in our baptism  
you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:  
give us courage,  
as you gave it to the apostles,  
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace  
in every circumstance of life;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
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 2 Kings (5.1-14)

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' <sup>4</sup>So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup>And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup>He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you,

know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.’<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, ‘Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.’<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, ‘Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’<sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house.<sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’<sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!’<sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage.<sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’<sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

PSALM (30)

- <sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths: and have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.
- <sup>2</sup> **O Lord my God, I cried to you: and you have made me whole.**
- <sup>3</sup> You brought me back, O Lord, from the land of silence: you saved my life from among those that go down to the Pit.
- <sup>4</sup> **Sing praises to the Lord, all you his faithful ones: and give thanks to his holy name.**
- <sup>5</sup> For if in his anger is havoc, in his good favour is life: heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.
- <sup>6</sup> **In my prosperity I said ‘I shall never be moved: your goodness, O Lord, has set me on so firm a hill.’**
- <sup>7</sup> Then you hid your face from me: and I was greatly dismayed.
- <sup>8</sup> **I cried to you, O God: and made my petition humbly to my Lord.**
- <sup>9</sup> ‘What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit: can the dust give you thanks, or declare your faithfulness?’
- <sup>10</sup> **‘Hear, O Lord, and be merciful: O Lord, be my helper.’**
- <sup>11</sup> You have turned my lamentation into dancing: you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy,
- <sup>12</sup> **That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent: O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from Galatians (6.1-6)

<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads. <sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

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

## GRADUAL HYMN

448 Blest are the pure in heart  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. **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 (10.1-12)  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>"Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." <sup>12</sup>I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.



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

## Celebrating at the Lord's Table

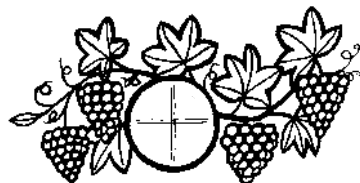
*Our sharing is a gift of grace, a communion with Jesus and with each other. There is a place here for each and every person.*

OFFERTORY HYMN     315 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
*(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.**



*Hymn 723  
Words: Words: Anon (from Argentina)*

## 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     161 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ.**



**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 [anglicanaltav.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltav.org.au/giving)

**Filming at St Eanswythe's:** Filming for a television series will take place at St Eanswythe's from 10 to 17 July. Regular service times and Op Shop operating hours will not be affected by the filming schedule.

**Safe Ministry Training:** Further dates for Safe Ministry Training Levels 1 & 2 will occur in the coming weeks. Please confirm your availability to attend when Richard Hallet makes contact with you.

**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](http://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](mailto:richardhallett@optusnet.com.au) or mobile 0421 471 073.

**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.

**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.



## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- Those entrusted with the care and protection of children will faithfully honour their responsibilities.
- During NAIDOC Week, we give thanks for the rich culture and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Communities impacted by the cyclone on our nation's east coast will receive timely and effective support.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

Locums and all retired clergy.

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

St Stephen's Belmont (Shirley Littras).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Welcome West Wagon – providing support to asylum seekers in the western suburbs.

### 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:*

Eileen Nevitt (6th),  
Kyle Glynn Hudson (6th),  
Linda Norman (7th),  
Alma Lauer (7th),  
Audrey Said (10th),  
Ian Wallace (11th),  
Libus Hodgson (12th).



*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 9 July: 9:00am St Clement's**

Genesis 41.55-57, 42.6-24a; Ps 33.13-21; Matthew 10.1-7

### **Thursday 10 July: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Genesis 44.18-29, 45.1-5; Ps 105.16-22; Matthew 10.7-15

### **Sunday 13 July: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 7.17-17; Ps 82; Colossians 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

### **Morning Prayer:**

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



## *Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish*

### **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 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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 8 July**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

### **Wednesday 9 July**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

### **Thursday 10 July**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 11 July**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 13 July:**

#### **Fifth 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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