

# 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*

## 20 July 2025

### Sixth 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

693 Come as you are; that's how I want you  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

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

Eternal God,  
you draw near to us in Christ  
and make yourself our guest:  
amid the cares of our daily lives,  
make us attentive to your voice  
and alert to your presence,  
that we may treasure your word above all else.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you 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 Amos (8.1-12)

<sup>1</sup> This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. <sup>2</sup> He said, Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A basket of summer fruit.' Then the LORD said to me, 'The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. <sup>3</sup> The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,' says the Lord GOD; 'the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!' <sup>4</sup> Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup> saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup> buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.' <sup>7</sup> The LORD has sworn by the pride

of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. <sup>8</sup> Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? <sup>9</sup> On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. <sup>10</sup> I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. <sup>11</sup> The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM (52)

- <sup>1</sup> Why, you that are powerful, do you boast all the day long: of mischief done to those that are faithful to God?
- <sup>2</sup> **You contrive destroying slanders: your tongue is like a sharpened razor, it cuts deceitfully.**
- <sup>3</sup> You have loved evil, and not good: to tell lies, rather than to speak the truth.
- <sup>4</sup> **You love all words that may do hurt: and every deceit of the tongue.**
- <sup>5</sup> But God will destroy you utterly: he will snatch you away and pluck you out of your dwelling, he will uproot you from the land of the living.
- <sup>6</sup> **The righteous shall see it, and fear: they shall laugh you to scorn, and say,**
- <sup>7</sup> ‘Here is one who did not take God for strength: but trusted to the abundance of riches, and found strength in slander.’
- <sup>8</sup> **As for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I will trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.**
- <sup>9</sup> I will always give you thanks, for this was your doing: I will glorify your name before the faithful, for it is good to praise you.

#### SECOND READING

A reading from Colossians (1.15-29)

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so

as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church.<sup>25</sup> I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,<sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints.<sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.<sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.<sup>29</sup> For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN      619 (T234) Have faith in God, my heart  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **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 (10.38-42)

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

<sup>38</sup> Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.<sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.'<sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;<sup>42</sup> there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

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, Bread of life  
*(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:*

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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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     547 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
*(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 [anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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## Notices

**Mothers Union Fundraiser:** You are all invited to come along to our annual fundraiser on **Monday 21st of July at 11:00am to 2:30pm at St Eanswythe's**. Our guest speaker, Trish Veje, a celebrant and a Justice of the Peace, will have many interesting stories to share. Entry is \$15.00. A delicious lunch will be provided as well as door prizes.

**Safe Ministry Training:** Further dates and options for Safe Ministry Training announced in the coming weeks. Please confirm your availability to participate when Richard Hallet contacts you .

**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.

**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.

**The King of Kings – A New Animated Film:** The recently released animated film The King of Kings brings the timeless story of Jesus Christ to life, portraying His ministry, sacrifice, and message. It offers a powerful reminder of faith, love, and redemption—suitable for all ages. The film is now available to **rent or buy on Apple TV, Prime Video, YouTube, Google TV, and Fetch TV**. Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HDhet3EVRac>



22 July:  
Feast of Mary Magdalene  
Mary supported Jesus in his ministry and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection.



25 July:  
Feast of James, Apostle & Martyr  
One of the first disciples to join Jesus and one of the twelve Apostles.



## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- That conflicts may be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy, rather than retaliation and violence.
- Red Cross and all community kitchens that provide nourishment and care to those who are hungry or in need.
- As winter deepens, we pray for all whose health and wellbeing are vulnerable to the cold.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Djibouti and Somalia.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop, Aboriginal Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

St Bartholomew's Burnley  
(Stuart Soley).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre—providing support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

### 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:

Terry LeRoy, Andrew Baines,  
Sandra Hansen, James Hudson.

### The communion of saints:

*Anniversaries this Week:*

Doug Grant (20th),  
Lawrence Hudson (23rd),  
Robert Norman (23rd),  
Robert Muir (23rd),  
Olice Malin (24th),  
Ellie Doloughan (24th).



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

Exodus 16.1-5 (6-8) 9-15; Ps 78.20-30; Matthew 13.1-9

### **Thursday 24 July: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Exodus 19.1-20; Ps Song of the 3YM (APBA p.399); Matthew 13.10-17

### **Sunday 27 July: Seventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Hosea 1.2-10; Ps 85; Colossians 2.6-15; Luke 11.1-13

### **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 20 July:**

#### **Sixth 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 22 July**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,  
St Eanswythe's\*  
7:00pm Enriching Our Faith, St Clement's

### **Wednesday 23 July**

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

### **Thursday 24 July**

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

### **Friday 25 July**

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

### **Sunday 27 July:**

#### **Seventh 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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