

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*

27 July 2025

Seventh 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

154 Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Provident Father,
with the prayer your Son taught us always on our lips,
we ask, we seek, we knock at your door:
help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
and so to knock that the door of mercy may be opened for us;
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 Genesis (18.20-32)

²⁰Then the LORD said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' ²²So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' ²⁶And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' ²⁷Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you

destroy the whole city for lack of five?’ And he said, ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.’ ²⁹ Again he spoke to him, ‘Suppose forty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of forty I will not do it.’ ³⁰ Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.’ He answered, ‘I will not do it, if I find thirty there.’ ³¹ He said, ‘Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.’ ³² Then he said, ‘Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.’ He answered, ‘For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (138)

- ¹ I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name: because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have made your name and your word supreme over all things.**
- ³ At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer: and put new strength within my soul.
- ⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord: for they have heard the words of your mouth;**
- ⁵ And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord: that the glory of the Lord is great.
- ⁶ **For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly: and he comprehends the proud from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of danger, yet will you preserve my life: you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies, and your right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **The Lord will complete his purpose for me: your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; do not forsake the work of your own hands.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Colossians (2.6-15)

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you

were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

635 (T514) Forgive our sins as we forgive
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
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 (11.1-13)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ ² He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’ ⁵ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” ⁷ And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ ‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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 526 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
(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 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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



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

Notices

New Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia: The Right Reverend Dr Mark Short, Bishop of the Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn has been elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia and will commence in the role on 1 November 2025 following the resignation of Archbishop Geoffrey Smith as Primate on 31 October 2025.

Journey Toward Truth and Treaty: Join an evening of connection and conversation to deepen our shared understanding of Aboriginal reconciliation and allyship exploring what it means to be an active ally on the journey toward Truth and Treaty. Enjoy live music from Kinja, hear powerful personal stories from the panel, browse Aboriginal-owned business stalls, and learn about the new Message Tree installation in Nelson Place. **Monday 11 August 2025, 7.00pm, Royal Yacht Club Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown.** This free event is hosted by the New Message Tree Alliance, with support from Hobsons Bay City Council and the Royal Yacht Club Victoria.

Safe Ministry Training: Further dates and options for Safe Ministry Training will be announced in the coming weeks. Please confirm your availability to participate when Richard Hallett 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>

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Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- For the Primate-elect, The Right Reverend Dr Mark Short – that his leadership may inspire and strengthen the Anglican Church of Australia.
- For stability in global economies adjusting to new tariffs and trade policies.
- For dignity, safety, and support for all people trapped in conflict zones.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Riverina

(Bp Donald Kirk, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Paul's Canterbury

(Rachel McDougall).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya.

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:

Sandra Hansen, James Hudson.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Kath Milway (27th),

Rita Camilleri (27th).



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 30 July: 9:00am St Clement's

William Wilberforce, social reformer (d. 1833)

Exodus 34.29-35; Ps 99.5-9; Matthew 13.44-46

Thursday 31 July: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Joseph of Arimathea

Exodus 40.16-21, 34-38; Ps 84.1-7; Matthew 13.47-53

Sunday 3 August: Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr

2 Chronicles 24.17-22; Ps 31.1-8;

Acts 6.8-10, 7.54-60; Matthew 10.17-22

Morning Prayer:

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



Feast Day: 31 July

Joseph of Arimathea

A follower of Jesus, who took responsibility for his burial following his crucifixion.

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).

St Eanswythe's Centenary Working Group:

Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 4th Thursday at 11:00am. Contact Lily Griffin (0413 065 705).

This Week in our Parish

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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 29 July

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 30 July

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 31 July

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 1 August

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Sunday 3 August:

Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr

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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