

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Alttona
St Clement's Alttona 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*

3 August 2025 **Eighth 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

179 Praise with joy the world's creator
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory,
for the example of Stephen, the first martyr,
who prayed for his persecutors,
and looked to him who was crucified,
your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **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 Chronicles (24.17-22)

¹⁷ Now after the death of Jehoiada the officials of Judah came and did obeisance to the king; then the king listened to them. ¹⁸ They abandoned the house of the Lord, the God of their ancestors, and served the sacred poles and the idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this guilt of theirs. ¹⁹ Yet he sent prophets among them to bring them back to the Lord; they testified against them, but they would not listen. ²⁰ Then the spirit of God took possession of Zechariah son of the priest Jehoiada; he stood above the people and said to them, 'Thus says God: Why do you transgress the commandments of the Lord, so that you cannot prosper? Because you have forsaken the Lord, he has also forsaken you.' ²¹ But they conspired against him, and by command of the king they stoned him to death in the court of the house of the Lord. ²² King Joash did not remember the kindness that Jehoiada, Zechariah's father, had shown him, but killed his son. As he was dying, he said, 'May the Lord see and avenge!'

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

PSALM (31.1-8)

- ¹ To you, Lord, I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.
² **O deliver me in your righteousness: incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**
³ Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock and my stronghold.
⁴ **Lead me and guide me for your name sake: bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you are my strength.**
⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit: you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
⁶ **I hate those that clutch vain idols: but my trust is in the Lord.**
⁷ I will rejoice and be glad in your loving-kindness: for you have looked on my distress and known to me in adversity.
⁸ **You have not given me over to the power of the enemy: you have set my feet where I may walk at liberty.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Acts (6.8-10;54-60)

- ⁸ Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.
⁹ Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ¹⁰ But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. ⁵⁴ When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died. .

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

GRADUAL HYMN

459 (Ti) In Christ there is no east or west
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Stephen full of grace and power, did great things among the 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 Matthew (10.17-22)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹ Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.



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

678 God beyond glory

(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:

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

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 155 O LORD my God When I in awesome wonder
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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

*Hymn 155
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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

We are saddened to share that **Leah Ranger**, a well-loved former member of **St Eanswythe's**, passed away peacefully on **Sunday, 27 July**, in Bendigo. A memorial service will be advised in due course. Please keep Leah's family and loved ones in your prayers at this time.

Mothers' Union will hold their **annual Wave of Prayer service on Sunday, 4 August at 10:00am** in the **Lady Chapel of St Eanswythe's**. This global initiative is part of a continuous Wave of Prayer in which Mothers' Union members around the world pray for one another. All are warmly invited to attend this meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.

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: An evening of connection and conversation exploring what it means to be an ally in the journey toward Truth and Treaty. Enjoy live music from Kinja, hear personal stories from the discussion panel, visit Aboriginal-owned business stalls, and learn about the new *Message Tree* installation. Presented by the New Message Tree Alliance. **Monday 11 August 2025, 7.00pm, Royal Yacht Club Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown.**

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.

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Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Urgently needed food and medical aid will reach communities affected by conflict, disasters, or displacement.
- For parishes as they seek to fill clergy and lay ministry vacancies—that God will raise up faithful and gifted leaders.
- For all who are unwell at home, in hospital, or in aged care—that they may experience comfort, healing, and quality of life.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Anglican Parish of Longbeach Chelsea (Susan Bluett).

Diocese of Melbourne:

Christ Church Newport—Pastoral Service. (BP Brad Billings).

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:

Sandra Hansen, James Hudson, Terry Leroy.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Evan Wickens (4th),
Anne Aitken (4th),
Joesph McAnda (4th),
Carrie Baines (10th),
Neville Scarlett (10th).



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 6 August: 9:00am St Clement's

Transfiguration of our Lord

Daniel 7.9-10,13-14; Ps 97; 2 Peter 1.16-19 Mark 9.210

Thursday 7 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Numbers 20.1-13; Ps 95.1-7; Matthew 16.1323

Sunday 10 August:

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Ps 50.1-8, 23-24

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40

Morning Prayer:

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



Stephen, Deacon and First

Martyr: 3 August

Stephen was stoned to death in Jerusalem boldly defending the faith.

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 3 August:

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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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 5 August

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

Wednesday 6 August

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Thursday 7 August

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**During school term*

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