

# 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*

## 10 August 2025

### Ninth 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

264 Hark! a herald voice is calling  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

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

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech you,  
the spirit to think and do always such things as are right,  
that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you,  
may by you be enabled to live according to your will;  
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 Isaiah (1.1, 10-20 NRSVA)

<sup>1</sup> The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. <sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! <sup>11</sup> What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. <sup>12</sup> When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; <sup>13</sup> bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. <sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. <sup>15</sup> When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <sup>17</sup> learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. <sup>18</sup> Come now, let us argue it out,

says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. <sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; <sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (50.1-8, 23-24)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken: and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

<sup>2</sup> **From Zion, perfect in beauty: God has shone out in glory.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God is coming, he will not keep silent: before him is devouring fire, and tempest whirls about him.

<sup>4</sup> **He calls to the heavens above: and to the earth, so he may judge his people.**

<sup>5</sup> ‘Gather to me my faithful ones: those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.’

<sup>6</sup> **The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness: for God himself is judge.**

<sup>7</sup> ‘Listen my people and I will speak: O Israel, I am God your God, and I will give my testimony.

<sup>8</sup> **‘It is not for your sacrifices that I reprove you: for your burnt-offerings are always before me.**

<sup>23</sup> ‘O consider this, you who forget God: lest I tear you in pieces, and there be no one to save you.

<sup>24</sup> **‘He honours me who brings sacrifice of thanksgiving: and to him who keeps to my way I will show the salvation of God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews (11.1-3, 8-16 NRSVA)

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

<sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way

make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN      574 (T138) Captain of Israel's host, and Guide  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit, we call God our Father. **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 (12.32-40 NRSVA)

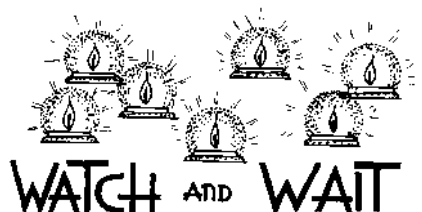
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>32</sup> 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

For the Gospel of the Lord:

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

SERMON

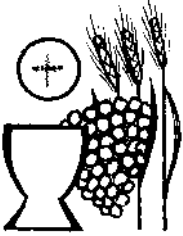


# Celebrating at the Lord's Table

*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

596 Fill my whole life, O Lord my God  
*(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: 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

315 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming 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. 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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

## Notices

**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 music from Kinja, hear personal stories from the discussion panel, visit Aboriginal-owned business stalls, and learn more about the new *Message Tree* installation. Presented by the New Message Tree Alliance, with support from Hobsons Bay City Council and Royal Yacht Club Victoria. **Monday 11 August 2025 | 7.00pm Royal Yacht Club Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown.**

**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.

**St Eanswythe's Centenary Working Group:** The Centenary Working Group meets on the **fourth Thursday of each month at 11:00am at St Eanswythe's** to plan events to mark 100 years of Anglican worship at St Eanswythe's Church, Altona. If you have photographs or memorabilia that could contribute to the centenary celebrations, we would be grateful if you would consider sharing them. Items can be emailed or brought to the parish office, where they will be copied and returned.

**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 First Hymn:** Due to an incredible response, metropolitan Hoyts and Village cinemas across Melbourne are extending screenings of THE FIRST HYMN, a rare and beautiful film that stirs the soul. Trailer and tickets can be found at <https://www.thefirsthymnmovie.com>

The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne is committed to churches being places where everyone is safe, especially children and vulnerable people. All church workers and volunteers are required to complete training and relevant checks. If you wish to raise any concerns about misconduct, past or present, please contact the independent Professional Standards body, Kooyoora (1800 135 246; [www.kooyoora.org.au](http://www.kooyoora.org.au)).

## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- For the work of international agencies who assist in the resettlement of displaced people.
- Our parish and the wider Williamstown Deanery—that we may be faithful, prayerful, and welcoming.
- That the plight of vulnerable people will be recognised and supported by better resourced nations

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea.

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

#### *Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Armidale  
(Bp Rod Chiswell, Clergy & People).

#### *Diocese of Melbourne:*

St John the Divine Croydon  
(Sathi Anthony).

### 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:

Sandra Hansen, James Hudson,  
Terry LeRoy.

### The communion of saints:

#### *Anniversaries this Week:*

Roy Little (11th),  
Frederick Hawthorne (14th).



*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 13 August: 9:00am St Clement's**

**Jeremy Taylor, Bishop and Spiritual Writer (d. 1667)**

Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Ps 66.1-8; Matthew 18.15-20

### **Thursday 14 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

**Twentieth Century Martyrs**

Joshua 3.7-17; Ps 114; Matthew 18.21-19.1

### **Sunday 17 August: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 5.1-7; Ps 80.1-2, 8-19;

Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-59

### **Morning Prayer:**

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



*Feast Day: 15 August*

*Mary, Mother of our Lord*

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord, is honoured as a model of faithful obedience.*

## *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).

### **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 10 August:**

#### **Ninth 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 12 August**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

### **Wednesday 13 August**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

### **Thursday 14 August**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 15 August**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 17 August:**

#### **Tenth 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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