

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*

24 August 2025

Eleventh 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

596 Fill my whole life, O Lord my God
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God, the Judge of all,
through the saving blood of your Son
you have brought us to the heavenly Jerusalem
and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken:
fill us with reverence and awe in your presence,
that in thanksgiving we and all your Church
may offer you acceptable worship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives to intercede for us, now and for 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 Jeremiah (1.4-10)

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' ⁶Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' ⁷But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.' ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (71.1-6)

- ¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.
- ² **In your righteousness rescue and deliver me: incline your ear to me and 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 **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked: from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.**
- ⁵ For you, Lord, are my hope: you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.
- ⁶ **On you have I leaned since my birth: you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb, and my praise is of you continually.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews (12.18-29)

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.') ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' ²⁷ This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

444 Dear Shepherd of your people, hear
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)



THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel

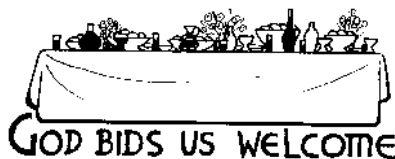
of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke (13.10-17)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



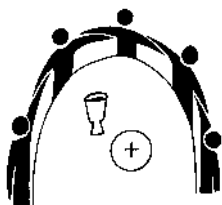
SERMON

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

344 Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)



*Everyone is invited to receive communion or receive a blessing.
Children who have been baptised are welcome to receive communion.*

*If you would prefer not to receive communion but to receive a
personal blessing, please indicate this when the minister comes to you.*

While communion is being shared, we sing:

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.**

Hymn 706

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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 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



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You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust from my youth.

Upon you have I leaned since my birth.



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

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Notices

Working Bee: In preparation for the St Eanswythe's Patronal Day Service, we will be holding a working bee on **Saturday 13 September from 9.30am**. Your help would be greatly appreciated as we work together to ensure the church and grounds are clean, tidy, and welcoming for this special occasion.

St Eanswythe's Patronal Day: The St Eanswythe's Patronal Day Service will be held on **Sunday 14 September at 10.30am**. As is our custom, this will be a combined parish service, followed by a shared lunch. If you are able, please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Mission to Seafarers: We have received a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Mission to Seafarers Victoria for our help in supporting their Mission by knitting beanies for seamen. Their letter is on the noticeboard.

2026 Lectionary Orders: The 2026 Lectionary is available to order at a cost of **\$17.00 per copy**. To place your order, please sign the sheet at the back of the church or contact Edita in the parish office on 03 9398 1005 or email parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au.

2026 Anglican Calendar Orders: The 2026 Anglican Calendar, featuring photographs of Anglican churches from across the country, is available to order at a cost of **\$16.00 per copy**. To order, please sign the sheet at the back of the church or contact Edita in the parish office on 03 9398 1005 or email parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au.

Commissioning of Rev'd Chris Lancaster: We are pleased to share that our former Vicar, Rev'd Chris Lancaster, has been appointed Vicar of the Anglican Parish of St Silas & St Anselm, Albert Park. His Service of Commissioning will be held on **Tuesday 23 September at 7.00pm** at St Silas' Church, 99 Bridport Street, Albert Park. All who wish to attend are warmly invited.

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.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- That all parties in peace talks recognise and uphold the bonds of humanity they share.
- For the safety and wellbeing of women and families—in their relationships, homes, and in public life.
- For individuals and households facing financial hardship.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
Liberia and Sierra Leone.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Newcastle
(Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

The Parish of St John the Evangelist
Epping (Raffaella Pilz).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

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:

James Hudson.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Trevor McDonald (24th),
Mary Truman (25),
Jesse James (26th).



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 27 August: 9:00am St Clement's

Monica, mother of Augustine (d.387)

1 Thessalonians 2.9-13; Ps 139.6-11; Matthew 23.27-32

Thursday 28 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher (d.430)

1 Thessalonians 3.7-13; Ps 90.11-17; Matthew 24.42-51

Sunday 31 August: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 2.4-13; Ps 81.1, 10-16;

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1-14

Morning Prayer:

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



Feast Day 24 August
Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr
One of the 12 apostles of Jesus.

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).

This Week in our Parish

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Eleventh 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 26 August

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 27 August

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care
Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 28 August

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

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

Friday 29 August

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*

Sunday 31 August:

Twelfth 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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