

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*

31 August 2025 Twelfth 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

158 God has spoken by his prophets
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,
you invite the humble and the sinful
to take their place in the festive assembly of the new covenant:
teach your Church always
to honour the presence of the Lord in the poor and the outcast,
so that we may learn to recognise each other
as brothers and sisters gathered together around your table.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one 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 Jeremiah (2.4-13)

⁴Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? ⁶They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' ⁷I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. ⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. ¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. ¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, ¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (81.1, 10-16)

- ¹ O sing joyfully to God our strength: shout in triumph to the God of Jacob.
- ¹⁰ **'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt: open wide your mouth, and I will fill it.**
- ¹¹ 'But my people would not listen to my voice: and Israel would have none of me.
- ¹² **'So I left them to the stubbornness of their hearts: to walk according to their own designs.**
- ¹³ 'If only my people would listen: if Israel would but walk in my ways,
- ¹⁴ **'I would soon put down their enemies: and turn my hand against their adversaries.**
- ¹⁵ 'Those that hate the Lord would cringe before him: and their punishment would last for ever.
- ¹⁶ **'But Israel I would feed with the finest wheat: and satisfy you with honey from the rocks.'**

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews (13.1-8, 15-16)

¹ Let mutual love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶ So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

448 Blest are the pure in heart

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

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 (14.1-14)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ² Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, 'Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?' ⁴ But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away.

⁵ Then he said to them, 'If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?' ⁶ And they could not reply to this. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸ 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down

at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.



¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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 693 Come as you are
(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:

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;
those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;
God alone fills us.**

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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 590 What a friend we have in Jesus
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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



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.

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:

- Continuation and strengthening of global efforts toward justice and peace.
- The families and communities mourning the Victorian police officers killed in the line of duty, and for the healing of their injured colleague.
- The family and friends of Eddie Barrow, that they may know God's comfort as they mourn his passing.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of The Murray
(Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Paul's Frankston
(Claudia Mauracher).

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:

James Hudson.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Carmela Said (31st),
Victor Nicholas (2/9),
Roy Durbridge (4/9),
Eric Vincent (6/9).



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 3 September: 9:00am St Clement's

Gregory of Rome, bishop & teacher (d.604)

Colossians 1.1-8; Ps 52.8-9; Luke 4.38-44

Thursday 4 September: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Colossians 1.9-14; Ps 98.1-6; Luke 5.1-11

Sunday 7 September: Vocation Sunday [Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost]

Jeremiah 18.1-11; Ps 139.1-5, 12-18; Philemon 1-25; Luke 14.25-35

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday and Friday, 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).

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 2 September

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

7:00pm Enriching Our Faith, St Clement's

Wednesday 3 September

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 4 September

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,
Altona Meadows

Friday 5 September

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

Sunday 7 September:

Vocation Sunday

Thirteenth 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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