

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*

7 September 2025

Vocation Sunday

Thirteenth 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

626 Lord of creation, to you be all praise
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of the ages, you call the Church to keep watch in the world
and to discern the signs of the times:
grant us the wisdom that your Spirit bestows,
so that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word,
and complete the work you have set before us;
through your Son, 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 (18.1-11)

¹ The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² 'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³ So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶ Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷ At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸ but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹ And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰ but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

PSALM (139.1-5, 12-18)

¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.

² **You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ **You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.

¹² **For you have created my inward parts: you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

¹³ I will praise you, for you are to be feared: fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

¹⁴ **You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you: when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.**

¹⁵ Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect: and in your book were all my members written;

¹⁶ **Day by day they were fashioned: and not one was late in growing.**

¹⁷ How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them!

¹⁸ **Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand: were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Philemon (1.1-25)

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus.

⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²² One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you. ²³ Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, ²⁴ and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow-workers. ²⁵ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 536 An upper room did our Lord prepare
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

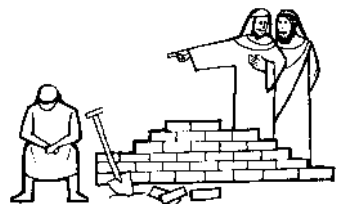
Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. **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 (14.25-35)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand?



³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. ³⁴ 'Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'

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 583 Take up your cross, the Saviour said
(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:

**Father, we adore you;
lay our lives before you;
how we love you.
Jesus, we adore you...
Spirit, we adore you...**

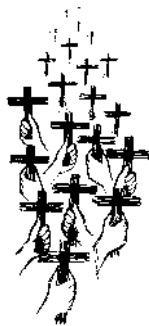
*Hymn 716
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Going into the World

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 351 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



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

Notices

Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting for 2025 will be held on **Sunday, 9 November at 11:00am at St Clement's**, following a combined parish service at 9:30am at the same location. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend both the worship service and the meeting as we reflect on the past year and look ahead together. Leaders of parish ministries are kindly asked to submit their annual reports as a Word document to the Parish Administrator, Edita Abram, at parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au by **Friday 17 October 2025**.

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 Anglican Calendar & Lectionary Orders: The 2026 "Anglican Calendar" at a cost of **\$16.00 per copy** and "Lectionary" at a cost of **\$17.00 per copy** are now available 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 by **14 September 2025**.

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.

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:

- The people of Afghanistan and Sudan, whose communities have been devastated by earthquakes and landslides.
- Greater understanding and tolerance in our nation, concerning immigration and First Nations peoples.
- On Father's Day, we give thanks for fathers and father figures who have guided and enriched our lives.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Benin, Ivory Coast, and Togo.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

Religious Orders serving within the Anglican Church of Australia.

Diocese of Melbourne:

The Anglican Parish of Gisborne
(Scott Mudd, Debra Saffrey-Collins).

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:

James Hudson, Jennifer Joseph.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Win Lovelock (12th),
Tom (Harry) Marshall (13th),
Elsie Oatway (13th).



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 10 September: 9:00am St Clement's

Colossians 3.1-11; Ps 145.1-7; Luke 6.20-26

Thursday 11 September: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

AAR Mother Esther CHN, founder of the Community of the Holy Name (d.1931)

Colossians 3.12-17; Ps 150; Luke 6.27-38

Sunday 14 September: St Eanswythe's Patronal Day

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28; Ps 14; 1 Timothy 1.1-2, 12-19a; Luke 15.1-10

Morning Prayer:

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



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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This Week in our Parish

Sunday 7 September:

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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 9 September

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe’s
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe’s*
3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe’s

**During school term*

Wednesday 10 September

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement’s
10:30am Benetas St George’s Aged Care
Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 11 September

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe’s
11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe’s

Friday 12 September

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe’s
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement’s*

Saturday 13 September

9:30am Working Bee, St Eanswythe’s

Sunday 14 September:

St Eanswythe’s Patronal Day

10:30am Combined Service,
Followed by Lunch, St Eanswythe’s

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