

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona  
St Clement's Altona Meadows  
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

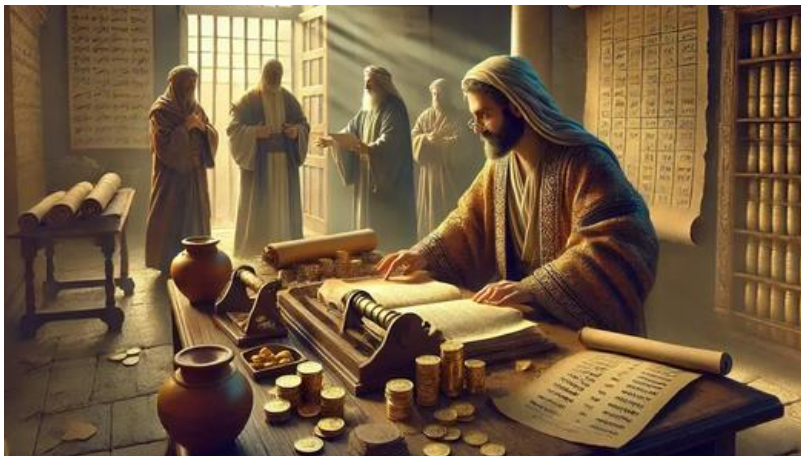


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith ✠ serving others ✠ nurturing a common life*

## **21 September 2025** **Fifteenth 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, present and emerging. 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

449 Stand up and bless the Lord

*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

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

O God, you are rich in love for your people:  
show us the treasure that endures and,  
when we are tempted by greed,  
call us back into your service  
and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails.  
We ask this 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 (8.18-9.1)

**8** <sup>18</sup>My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. <sup>19</sup>Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: 'Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?' ('Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?') <sup>20</sup>'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' <sup>21</sup>For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. <sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? **9** <sup>1</sup>O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (79.1-9)

- <sup>1</sup> O God, the heathen have come into your land: they have defiled your holy temple, they have made Jerusalem a heap of stones.
- <sup>2</sup> **They have given the dead bodies of your servants as food to the birds of the air: and the flesh of your faithful ones to the wild beasts of the earth.**
- <sup>3</sup> Their blood they have spilt like water on every side of Jerusalem: and there is none to bury them.
- <sup>4</sup> **We have become a mockery to our neighbours: the scorn and laughing-stock of those about us.**
- <sup>5</sup> How long, O Lord, shall your anger be so extreme: will your jealous fury burn like fire?
- <sup>6</sup> **Pour out your wrath on the nations that do not know you: on the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.**
- <sup>7</sup> For they have devoured Jacob: and made his dwelling-place a desolation.
- <sup>8</sup> **Do not remember against us the sin of former times: but let your compassion hasten to meet us, for we are brought very low.**
- <sup>9</sup> Help us, O God our saviour, for the honour of your name: O deliver us and expiate our sins, for your name's sake.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Timothy (3.14-4.6)

<sup>3</sup> <sup>14</sup> I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, <sup>15</sup> if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth. <sup>16</sup> Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, <sup>2</sup> through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. <sup>3</sup> They forbid marriage and demand abstinence from foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. <sup>4</sup> For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving; <sup>5</sup> for it is sanctified by God's word and by prayer. <sup>6</sup> If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

131 Father of heaven, whose love profound  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord. Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age. **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

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

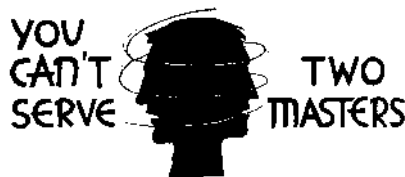
*(16.1-13)*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" <sup>6</sup> He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> 'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

For the Gospel of the Lord:

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

## SERMON

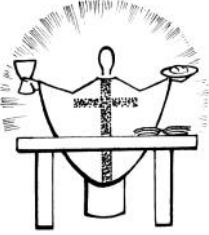


# Celebrating at the Lord's Table

*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

342 When I survey the wondrous cross  
*(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.*

AS COMMUNION IS RECEIVED, WE SING:

**God is forgiveness.  
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.  
God is forgiveness.  
Trust and do not fear.**

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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

161 Tell out, my soul, the greatness 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.**



## Notices

**St Eanswythe's Day Service & Working Bee:** A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us for our St Eanswythe's Day combined service last Sunday, and to those who gave their time and energy at the working bee the day before. Your dedication, effort, and commitment are deeply appreciated.

**Roger Prowd:** Please keep Roger and Bishop Kate Prowd in your prayers. Roger is undergoing surgery for a brain tumour, the nature of which is yet to be confirmed. We pray for wisdom and skill for the medical team, healing and strength for Roger, and comfort, peace, and hope for Bishop Kate and their family in this difficult time.

**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](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au) by **Friday 17 October 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.

**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](mailto:brian.zoya2@optusnet.com.au) or 0406 595 138 if you can assist.



**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)

## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- Students, teachers, and families will enjoy rest and renewal during the school holidays.
- That public protests for justice and civil concerns may remain peaceful and respectful of all.
- For strength and support for those struggling with the rising cost of living.

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

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

#### *Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Grafton

(Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People).

#### *Diocese of Melbourne:*

Hume Anglican Parish

(Satvasheela Pandhare).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Common Grace – uniting Australian Christians in advocacy and prayer.

### 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, Roger Prowd, Revd Dave Thompson.

### The communion of saints:

#### *Anniversaries this Week:*

James Barger (21st),  
Yvonne Atkins (21st),  
Archie Burt (22nd),  
Nesta Barassi (23rd),  
Ivy Shillington (23rd),  
Betty Priest (25th).



*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 24 September: 9:00am St Clement's**

Ezra 9.5-9; Ps 119.97-104; Luke 9.1-6

### **Thursday 25 September: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

**Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher [d.1932]**

Haggai 1.1-8; Ps 149; Luke 9.7-9

### **Sunday 28 September: Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Jeremiah 32.1-3a, 6-15; Ps 91.1-6, 14-16; 1 Timothy 6.6-19; Luke 16.19-31

### **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 21 September:**

#### **Fifteenth 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 23 September**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

### **Wednesday 24 September**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

### **Thursday 25 September**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am St Eanswythe's Centenary

Working Group, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 26 September**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 28 September:**

#### **Sixteenth 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 terms*

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