

# 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*

## 28 September 2025

### Sixteenth 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

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

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

O God, from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:  
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,  
the grace to ask what you would have us do,  
that in your light we may see light,  
and in your narrow path may not stumble;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
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 (32.1-3a, 6-15)

<sup>1</sup> The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. <sup>2</sup> At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3</sup> where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; <sup>6</sup> Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>7</sup> Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' <sup>8</sup> Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.'

Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup> I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup> Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup> and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup> In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup> For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (91.1-6, 14-16)

- <sup>1</sup> Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High: who abide under the shadow of the Almighty,
- <sup>2</sup> **They will say to the Lord ‘You are my refuge and my stronghold: my God in whom I trust.’**
- <sup>3</sup> For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter: and from the destroying curse.
- <sup>4</sup> **He will cover you with his wings, and you will be safe under his feathers: his faithfulness will be your shield and defence.**
- <sup>5</sup> You shall not be afraid of any terror by night: or of the arrow that flies by day,
- <sup>6</sup> **Of the pestilence that walks about in darkness: or the plague that destroys at noonday.**
- <sup>14</sup> ‘You have set your love upon me,’ says the Lord, ‘and therefore I will deliver you: I will lift you out of danger, because you have known my name.
- <sup>15</sup> **‘When you call upon me I will answer you: I will be with you in trouble, I will rescue you and bring you to honour.**
- <sup>16</sup> ‘With long life I will satisfy you: and fill you with my salvation.’

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Timothy (6.6-19)

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

609 May the mind of Christ my saviour

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

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts. **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.**

*(16.19-31)*



<sup>19</sup>‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in

these flames.”

<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” <sup>27</sup> He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers— that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” <sup>30</sup> He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” <sup>31</sup> He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

For the Gospel of the Lord:

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

## SERMON

### A LITURGY TO WELCOME

#### A CANDIDATE IN FORMATION

*The Priest says:* The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you.**

*Let us pray:*

God our Shepherd,  
in every generation you call  
ministers of your word and sacraments.  
Equip them to preach the gospel, to care for your people  
and to show forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives;  
in the name of Jesus our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

*APBA p.211*

Today we receive and welcome **Francis Lar Kabaw** as a Candidate in Formation on a Supervised Theological Field Education placement at St Eanswythe's & St Clement's.

Francis has committed himself to a process of discernment in the Diocese of Melbourne involving elements including Supervised Theological Field Education.

We have been invited to welcome Francis on placement with us, to pray constantly for him, and to assist in discerning the nature of the call God issues to him.

Therefore, I ask you, people of this parish:

Are you willing to welcome Francis?

Response: **We are.**

Will you support and encourage Francis in his ministry alongside us?

In Formation

Will you pray for Francis, listen and speak with him in love and truth, to assist in his discernment?

**With the aid of God's Holy Spirit, we will.**

*The Priest says to the Candidate in Formation:*

Francis, will you, in the presence of the people of God gathered here, commit yourself prayerfully to seek God's will and test the sense of your vocation through ministry, reflection and prayer in this placement?

*The Candidate in Formation says:*

**I will, with God's help.**

*The Candidate in Formation kneels before the Priest who says:*

*Let us pray.*

*Silence is kept*

Christ, whose insistent call  
disturbs our settled lives:  
give Francis discernment to hear your word,  
grace to relinquish his tasks,  
and courage to follow empty-handed  
wherever you may lead,  
so that the voice of your gospel  
may reach to the ends of the earth.  
We pray in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*based on APBA p.211*

Francis, we welcome you as a Candidate in Formation in this parish.

*The Candidate is welcomed with applause.*

# 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     527 See us, Lord, about your altar  
*(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:

**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     547 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

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



## *Francis Lar Kabaw*

Candidate in Formation : Diocese of Melbourne



Firstly, I would like to praise God for everything.

And I would like to thank you all for me being able to participate and learn as a student placed in the Altona Parish to equip my journey in God's Ministry.

I, Francis Lar Kabaw, am one of the diocese ordinands currently studying Theology at Trinity College Theological School. I was born in Myanmar and grew up in an Anglican Family. I started my Theological study part time when I heard the call of God at my birthday in 2019. I have broad experience with youth ministry in Myanmar, Malaysia and Australia serving as a youth leader.

I have been serving as the Lay Youth Minister at St. Stephen's Karen Congregation in Werribee since last year.

I am blessed with my little family, my wife Naw Halar and our daughter Elizabeth, who love God and fully support me.

I am keen to learn and be a part of this parish during my placement time.

Blessings to you all.

*Francis*



## Notices

**Birth of Ehmunah Maryoe:** We give thanks to God for the safe arrival of **Ehmunah Maryoe**, a daughter born on 24 September, the third child of Rev'd Johnwerni and Bless Maryoe. We rejoice with her parents and siblings, and pray for God's continued blessing upon their family.

**Welcome to Ordanand:** We are delighted to share that **Francis Lar Kabaw**, an ordinand in the Diocese of Melbourne, will be joining our parish for six months training. His time with us will form an important part of his preparation for service in the Church. Francis will be attending with his wife Naw Halar and their daughter Elizabeth. Please make them feel welcome as they become part of our parish.

**Fix & Fellowship:** To help keep our churches and grounds tidy and presentable on an ongoing basis, we are commencing monthly working bees called "**Fix & Fellowship**"—an invitation to come together to care for our spaces. These times will ensure that our properties are well maintained while enjoying fellowship with one another.

- **St Clement's** – 1st Saturday of the month, 9:30am (1–2 hours)
- **St Eanswythe's** – 3rd Saturday of the month, 9:30am (1–2 hours)

Please join us as you are able. As Scripture reminds us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve" (1 Peter 4:10). Together, through **Fix & Fellowship**, we can care for God's house and keep our churches looking their best.

**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 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**.

**Bendigo Bank – Celebrating 25 Years:** Bendigo Bank is proudly celebrating 25 years of supporting our community with a family-friendly event on Sunday 12 October 2025, from 11am to 3pm at Cherry Lake Park, Millers Road, Altona. Come along and enjoy a fun day out with live music, food trucks, games, free face painting, roving entertainers, and a free sausage sizzle. Everyone is welcome!

**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.

**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.

## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- Organisations and charities will receive the resources needed to meet the demands for welfare assistance.
- Strength and comfort for all awaiting medical procedures and results and for reassurance for their loved-ones.
- For those taking up new roles in parish ministry and service to the church .

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

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

#### *Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Perth

(Abp Kay Goldsworthy,

Asst Bps David Bassett,

Hans Christiansen, Kate Wilmot,

Clergy & People).

#### *Diocese of Melbourne:*

St Hilary's Parish of Kew/

North Balwyn and Mont Albert North

(Adam Cetrangolo, Tavis Beer,

Conrad Chiu, Yi Cheng Shih).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

### 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 Featherby (28th),

#### October:

Doreen McAnda (1st),

Joan McFarland (1st),

David Penman, bishop (1st),

Alexander Lambert (2nd),

Ken Porter (3rd),

Ronald Richards (4th).



*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 1 October September: 9:00am St Clement's**

Nehemiah 2.1-8; Ps 137; Luke 9.57-62

### **Thursday 2 October: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Nehemiah 8.1-12; Ps 19.7-14; Luke 10.1-12

### **Sunday 5 October: Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4; Ps 37.1-9; 2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.1-10

### **Morning Prayer:**

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

Everyone is welcome.



## *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).

### **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 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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 30 September**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

### **Wednesday 1 October**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 2 October**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,  
Altona Meadows

### **Friday 3 October**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

### **Sunday 5 October:**

#### **Seventeenth 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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**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)



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