

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*

19 October 2025

Nineteenth 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.*

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

693 Come as you are

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O Lord,
tireless guardian of your people,
teach us to rely, day and night, on your care.
Drive us to seek your justice and your help,
and support our prayer lest we grow weary,
for in you alone is our strength.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 Genesis (32.22-31)

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (121)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills: but where shall I find help?

² **My help comes from the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble: and he who watches over you will not sleep.

⁴ **Be sure he who has charge of Israel: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper: the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day: nor shall the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil: it is he who will guard your life.

⁸ **The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in: from this time forward for evermore.**

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Timothy (3.10-4.5)

¹⁰ Now you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹ my persecutions, and my suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. ¹² Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³ But wicked people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving others and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ⁴ ¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.
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. (18.1-14)

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.
² He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' ⁶ And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' ⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

For the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON



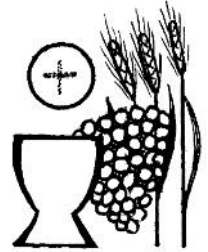
Celebrating at the Lord's Table

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 619 Have faith in God, my heart
(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:

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
 when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

*Hymn 741
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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.**



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

Notices

Caritas: We give thanks for the many years of faithful and dedicated service of Joan Meiers, who has recently stepped down after twenty years as the Chair of Caritas. Joan has provided steady leadership and faithful commitment throughout her many years of service. We are grateful that she will continue to offer her support and involvement in the ongoing work of Caritas.

Parish Nominations: As we prepare for the **Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, 9 November**, please prayerfully consider your availability to serve on Parish Council, as a Warden, or on the Parish Nominations Committee. Nomination forms are available at the back of the church and should be submitted by 2 November.

Melbourne Anglican: Copies of the October 2025 issue of Melbourne Anglican are available at the back of the Church. Please take a copy.

Bush Church Aid Society: Beryl Browne is now collecting BCA boxes.

Reverend Kerry on Leave: Rev'd Kerry will be on leave during the period 19-25 October. In Rev'd Kerry's absence please contact Rev'd Johnwerni.

Anglican Board of Mission: We have received two letters of thanks for our parish gift of \$3,000 to the ABM and \$4,330 to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership fund. These letters are available on the notice board.

Fix & Fellowship: Come and help keep our churches and grounds neat and tidy.

- **St Clement's** – 1 November, 6 December, 3 January
(monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am)
- **St Eanswythe's** – 15 November, 20 December, 17 January
(monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9:30am)

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**. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to attend. Leaders of parish ministries are kindly asked to make sure their annual reports as a Word document to the Parish Administrator, Edita Abram, at parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au have been submitted.

Christmas Carols in the Park: Join us for the annual *Carols in the Park* on **Sunday, 7 December at 6:00pm**, at Logan Reserve, Altona. Enjoy an evening of festive entertainment and the singing of carols as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas with the local community. All are welcome — bring your family, friends, and a picnic, and share in this community tradition.



Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- The future of Gaza and Israel will become a beacon of hope for other places of conflict around the world.
- Those affected by devastating floods in Mexico may receive the assistance and support to recover and rebuild their lives.
- For the ministry of Mothers Union and Caritas and all groups in our parish who bring care and compassion to others.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bp Vanessa Bennett, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

St Augustine's Mentone (Andrea Nagy).

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:

Peter Forni, Jennifer Joseph, Roger Prowd, Revd Dave Thompson, Andrew Baines.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Myra Hawthorne (20th),
Eric Starbrook (21st),
Marion Petersen (21st),
Melva Hansen (22nd),
Shane Barnes (23rd),
Eleanor Barrow (24th),
Percy Rice (25th),
Frank Griffin (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 22 October: 9:00am St Clement's

Romans 6.12-18; Ps 124; Luke 12.39-48

Thursday 23 October: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr [d. c.62]

Romans 6.19-23; Ps 1; Luke 12.49-53

Sunday 26 October: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Joel 2.23-32; Ps 65; 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18; Luke 18.15-30

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 Susan Maddox (0439 167 377).

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 19 October:

Nineteenth 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 21 October

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 22 October

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 23 October

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am St Eanswythe's Centenary

Working Group, St Eanswythe's

Friday 24 October

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Sunday 26 October:

Twentieth 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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