

# 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*

## 9 November 2025

## Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost (Year C)

9:30am Combined Parish Service, St Clement's

11:00am Annual Parish Meeting, St Clement's

1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Māori Service), St Eanswythe'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

650 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

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

God of all the living,  
in the resurrection of Christ Jesus  
you have given us the promise of life  
which death itself cannot destroy:  
in the strength of this unshakeable promise,  
give us a new heart to live, even now, as your new creation.  
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 Job (19.23-27a)

<sup>23</sup> ‘O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! <sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (17.1-9)

- <sup>1</sup> Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry: listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let judgement for me come forth from your presence: and let your eyes discern the right.**
- <sup>3</sup> Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time: though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me.
- <sup>4</sup> **My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others: for I have kept the word of your lips.**
- <sup>5</sup> My steps have held firm in the way of your commands: and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.
- <sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer: incline your ear to me, and hear my words.**
- <sup>7</sup> Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come to you for refuge: who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them.
- <sup>8</sup> **Keep me as the apple of your eye: hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- <sup>9</sup> From the onslaught of the wicked: from my enemies that encircle me to take my life.

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Thessalonians (2.1-5, 13-17)

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? <sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

God loved the world in this way, that he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. **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.**

(20.27-40)

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.' <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.' <sup>39</sup> Then some of the scribes answered, 'Teacher, you have spoken well.' <sup>40</sup> For they no longer dared to ask him another question.

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.*

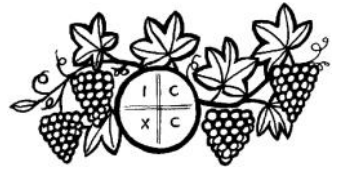
OFFERTORY HYMN    259 Among us and before us, Lord, you stand  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

*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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**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God,  
alleluia, alleluia.**

*Hymn 773  
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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    28 God is our strength and refuge  
*(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 today **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.

**Anglican Historical Society Lecture:** The 2025 James Grant Memorial Lecture will be held on **Thursday 20 November at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church, East Melbourne**. Dr Fergus King will speak on "Things Fall Apart? The Legacy of the Council of Nicaea." Enquiries: Roger Meyer – 0458 320 625 or [roger.meyer@bigpond.com](mailto:roger.meyer@bigpond.com)

**Parish Ladies' Dinner:** Ladies are warmly invited to gather for our end-of-year dinner at **Pier 71 Restaurant, Altona, on Thursday, 4 December at 7.00pm**. We look forward to an evening of fellowship and celebration as we conclude the year together. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Vaoa Davis at [kandvdavis@gmail.com](mailto:kandvdavis@gmail.com) or on 0425 163 101.

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

- **St Clement's** – 6 December, 3 January, 7 February  
(monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am)
- **St Eanswythe's** – 15 November, 20 December, 17 January  
(monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9:30am)

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

**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.



### ***Defence Force Sunday (General Synod 2001)***

*Eternal God, the only source of peace,  
we pray for all who serve us in the defence and police forces of this land.*

*Give them courage and comfort in danger,  
patience in waiting, and discipline in the just use of force.*

*Help us to seek for all people  
the freedom to serve you and each other in compassion and peace.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*(APBA p.204, prayer 10)*

**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:

- God's continued guidance and blessing upon our parish as we gather for our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday.
- Relief and support for the people of the Philippines following the deadly Typhoon Kalamaegi.
- Thanksgiving for the beauty and wonder of God's creation as we move into the warmer months.

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

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

#### *Anglican Church of Australia:*

Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia.

#### *Diocese of Melbourne:*

St James' Pakenham (Matthew Scheffer, Joseph Arou, Kathleen Mildred, Wayne Schuller).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

### 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:*

Amelia Hodgetts (11th),  
Redvers Morris (14th),  
Frank Gill (16th).



*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 12 November: 9:00am St Clement's**  
**Charles Simeon, priest and evangelist (d.1836)**

Wisdom 6.1-11; Ps 82; Luke 17.11-19

**Thursday 13 November: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Wisdom 7.22-8.1; Ps 119.89-86; Luke 17.20-25

**Sunday 26 November: Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 65.17-25; Ps Song of Isaiah; 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13; Luke 21.5-19

### **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 Susan Maddox (0439 167 377).

### **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 9 November:**

#### **Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**

9:30am Combined Service, St Clement's

11:00am Annual Parish Meeting, St Clement's

1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 11 November**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

### **Wednesday 12 November**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benatas St George's Aged Care  
Service, Altona Meadows

### **Thursday 13 November**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 14 November**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,  
St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 16 November:**

#### **Twenty-Third 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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