

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*

16 November 2025

Twenty-Third 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

245 We have a gospel to proclaim
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Lord God of all the ages,
the One who is, who was, and who is to come:
stir up within us a longing for your kingdom,
keep our hearts steady in times of trial,
and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns.
We make our prayer 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 Isaiah (65.17-25)

¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD — and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*Song of Isaiah 12.2-6*)

‘Behold, God is my salvation:

I will trust and will not be afraid;

**‘For the Lord God is my strength and my song:
and has become my salvation.’**

With joy you will draw water:
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say:

‘Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

‘Make known his deeds among the nations:
proclaim that his name is exalted.

**‘Sing God’s praises, who has triumphed gloriously:
let this be known in all the world.**

‘Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion:
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.’

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Thessalonians (3.6-13)

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest,
says the Lord. **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.

(21.5-19)

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, ⁶ ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.’ ⁷ They asked him, ‘Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?’ ⁸ And he said, ‘Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and, “The time is near!” Do not go after them. ⁹ ‘When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.’ ¹⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹² ‘But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

465 Father in heaven, grant to your children
(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:

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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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

380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son
(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

St Clement's Patronal Feast: As is our parish custom, we will gather at St Clement's on **Sunday, 23 November, at 9.30 am** for a **combined parish service** to celebrate **St Clement's Day**. We are hopeful that **Bishop Kate Prowd** will be able to join us for this special occasion. Following the service, we will share lunch together, so please bring a plate of finger food to contribute if you are able.

2025–2026 Office Holders: We are pleased to announce that the following individuals were elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 November:

Parish Nominations Committee - Anita McAnda, Anna Watts, Dean Mason.

Churchwardens - Anna Watts (St Eanswythe's), Lily Griffin (St Clement's), Denis Lee (Vicar's Warden).

Parish Council - Elizabeth Croft, Michael Francis, Richard Hallett, Anita McAnda, Fred McAnda, Dean Mason, Ting Wang.

Special Thanks: Thanks and appreciation were expressed to **Sandra Hansen, Scott Pitcher, and Soon Ghee Yap**, who have stepped down from Parish Council (Scott also from his role as Warden). A round of applause was given in recognition of their service and contribution to our parish.

Anglican Historical Society Lecture: The 2025 James Grant Memorial Lecture will be held on **Thursday 20 November, 7pm, 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

Tearfund Useful Gifts: Tearfund Useful Gifts help lift people out of poverty with dignity by providing practical tools for better lives. Gifts start from just \$5 and will be available from **Sunday, 23 November at St Clement's**, then on alternate Sundays at **St Eanswythe's**. Your purchase can truly change lives. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry — your *Gift of Love* makes a real difference. Contact: Phillis Gregson – 0417 869 595.

Act for Peace – Christmas Bowl Appeal: This Christmas, we invite you to share God's love through the *Act for Peace Christmas Bowl Appeal*. Your gift will help bring hope, food, and support to people facing conflict and hardship around the world. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

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 6.30pm**. 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 or on 0425 163 101.

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.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Wisdom and decisions of leaders gathering for the COP30 climate conference will reflect God's call to be good stewards of creation.
- Recalling Remembrance Day, we reflect on those who served and sacrificed in war, and that nations will instead seek peaceful ways to resolve differences.
- Assistance and recovery efforts will reach the people of the Philippines in the aftermath of its latest typhoon.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Bathurst

(Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People)

Diocese of Melbourne:

Mullum Mullum Anglican Church

Ringwood (Sam Creek, Isaac Koroh).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Welcome West Wagon – providing support to asylum seekers in the western suburbs.

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:

Ruth Barrow (19th),

Nesta Adams (21st).



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 19 November: 9:00am St Clement's

Elizabeth of Hungary, princess and philanthropist (d.1231)

2 Maccabees 7.1, 20-31; Ps 17.1-7; Luke 19.11-28

Thursday 20 November: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

1 Maccabees 2.15-29; Ps 50.1-6; Luke 19.41-44

Sunday 23 November: St Clement's Patronal Day

Christ the King/The Reign of Christ

Jeremiah 23.1-6; Ps 46; Colossians 1.11-20; Luke 23.33-43

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).

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

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Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 18 November

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 19 November

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 20 November

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 21 November

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

Sunday 23 November:

St Clement's Patronal Feast

Christ the King / The Reign of Christ

9:30am Combined Parish Service,

Followed by a Shared Lunch, St Clement's

**During school terms*

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