

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*

23 November 2025 **St Clement's Patronal Day** **Christ the King/ The Reign of Christ**

9:30am Combined Service, 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 Lord, for the years

1. Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2. Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

4. Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5. Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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WELCOME

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

**Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT (*prayer of the day*)

Christ the King / The Reign of Christ
Eternal God,
you exalted Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and have made us instruments of his kingdom:
by your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,
and to minister to all in need,
then at the last bring us to your eternal realm
where we may be welcomed into your everlasting joy
and may worship and adore you for ever;
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.**

The Scriptures

FIRST READING

A reading from Jeremiah (23.1-6)

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD.

³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (46)

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved: and though the mountains are shaken in the midst of the sea;**
- ³ Though the waters rage and foam: and though the mountains quake at the rising of the sea.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God: the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of her, therefore she shall not be moved: God will help her, and at break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations make uproar, and the kingdoms are shaken: but God has lifted his voice, and the earth shall tremble.**
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come then and see what the Lord has done: what destruction he has brought upon the earth.**
- ⁹ He makes wars to cease in all the world: he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, and burns the chariots in the fire.
- ¹⁰ **'Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted upon the earth.'**
- ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

A reading from Colossians (1.11-20)

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN 256 From heaven you came, helpless babe
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. **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.

(23.33-43)

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?’ ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ ⁴² Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ⁴³ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’



For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of Sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

The prayers may include this or another response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ:
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

*Everyone is invited to turn to those around,
and offer a greeting of peace from where you stand.*

OFFERTORY HYMN 251 (T138) Lord Christ, we praise your sacrifice
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The priest prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:

...to proclaim the glory of your name:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.
**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God, and concludes:

...we worship you in songs of never ending praise:
**Blessing and honor and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains, which have been gathered together and made one bread:

So may your church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.



Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

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.

WHILE COMMUNION IS RECEIVED, WE SING:

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

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**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.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

NOTICES

RECESSIONAL HYMN 231 At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

May the Spirit lead you into all truth,
giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the wonderful works of God;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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Notices

Children's Christmas Toys: We are seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys to supplement Christmas Food Hampers provided by our local Salvation Army at their annual Christmas community celebrations supporting families in need. This event takes place in mid-December, and, our toy donations need to be ready for their processing no later than the 8th December. Donations may be made on Sunday's or left with Zoya at the Op Shop (Tue-Fri). Contacts: Fred, Alta and Sandra.

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.

2025–2026 Office Holders: 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: We acknowledge with thanks and appreciation to **Sandra Hansen, Scott Pitcher, and Soon Ghee Yap**, who have stepped down from Parish Council (Scott also from his role as Warden).

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. All are welcome — bring your family, friends, and a picnic, and share in this community tradition.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- As we approach Christmas, we pray for support and hope for households struggling with rising costs and financial uncertainty.
- Those ordained as priests and deacons in our diocese yesterday; that their ministries may be faithful and fruitful as they serve God's people.
- Wisdom and direction for our newly elected Parish Council as they guide and support the mission of our parish.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

East Timor, Indonesia, and Philippines.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Gippsland
(Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

Church of the Ascension Springvale
(Inpa Eliezer).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

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:

Jean Cutting (28th),
Vic Wilson, priest (29th).



*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 26 November, 9:00am St Clement's

Daniel 5.1-6 and 5.13-17, 25-28; Ps Song of Creation 5-7, (APBA p.427); Luke 21.12-19

Thursday 27 November, 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Daniel 6.12-28; Ps Song of Creation 8-10, (APBA p.427); Luke 21.20-28

Sunday 30 November: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2.1-5; Ps 122; Romans 13.9-14; Matthew 24.36-44

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 23 November:

St Clement's Patronal Celebration

Christ the King / The Reign of Christ

9:30am Combined Service, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 25 November

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 26 November

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

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

Thursday 27 November

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am St Eanswythe's Working Group, St Eanswythe's

Friday 28 November

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

Sunday 30 November:

First Sunday of Advent

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 Eucharist, St Clement's

**During school term*

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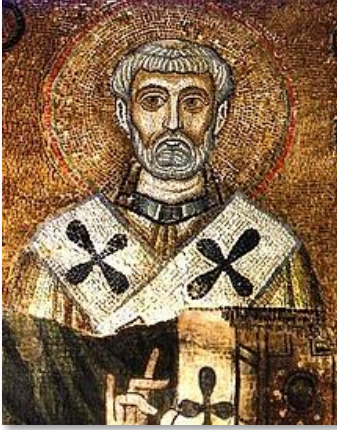
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St Clement I



*November 23: Saint Clement of Rome,
Bishop and Martyr d.c. 100*

*Patron Saint of sailors, mariners,
sick children, and stonecutters.*

St Clement I

St Clement I, also known as Clement of Rome, was one of the earliest leaders of the Church serving at the end of the first century (c. AD 88–99), when the Church was still young, scattered across the Roman Empire, and often facing suspicion or persecution from imperial authorities.

Clement is remembered for his pastoral wisdom and his deep commitment to unity within the Christian community. Early tradition holds that Clement suffered martyrdom under Emperor Trajan. It is said that he was tied to an anchor and thrown into the sea—an attempt to silence his unwavering proclamation of the gospel. The Church has long honoured him as a courageous shepherd whose leadership strengthened and encouraged Christian communities across the ancient world.

Clement's life continues to remind us of the endurance of the early Church and the timeless call to unity in Christ .

A Prayer for St Clement's Day

*Almighty God,
we give you thanks for the life and witness of your servant
Clement of Rome—
for his faithfulness, his pastoral heart,
and his desire to preserve unity among your people.
Grant that, following his example,
we may seek peace, practise humility,
and serve you with courage and steadfast hope;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

