

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*

1 February 2026

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Year A)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:00pm Te Hākari 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

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

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the week)*

O Lord,
you have taught us
that all our doings without love are worth nothing:
send your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you;
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **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 Malachi (3.1-4)

¹ See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ² But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³ he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (24)

- ¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it: the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.
- ² **For he has founded it upon the seas: and established it upon the waters.**
- ³ Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord: or who shall stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ **Those who have clean hands and a pure heart: who have not set their soul upon idols, nor sworn their oath to a lie.**
- ⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord: and recompense from the God of their salvation.
- ⁶ **Of such a kind as this are those who seek him: those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
- ⁸ **Who is the King of glory?: the Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors: and the King of glory shall come in.
- ¹⁰ **Who is the King of glory?: the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Hebrews (2.14-18)

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. ¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

607 Make me a channel of your peace
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel.
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. (2.22-40)

²²When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), ²⁴and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’ ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ ³³And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’ ³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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 179 Praise with joy the world's creator
(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:

**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.**

*Hymn 706
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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 626 Lord of creation, to you be all praise
(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

Resumption of Services: Following the Christmas/January holiday period our weekly services will resume at their normal times. These are **Sunday** 8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's; 10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's; 1:00pm Te Hākari Tapu (Māori Service), St Eanswythe's; 5:00pm Evening Worship, St Clement's; **Tuesday** 9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's; **Wednesday** 9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's; **Thursday** 10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's; **Friday** 9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's.

Support for Victorian Bushfire Victims.,

The devastation caused by the bushfires in Victoria have weighed heavily on the hearts of many in our community. Financial assistance is widely recognised as one of the most effective ways to help, as it enables individuals and communities, through established and trusted channels, to obtain what is most urgently needed at the time. Reputable appeals include:

Victorian Bushfire Appeal (Bendigo Bank Foundation)

[Victorian Bushfire Appeal | Bendigo Bank](#) Donations are tax deductible and can also be made at any Bendigo Bank branch.

Australian Relief Organisation – Bushfire Emergency Appeal

[Bushfire Emergency Appeal - Australian Relief Organisation](#) Donations are tax-deductible.

Victorian Farmers Federation Disaster Relief Fund

[Donate to The VFF Disaster Relief Fund | VFF](#) This appeal supports practical assistance, including fodder distribution. Tax receipts are provided.

We are not aware of any local collection points for goods or supplies.

Accordingly, you may wish to offer your support through one of the above appeals. Thank you for your compassion and generosity at this difficult time.

Bishop Brad's Election: The Installation of Bishop Brad Billings as the Archbishop of Adelaide will take place on Saturday 7 March at 10am in St Peter's Cathedral Adelaide. Bishop Brad and Karen are grateful for the overwhelming support and encouragement from so many across the episcopate, the diocese, and beyond.

St Eanswythe's Memorial Garden Plaque: The wall-mounted brass plaque in the St Eanswythe's Memorial Garden was recently stolen. We intend to have it replaced. It would be a great help if anyone has a photograph of the original wording. If you are able to assist, please contact Rev'd Kerry.

Fix & Fellowship: Come and help keep our churches and grounds neat and tidy by lending your time and energy to various cleaning and maintenance tasks.

- **St Clement's**

- 7 February, 7 March, 4 April. (Monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am)

- **St Eanswythe's**

- 21 February, 21 March, 18 April. (Monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9:30am)

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Families and communities affected by the bushfires, and for the emergency services who respond with courage and dedication.
- As children and teachers return to classrooms, we pray for wisdom, curiosity and growth in learning for all students.
- For the family and friends of Beryl Hutton, as they grieve her passing and commend her to God's eternal care.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, and Tunisia.

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:

Church of the Ascension Burwood East (Anthony Frost).

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.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Ohomairangi Jamaine
Paikea-McRoberts (5th),
Florence Pugsley (6th),
Edward France (7th)



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.

December & January Anniversaries

December:

Ilija Strinic (28th), Arthur Thornton (30th).

January:

John Court (2nd), Deborah Pullin (5th), Peter Haining (6th),
Elsie Sinclair (10th), Richard Henshall (11th), Ron Duckmanton (12th),
Robin Bingley (13th), Cheryl Smith (13th), Kay Goodman (14th),
Allan Nolan (15th), Alick Brown (16th), John Hansen (16th), Jack Sinclair (17th),
Ron Underhay (18th), Marilyn Hocking (18th), Win Lewis (21st), Myra Muir (23rd),
Judith Morgan (26th), Lindsay Hansen (28th), Kath Morris (29th), Linda Court (29th),
Jack Pell (31st).

Readings for this Week

Take time to prepare for worship by exploring the readings for this week.

Wednesday 4 February: 9:00am St Clement's

Anskar, missionary bishop in Sweden (d.865)

2 Samuel 24.2 & 9-17; Ps 32.1-7; Mark 6.1-6

Thursday 5 February: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

1 Kings 2.1-4, 10-12; Ps 144.1-4 or 1 Chron 29.10b-13; Mark 6.7-13

Sunday 8 February: Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 58.1-9a (9b-12); Ps 112; 1 Corinthians 2.1-13 (14-16); Matthew 5.13-20

Morning Prayer:

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



This Week in our Parish

Sunday 1 February:

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in the Temple**

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 3 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 4 February

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 5 February

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,
Altona Meadows

Friday 6 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

Sunday 8 February :

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

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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