

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*

8 February 2026

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany (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

179 Praise with joy the world's creator
(*found in the red hymn book Together in Song*)

THE COLLECT (*prayer of the day*)

Faithful God,
you have appointed us your witnesses,
to be a light that shines in the world:
let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the 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.**

FIRST READING

A reading from *Isaiah (58.1-12)*

¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. ³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. ⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (112)

¹ O praise the Lord. Blessed are they that fear the Lord: and greatly delight in his commandments.

² **Their children shall be mighty in the land: an upright race who will be blessed.**

³ Riches and plenty shall be in their house: and their righteousness shall stand for ever.

⁴ **Light arises in darkness for the upright: gracious and merciful are the righteous.**

⁵ It goes well with those who act generously and lend: who guide their affairs with justice.

⁶ **Surely they shall never be moved: the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not fear bad tidings: their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their hearts are confident and will not fear: they will see the downfall of their enemies.**

⁹ They give freely to the poor: their righteousness stands for ever, their head is uplifted in glory.

¹⁰ **The wicked shall see it and be angry: they shall gnash their teeth and consume away; and the hope of the wicked shall fail.**

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Corinthians (2.1-16)

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.

⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— ¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. ¹⁶ 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

644 Safe in the shadow

(*found in the red hymn book Together in Song*)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia.**

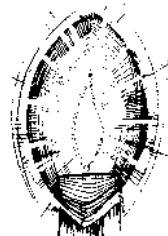
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(5.13-20)

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.



²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 349 In the cross of Christ I glory
(*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:

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and do not be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.**

Hymn 714

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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 416 Great God, your Spirit, like the wind
(*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 anglicanatlav.org.au/giving

Shrove Tuesday - Pancakes: Shrove Tuesday, the day prior to Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent, is traditionally a day to use up any leftover food by making pancakes. Come and enjoy pancakes at St Eanswythe's from **5:30pm on Tuesday, 17 February**. Please either bring pancakes (and toppings to share) or ingredients to make them. A \$5 donation is sought, with proceeds gifted to a local charity.

Ash Wednesday Services: The Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion services will be held on **Wednesday, 18 February at 9:00am at St Clement's, and 7:00pm at St Eanswythe's**. All are welcome to attend.

Palm Crosses: If you have any surplus palm crosses from previous years, please bring them and place them in the basket at the back of the church. These crosses will be burned to create the ashes for our Ash Wednesday services on 18 February. In keeping with tradition, new palm crosses will be available on Palm Sunday.

Lenten Bible Study: Join us as we journey through the season of Lent with a six-week study on Tuesdays at 7pm. 24 Feb & 3 & 10 March at St Eanswythe's then 17, 24, 31 March at St Clement's.

Rev'd Kerry Leave: Rev'd Kerry will be on annual leave from 21 February returning 11 March. In his absence enquiries regarding services and ministry should be directed to Rev'd Johnwerni.

Prayer List: If you know someone who is in need of prayer and is comfortable for their name being included in the parish weekly service sheet, please pass their name to Edita in the parish office on 03 9398 1005 or parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks. If ongoing prayers are needed beyond this time, please let Edita know.

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 Eanswythe's** – 21 February, 21 March, 18 April.
(Monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9:30am).
- **St Clement's** – 7 March, 4 April, 2 May.
(Monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am)

Bishop Brad's Installation: 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, 27 King William Road, North Adelaide. Attendees should be seated by 9.45am.



Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Those ordained deacon at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, that God will bless their ministry making it fruitful and life-giving.
- Households across our nation under pressure from rising mortgage rates may find stability and relief.
- Justice and peace in all places marked by war, protest or famine, that God's mercy will bring safety, dignity, and hope.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, and Vatican City.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Willochra SA
(Bp Jeremy James, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

Parish of Upwey/Belgrave Heights with St George's Monbulk
(Jerome and Vivianne Dias).

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.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

George Nevitt (13th).



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 11 February: 9:00am St Clement's

1 Kings 10.1-10; Ps 37.35-40; Mark 7.14-23

Thursday 12 February: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

1 Kings 11.4-13; Ps 106.32-39; Mark 7.24-30

Sunday 15 February: Last Sunday After Epiphany—Transfiguration

Exodus 24.12-18; Ps 2; 2 Peter 1.16-21; Matthew 17.1-9

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 10 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 11 February

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Benatas St George's Aged Care
Service, Altona Meadows
3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

Thursday 12 February

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 13 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*

Sunday 15 February :

Last Sunday After Epiphany— Transfiguration

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**During school terms*

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