

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*

15 February 2026

Last Sunday After Epiphany-Transfiguration (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

454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,
you gave the law to guide our lives:
grant that we may never shrink from your commandments,
but, as we are taught by your Spirit,
may fulfil your law in perfect love;
through Christ our Lord and Master,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for 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 Exodus (24.12-18)

¹²The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (2)

¹ Why are the nations in tumult: and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

² **The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers conspire together: against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,**

³ ‘Let us break their bonds asunder: let us throw off their chains from us.’

⁴ **He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn: the Lord will hold them in derision.**

⁵ Then will he speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury: ‘I, the Lord, have set up my king on Zion my holy hill.’

⁶ **I will announce the Lord’s decree, that which he has spoken: ‘You are my son, this day have I begotten you.**

⁷ ‘Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance: the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

⁸ **‘You may break them with a rod of iron: and shatter them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.’**

⁹ Now therefore be wise, O kings: be advised, you that are judges of the earth.

¹⁰ **Serve the Lord with awe, and govern yourselves in fear and trembling: lest he be angry, and you perish in your course.**

¹¹ For his wrath is quickly kindled: blessed are those that turn to him for refuge.

SECOND READING

A reading from 2 Peter (1.16-21)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

234 How good Lord to be here

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
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. (17.1-9)

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'
⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'
⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'



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 212 (T314) Christ, whose glory fills the skies
(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:

**Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.**

*Hymn 730
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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 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you
(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



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Notices

Volunteers Needed – Lawn Mowing & Cleaning Rosters: We are seeking parishioners willing to assist with lawn mowing and cleaning at St Eanswythe's and St Clement's. Your time and care will help reduce maintenance costs and, just as importantly, strengthen fellowship. If you are able to help, even occasionally, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

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.

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

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.

Palm Sunday Combined Service: Join us on **Sunday, 29 March, 9:30am at St Clement's** for our Palm Sunday Combined Service, where we will come together as a parish to begin Holy Week. As is customary with our combined services, there will be no 8.30am or 5pm services.

Prayer List: If you know someone who is in need of prayer and is comfortable for their name to be 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.

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.

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 March, 4 April, 2 May. (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:

- That the right to protest peacefully is upheld and that all who participate may do so in safety without fear.
- As we approach the season of Lent, may we prepare our hearts to share in the hope of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- The family and friends of Robert Richardson, as they grieve his passing and commend him to God's eternal care.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Adelaide (Archbishop-elect Bp Brad Billings, Asst Bps Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod, Sophie Relf-Christopher, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

Sojourners Church, Werribee (Andrew Seedhom, Mark Tibben).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre—providing support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

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:

Doris LeRoy.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Barbara Darling, bishop (15th),
Alan Grant (16th),
Alice Kane (16th),
Rod Tyrell (18th),
Johnny Geering (19th),
Hilda Rodden (19th),
Bruce Stapleton (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 18 February: 9:00am St Clement's -

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17; Ps 5.11-17; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew

Thursday 19 February: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Ps 1; Luke 9.22-25

Sunday 22 February: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7; Ps 32; Romans 5.12-21; Matthew 4.1-11

Morning Prayer:

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

Everyone is welcome.



Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

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 15 February:

Last Sunday After Epiphany— Transfiguration

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 17 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancakes,
St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 18 February

9:00am Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion, St Clement's
7:00pm Imposition of Ashes and
Holy Communion, St Eanswythe's

Thursday 19 February

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 20 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:15am-11:15am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*

Saturday 21 February

9:30am Fix & Fellowship, St Eanswythe's

Sunday 22 February: First Sunday of Lent

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

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