

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA / LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona  
St Clement's Altona Meadows  
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

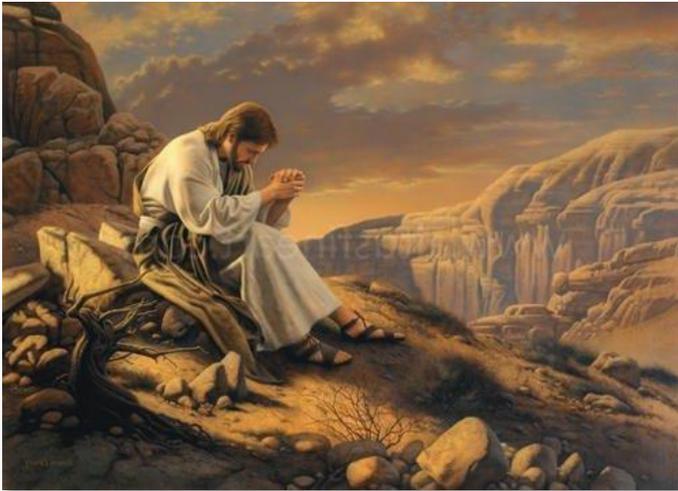


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

## **22 February 2026** **First Sunday in Lent (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

131 Father of heaven, whose love profound  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,  
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet did not sin:  
give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your will,  
that, as you know our weakness,  
so we may know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
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 Genesis (2.15-17, 3.1-7)

<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' **3** <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?"' <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (32)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven: whose iniquity is put away.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame: and in whose spirit there is no guile.**

<sup>3</sup> For whilst I held my tongue: my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.

<sup>4</sup> **Your hand was heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you: and my iniquity I did not hide;

<sup>6</sup> **I said ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’: and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.**

<sup>7</sup> For this cause shall everyone that is faithful make their prayer to you in the day of trouble: and in the time of the great water-flood, it shall not come near them.

<sup>8</sup> **You are a place to hide me in, you will preserve me from trouble: you will surround me with deliverance on every side.**

<sup>9</sup> ‘I will instruct you, and direct you in the way that you should go: I will fasten my eye upon you, and give you counsel.

<sup>10</sup> **‘Be not like horse or mule, that have no understanding: whose forward course must be curbed with bit and bridle.’**

<sup>11</sup> Great tribulations remain for the ungodly: but whoever puts their trust in the Lord, mercy embraces them on every side.

<sup>12</sup> **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and be glad: and shout for joy, all you that are true of heart.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (5-12-21)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— <sup>13</sup> sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man’s trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup> And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification.

<sup>17</sup> If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. <sup>19</sup> For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup> But law came in, with the result that the trespass multiplied; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, <sup>21</sup> so that, just as sin exercised dominion in death, so grace might also exercise dominion through justification leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN      591 Forty days and forty nights  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

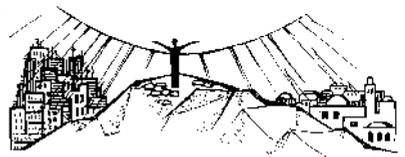
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew  
**Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *(4.1-11)*

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup> But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ' <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ' <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ' <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ' <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



For the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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    129 Amazing grace  
*(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:

**O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer:  
    when I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer.  
    Come and listen to me.**

*Hymn 741  
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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    590 What a friend we have in Jesus  
*(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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

## Notices

**Volunteers Needed – Lawn Mowing & Cleaning Roster:** We are seeking parishioners willing to assist with lawn mowing and cleaning at our churches. 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.

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

**High Tea:** Te Wairua Tapu ki Poipiripi, the Māori Congregation of our parish, will host a High Tea on Saturday, 14 March from 1:30pm to 4:00pm at St Eanswythe's. Come and enjoy delicious food and drinks. Tickets are \$30 per person (including door prizes), with raffle tickets \$5. Tickets are limited, so please write your name on the sign-up sheet on the noticeboard. For enquiries, contact Cyndi McRoberts on 0494 089 813.

**Palm Cross Making:** Have some time to spare? Come along and help make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday! No prior experience necessary — we'll show you how!  
Where: **St Clement's, 10am, Friday 27 March.**

**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 that day.

**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](mailto: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 March, 18 April, 16 May. (Monthly, 3rd 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:

- That leaders promote peace and equality and act for the wellbeing of all people, remembering that every person is made in God's image.
- For those who are sick in body, and for those troubled in heart and mind.
- For strength and courage to stand firm when we are tested.

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

France, Germany, and Monaco.

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

#### *Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bp Vanessa Bennett, Clergy & People).

#### *Diocese of Melbourne:*

St Eanswythe's, Altona w. St Clement's, Laverton (Kerry Davis, Johnwerni Maryoe).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya.

### 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:*

Clive Whiteley (23rd),  
Ron Briscoe (24th),  
Ruth Hodgson (25th),  
Rosa Nicholas (25th),  
Russell Milway (26th),  
Gertrude Jones (26th),  
Wilma Tudhope (27th).



*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 25 February: 9:00am St Clement's -**

Jonah 3.1-10; Ps 51.6-9; Luke 11.29-32

### **Thursday 26 February: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Adds to Esther 14.3-14; Ps 138.1-3; Matthew 7.7-12

### **Sunday 1 March: Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 12.1-4a; Ps 121; Romans 4.1-17; John 3.1-17

### **Morning Prayer:**

Tuesday, 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 22 February: First Sunday in 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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 24 February**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

7:00pm Lenten Bible Study, St Eanswythe's

### **Wednesday 25 February**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benatas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

### **Thursday 26 February**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am St Eanswythe's Centenary

Working Group, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 27 February**

9:15am-11:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 1 March: Second Sunday in 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

*\*During school terms*

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