

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 March 2026 **Second 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

155 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of mercy,
you are full of tenderness and compassion,
slow to anger, rich in mercy,
and always ready to forgive:
grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 Genesis *(12.1-4a)*

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

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

PSALM (121)

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills: but where shall I find help?

² **My help comes from the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not suffer your foot to stumble: and he who watches over you will not sleep.

⁴ **Be sure he who has charge of Israel: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The Lord himself is your keeper: the Lord is your defence upon your right hand;

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day: nor shall the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will defend you from all evil: it is he who will guard your life.

⁸ **The Lord will defend your going out and your coming in: from this time forward for evermore.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (4.1-17)

¹ What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ⁴ Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵ But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. ⁶ So also David speaks of the blessedness of those to whom God reckons righteousness irrespective of works: ⁷ 'Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.' ⁹ Is this blessedness, then, pronounced only on the circumcised, or also on the uncircumcised? We say, 'Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.' ¹⁰ How then was it reckoned to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹ He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the ancestor of all who believe without being circumcised and who thus have righteousness reckoned to them, ¹² and likewise the ancestor of the circumcised who are not only circumcised but who also follow the example of the faith that our ancestor Abraham had before he was circumcised. ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

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

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I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **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 John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

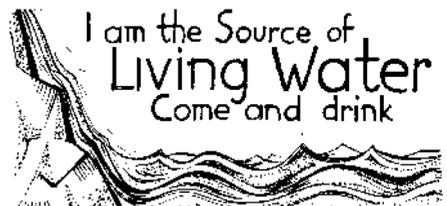
(3.1-17)

¹ Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ ³ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ ⁵ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” ⁸ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
(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:

**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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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 351 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
(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

Notices

Rev. Roger Prowd Funeral: The funeral will take place at St Peter's Eastern Hill, 15 Gisborne St East Melbourne, on Thursday March 5th, commencing at 11am. The service will be livestreamed and may be viewed via Selwyn Allen Funerals | Selwyn Allen all Faiths Funerals.

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. 3 and 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, 12 noon, 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. 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 is currently on annual leave and will be 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).

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Pray for theological colleges (Trinity and Ridley) as they begin this week, that both students and faculty may grow in wisdom, humility, and faithfulness as they prepare to serve God's Church and His mission.
- Universities and places of learning, that they may be centres of truth, wisdom, and integrity, where knowledge is pursued with humility and serves the good of society.
- For Bishop Kate Prowd and her family and friends as they grieve the passing of her husband Roger and commend him to God's eternal care.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
Belgium, Luxembourg, and Netherlands.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:
Locums and all retired clergy.

Diocese of Melbourne:
St Paul's Fairfield (Peter Carolane).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – supporting health care and education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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:

Mary Little (1st),
Harold Petersen (2nd),
Noel Richardson (3rd),
Soraya Christie (6th),
Lorraine Doull (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.

Readings for this Week

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

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

Jeremiah 18.18-20; Ps 31.1-5; Matthew 20.17-28

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

Jeremiah 17.5-10; Ps 1; Luke 16.19-31

Sunday 8 March: Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17.1-7; Ps 95; Romans 5.1-11; John 4.5-42

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).

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 3 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

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

Wednesday 4 March

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 5 March

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 6 March

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

St Clement's*

6:30pm Board Game Night, St Clement's

Saturday 7 March

9:30am Fix and Fellowship, St Clement's

Sunday 8 March: Third 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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