

# 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*

## **12 April 2026** **Second Sunday of Easter (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                      245 We have a gospel to proclaim  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt:  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;  
who is alive 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 Acts (2.14a, 22-32)

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>22</sup> 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

<sup>29</sup> ‘Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, “He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.” <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

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

PSALM (16)

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God: for in you have I taken refuge.

<sup>2</sup> **I have said to the Lord, You are my lord: and all my good depends on you.**

<sup>3</sup> As for those who are held holy on the earth: the other gods in whom people delight,

<sup>4</sup> **Though the idols are many that they run after: their offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take their name upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup: you hold my lot in your hands.

<sup>6</sup> **The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places: and a fair land is my possession.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel: at night also he has instructed my heart.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the Lord always before me: he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices: my flesh also shall rest secure.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not give me over to the power of death: nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life: in your presence is the fulness of joy, and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Peter (1.1-12)

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup> who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance. <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

<sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. <sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, <sup>11</sup> inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated, when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look!

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

GRADUAL HYMN      407 Breathe on me, breath of God  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me but still believe. **Alleluia.**

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.**

*(20.19-31)*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’ <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.’ <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me?’



Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.<sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

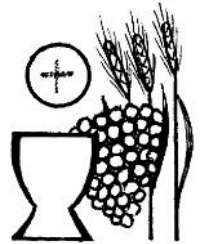
SERMON

## 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 209 And can it be that I should gain  
*(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:

536 An upper room did our Lord prepare  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## 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 154 Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!**



## *Notices*

**Thank You:** Sincere thanks to many of you who served so faithfully over the past two weeks particularly during Holy Week. Your contribution in many forms across the life of the parish is deeply appreciated.

**Caritas:** A reminder that Caritas will gather for its monthly meeting on Tuesday 14 April at 3pm at St Eanswythe's.

**Safe Ministry Training:** Safe Ministry Training Level 1 is now due for a number of parishioners, either because their accreditation has expired or they are new to a ministry role. If your training is due, Michael Francis, our Parish Compliance Officer, will be in touch directly with details on how to complete the training online.

**Synod – Lay Representatives:** The parish is seeking two Lay Representatives and one Alternate to attend Synod, likely to be held in early October. If you feel called to serve in this role, please complete a nomination form, found on the church noticeboard, and forward it to Rev'd Kerry by 16 April. Should the number of nominations exceed the positions available, an election will be held.

**Planned Giving:** The parish Planned Giving programme is due to conclude at the end of May. Parish Council has agreed that going forward it would be beneficial to align the Planned Giving Programme with the financial year, enabling more effective planning of parish needs. Accordingly, from this year the Planned Giving Programme will commence on 4 October, with Stewardship Sunday to be held on 2 August. We recognise that personal circumstances may be different from last year. If you have any concerns, please contact Anita McAnda.

**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 – 2 May, 6 June. (Monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am).  
St Eanswythe's – 18 April, 16 May. (Monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9:30am).

**Listening in Lent:** During the season of Lent, Archbishop Ric Thorpe has invited everyone to take part in Listening in Lent by completing an online questionnaire. This is an opportunity to pause, reflect, and share what you notice and hope for as part of the Diocese of Melbourne today, and as we look to the future together. You are invited to follow the link below to watch the Archbishop's short introductory video and to complete the questionnaire: <https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/listening-in-lent/>

**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.

## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- Ceasefires will be honoured in the pursuit of peace and reconciliation.
- Food charities may be adequately resourced as rising fuel costs deepen cost-of-living pressures.
- We give thanks to God for all who generously share in the responsibility of serving our parish.

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary. Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola.

#### *The Anglican Church of Australia:*

Diocese of Grafton: Bishop Murray Harvey; clergy, lay ministers and people

#### *The Diocese of Melbourne:*

The Jumbunna Episcopate — Bishop Paul Barker, the Archdeaconry of Maroondah and the Deanery of the Hills.

### 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:*

Lewis Lauer (14th),  
Frank Archer (14th),  
Lily McInnes (15th),  
Audrey Holmes (18th).



**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@anglicanalltav.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanalltav.org.au)*

*Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks.*

*If ongoing prayers are needed beyond this time, please let Edita know.*

## Readings for this Week

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

**Wednesday 15 April: 9:00am St Clement's -**

Acts 5.17-26

**Thursday 16 April: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Acts 5.27-33; Ps 34.11-18; John 3.31-36

**Sunday 19 April: Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Ps 116.1-4, 11-18; 1 Peter 1.13-25; Matthew 28.8-15a

**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).

### **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 12 April: Second Sunday of Easter**

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 14 April**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,  
St Eanswythe's\*  
3:00pm Caritas; St Eanswythe's

### **Wednesday 15 April**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 16 April**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 17 April**

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

### **Saturday 18 April**

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

### **Sunday 19 April: Third Sunday of Easter**

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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