

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*

19 April 2026 **Third 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 393 Chris is alive, with joy we sing
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work;
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, 36-41)

¹⁴ 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. ³⁶ Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' ³⁸ Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (116.1-4, 11-18)

¹ I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;

² **Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.**

³ The cords of death encompassed me, the snares of the grave took hold on me: I was in anguish and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ‘O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !’**

¹¹ How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?

¹² **I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹³ I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

¹⁴ **Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.**

¹⁵ O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.

¹⁶ **I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹⁷ I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,

¹⁸ **In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Peter (1.13-25)

¹³ Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. ¹⁴ Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. ¹⁵ Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’ ¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For ‘All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures for ever.’ That word is the good news that was announced to you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

427 Lord, your word abiding
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **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. *(28.8-15a)*

⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.' ¹¹ While they were going, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹² After the priests had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³ telling them, 'You must say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep."' ¹⁴ If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

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 380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son
(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:



**Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.**

Hymn 706

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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 613 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
(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!



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

Fix & Fellowship: Come and help keep our churches look neat and presentable by lending a hand on various cleaning and maintenance tasks.

St Eanswythe's – 16 May, 20 June. (Monthly, 3rd Saturday, 9:30am).

St Clement's – 2 May, 6 June. (Monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am).

Safe Ministry Training: Level 1 Safe Ministry Training is now due for a number of parishioners. If your training needs to be updated, Michael Francis, our Parish Compliance Officer, will contact you with instructions on how to complete it. Please respond when he gets in touch, as the Diocese requires all who serve in specific ministry roles to undertake this training.

Planned Giving: The parish Planned Giving Programme concludes at the end of May. Parish Council has agreed to align future programmes with the financial year to support better planning. From this year, the programme will begin on 4 October, with Stewardship Sunday on 2 August. We recognise that circumstances may have changed since last year. If you have any questions, please contact Anita McAnda.

Volunteers Needed – Lawn Mowing & Cleaning Roster: We are seeking parishioners willing to regularly assist with lawn mowing and cleaning at our churches. Your time and care will help reduce maintenance costs as well as 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.

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.

ANZAC DAY SATURDAY 25 APRIL

Marking the 111th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.



Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- For all who are anxious about their future — in health, employment, or wellbeing — that they may find strength and assurance in God's promises.
- May we hear God's call across our Diocese with discernment and wisdom for the future.
- In remembering ANZAC Day, may it deepen our commitment to peace and our hope for a more peaceful world.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine.
Anglican Church Myanmar.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Riverina: Bishop Donald Kirk; Dean Thom Leslie; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Marmingatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Melbourne and Deanery of Port Phillip.

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, Jayme Lee McInnes, Ashlee Atwood.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Peggy Griffin (20th),
Eric Smith (22nd),
Margaret Copeland (22nd),
Vince Jelinek (22nd),
Betty Swift (23rd).
Ruby Greason (23rd),
Alister Greason (23rd),
Wilma Beales (25th).



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 22 April: 9:00am St Clement's

Acts 8.1-8; Ps 66.1-8; John 6.35-40

Thursday 23 April: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

George, martyr (d.c. 303)

Acts 8.26-40; Ps 66.7-11; John 6.44-51

Sunday 26 April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42-42; Ps 23; 1 Peter 2.1-10; John 10.1-10

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 21 April

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

Wednesday 22 April

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

Thursday 23 April

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11:00am St Eanswythe's Centenary
Working Group, St Eanswythe's

Friday 24 April

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:15am-11:15am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*
6:30pm Games Night, St Clement's

Sunday 26 April: Fourth 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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