

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*

26 April 2026 **Fourth 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

390 Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of all power,
you called from death our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep:
send us as shepherds to rescue the lost,
to heal the injured,
and to feed one another with understanding;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 Acts (2.42-47)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (23)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

² **He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.**

³ He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

⁶ **Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Peter (2.1-10)

¹ Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

10 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
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.

(10.1-10)

¹ ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



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 433 Christ is our cornerstone
(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 147 To God be the glory, great things he has done
(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

Synod – Lay Representatives: Congratulations to **Sandra Hansen, Angela Jones, and Anna Watts** who have been elected by our parish to serve as Lay/Alternate Representatives for the three-year term of the **55th Diocesan Synod**. We are grateful for their willingness to serve our parish in this ministry.

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

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

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

Safe Ministry Training: Safe Ministry Training Level 1 is now due for a number of parishioners. Michael Francis, our Parish Compliance Officer, will be in touch with details on how to complete the training. Please respond when he makes contact.

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 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.



Friday 1 May, Feast Day

Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs

Saints Philip and James, were both highly blessed to be among the chosen 12 of our Lord Jesus, listening to Him preach, witnessing His miracles, and receiving from Him a commission to continue His work.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Leaders engaged in peace negotiations, will act with wisdom, compassion, and genuine concern for the wellbeing of all people.
- Parishes seeking new clergy, that God will guide them in appointing faithful and gifted leaders.
- Those suffering in mind and body through addiction, will find healing, strength, and hope.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

The church Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Anglican Church of Nigeria.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Willochra (SA): Bishop Jeremy James; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Oodthenong Episcopate, Bishop Genieve Blackwell and the various archdeacons.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Common Grace – uniting Australian Christians in advocacy and prayer.

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:

Mary Catherine Doloughan (27th), Harry Pugsley (29th), Clifford Little (29th),

May:

Ivy Duckett (1st), Gordon Andrews (2nd), Ray Eudey (2nd).



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 29 April: 9:00am St Clement's

Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher (d.1380)

Acts 12.24-13.5; Ps 67; John 12.44-50

Thursday 30 April: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Acts 13.13-25; Ps 89.19-25; John 13.16-20

Sunday 3 May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7.55-60; Ps 31.1-5. 17-18; 1 Peter 2.11-25; John 14.1-14

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 28 April

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 29 April

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 30 April

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 1 May

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am-11:15am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*

Saturday 2 May

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

Sunday 3 May: Fifth 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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