

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*

3 May 2026 **Fifth 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 590 What a friend we have in Jesus
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Everliving God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
give us grace to love one another,
to follow in the way of his commandments,
and to share his risen life;
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 (7.55-60)

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (31.1-5, 17-18)

¹ To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.

² **O deliver me in your righteousness: incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.**

³ Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock and my stronghold.

⁴ **Lead me and guide me for your name's sake: bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me, for you are my strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit: you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.

¹⁷ **All my days are in your hand: O deliver me from the power of my enemies and from my persecutors.**

¹⁸ Make your face to shine upon your servant: and save me for your mercy's sake.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Peter (2.11-25)

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. ¹² Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge. ¹³ For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. ¹⁶ As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.

¹⁷ Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

¹⁸ Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²² 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' ²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

344 Glory be to Jesus

(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through 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.

(14.1-11)

¹ ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ ⁵ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ ⁶ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’ ⁸ Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ ⁹ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’



¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

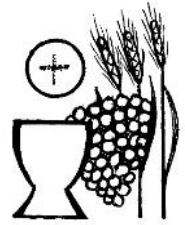
SERMON

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 536 An upper room did our Lord prepare
(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:

**Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom.**

*Hymn 730
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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. 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

Joyce Bayley: Friends and fellow parishioners will be saddened to learn that Joyce Bayley died earlier this week. Her funeral service will be held at **St Eanswythe's at 10:30am on Friday 8 May.**

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 – 6 June, 4 July. (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. If your training is due, Michael Francis, our Parish Compliance Officer, will be in touch with details on how to complete the training.

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.



Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- On Domestic Violence-Aware Sunday, we unite in prayer for the safety and protection of all who live with fear or harm.
- We give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Kate Prowd as she commences a sabbatical and discerns God's future call upon her life.
- For the family and friends of Joyce Bailey as they mourn her passing.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Afghanistan. The Anglican Communion of the Church of North India (United).

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Armidale (NSW): Bishop Rod Chiswell clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Our Archdeacons across all of the Episcopates and ministry areas.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

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:



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 6 May: 9:00am St Clement's

Acts 15.1-6; Ps 122; John 15.1-8

Thursday 7 May: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Acts 15.37-21; Ps 96.1-6; John 15.8-11

Sunday 10 May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22-31; Ps 66.7-19; 1 Peter 3.8-22; John 14.15-21

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 5 May

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

Wednesday 6 May

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 7 May

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,
Altona Meadows

Friday 8 May

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

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8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
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5:00pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

**During school terms*

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