

# 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*

**10 May 2026**

## **Sixth 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            153 God is love, let heav'n adore him  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
joys beyond our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love for you,  
that, loving you above all else,  
we may obtain your promises  
that exceed all we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive 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 Acts (17.22-31)

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

<sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” <sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

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

PSALM (66.7-19)

<sup>7</sup> O bless our God, you peoples: and cause his praises to resound,  
<sup>8</sup> **Who has held our souls in life: who has not suffered our feet to slip.**  
<sup>9</sup> For you have proved us, O God: you have tried us as silver is tried.  
<sup>10</sup> **You brought us into the net: you laid sharp torment on our loins.**  
<sup>11</sup> You let our enemies ride over our heads, we went through fire and water: but you brought us out into a place of liberty.  
<sup>12</sup> **I will come into your house with burnt-offerings: and I will pay you my vows,**  
<sup>13</sup> The vows that opened my lips: that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.  
<sup>14</sup> **I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts, with the sweet smoke of rams: I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats.**  
<sup>15</sup> Come then and hear, all you that fear God: and I will tell what he has done for me.  
<sup>16</sup> **I called to him with my mouth: and his praise was on my tongue.**  
<sup>17</sup> If I had cherished wickedness in my heart: the Lord would not have heard me.  
<sup>18</sup> **But God has heard me: he has heeded the voice of my prayer.**  
<sup>19</sup> Praise be to God: who has not turned back my prayer, or his steadfast love from me.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Peter (3.8-22)

<sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For ‘Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it.

<sup>12</sup>For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’ <sup>13</sup>Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

GRADUAL HYMN      413 Holy Spirit, come confirm us  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*



THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. **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.**

*(14.15-21)*

<sup>15</sup>‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

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

## 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     517 Hallelujah! sing to Jesus  
*(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:

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;  
those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;  
God alone fills us.**

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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     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!**



**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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

## Notices

**Planned Giving:** As the Planned Giving Programme for the coming year begins on 4 October, those who use giving envelopes will soon reach the end of their current supply. To bridge the gap, an interim supply of blank envelopes is available at the back of the church for use until the new programme commences. When using these envelopes, please write your envelope number clearly on the front. For any enquiries about the Planned Giving Programme, please contact Anita McAnda.

**Safe Ministry Training:** Thank you to everyone who has already completed their Safe Ministry Training. A number of parishioners have asked about the possibility of completing the training as a group. If you would prefer this option, please let Michael Francis, our Parish Compliance Officer, know so he can make the appropriate arrangements. Please remember that Safe Ministry Training helps ensure our places of worship remain safe, with particular care for children and vulnerable people.

**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).

**Volunteers Needed – Lawn Mowing & Cleaning Roster:** We are seeking parishioners who can assist regularly with lawn mowing and cleaning at our churches. Your time and care help reduce maintenance costs and strengthen our shared fellowship. If you are able to help—even occasionally—please add your name to 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](mailto: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.



The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne is committed to churches being places where everyone is safe, especially children and vulnerable people. All church workers and volunteers are required to complete training and relevant checks. If you wish to raise any concerns about misconduct, past or present, please contact the independent Professional Standards body, Kooyoora (1800 135 246; [www.kooyoora.org.au](http://www.kooyoora.org.au)).

## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- On Mother's Day, we thank God for the love and care of mothers and all who nurture others.
- That our churches will be places of safety and spiritual support for all who find the journey of life difficult.
- For our Caritas and Mothers' Union groups as they meet this week, that their ministries will continue to support our parish community with fellowship and compassion.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

*The World:* India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

*The Anglican Communion:* The Church of Pakistan (United).

*The Anglican Church of Australia:*

Bishop to the Defence Force, Bishop Grant Dibden; Chaplains and ADF personnel.

*The Diocese of Melbourne:*

Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Frankston and the Deanery of Mornington Peninsula.

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – working with partners and communities in the Solomon Islands, Mozambique and Sri Lanka.

### 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:*

Alec Bayley (13th).



*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 13 May: 9:00am St Clement's**

Acts 17.15, 22-18.1; Ps 148.7-15; John 16.12-15

### **Thursday 14 May: 10:00am St Eanswythe's, Ascension Day**

Acts 1.1-11; Ps 47; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 28.16-20

### **Sunday 17 May: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1.6-14; Ps 68.1-10, 32-35; 1 Peter 5; John 17.1-11

### **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 10 May: Sixth 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 12 May**

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

### **Wednesday 13 May**

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

### **Thursday 14 May**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 15 May**

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

### **Saturday 16 May**

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

### **Sunday 17 May: Seventh 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*

## *Parish Contact List*

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### **Churchwardens:**

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