

# 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*

**17 May 2026**

## **Seventh 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            105 Let all the world in every corner sing  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,  
whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,  
and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming of your kingdom:  
by your Holy Spirit,  
hold the Church in unity,  
and keep it faithful to your word,  
so that, breaking bread together,  
we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service,  
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 (1.6-14)

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

<sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.  
<sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

PSALM (68.1-10, 32-35)

<sup>1</sup> God shall arise, and his enemies shall be scattered: those that hate him shall flee before his face.  
<sup>2</sup> **As smoke is dispersed, so shall they be dispersed: as wax melts before a fire, so shall the wicked perish at the presence of God.**  
<sup>3</sup> But the righteous shall be glad and exult before God: they shall rejoice with gladness.  
<sup>4</sup> **O sing to God, sing praises to his name: glorify him that rode through the deserts, him whose name is the Lord, and exult before him.**  
<sup>5</sup> He is the father of the fatherless, he upholds the cause of the widow: God in his holy dwelling place.  
<sup>6</sup> **He gives the desolate a home to dwell in, and brings the prisoners out into prosperity: but rebels must dwell in a barren land.**  
<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went out before your people: when you marched through the wilderness,  
<sup>8</sup> **The earth shook, the heavens poured down water: before the God of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.**  
<sup>9</sup> You showered down a generous rain, O God: you prepared the land of your possession when it was weary.  
<sup>10</sup> **And there your people settled: in the place that your goodness, O God, had made ready for the poor.**  
<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth: O sing praises to the Lord,  
<sup>33</sup> **To him that rides upon the highest heavens, that were from the beginning: who utters his voice, which is a mighty voice.**  
<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel: and his might is in the clouds.  
<sup>35</sup> **Terrible is God who comes from his holy place: the God of Israel who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 Peter (5)

<sup>1</sup> Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you <sup>2</sup> to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. <sup>3</sup> Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

<sup>5</sup> In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ <sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. <sup>12</sup> Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. <sup>13</sup> Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings; and so does my son Mark. <sup>14</sup> Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

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

GRADUAL HYMN      601 O Master, let me walk with thee  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The Lord said: I will not leave you as orphans. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **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.**

*(17.1-11)*

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup> ‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.



<sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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 256 From heaven you came, helpless babe  
*(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:

**Father, we adore you;  
lay our lives before you;  
how we love you.  
Jesus, we adore you...  
Spirit, we adore you...**

*Hymn 716  
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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 204 Come let us join our cheerful songs  
*(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

**New Assistant Bishops:** The Venerable Megan Curlis-Gibson, Archdeacon of Kew and Vicar of St Philip's Deep Creek and The Revd Canon Lui (Ben) Wong, Canon to the Archbishop for Chinese ministry and Vicar of TIMA Anglican Parish have been appointed Assistant Bishops in our diocese, serving alongside Bishop Paul Barker and Bishop Genieve Blackwell. Please hold Megan and Ben in your prayers as they prepare to take up their new roles. They will be consecrated as bishops on 19 September at St Paul's Cathedral.

**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:** 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 and gathering 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 – 20 June, 18 July. (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.



## *Our Prayers*

### For the Nation and the World:

- We pray for the newly appointed Assistant Bishops, Megan Curlis Gibson and Lui (Ben) Wong, that God will strengthen and guide them in this new season of ministry.
- The recently announced Federal budget will help address the economic and social issues affecting our nation.
- Pray that our parish community continues to grow, bringing hope, compassion and transformation.

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

The World: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal.

#### The Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

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

Diocese of North West Australia:  
Bishop Darrell Parker, the clergy, lay ministers and people.

#### *The Diocese of Melbourne:*

Marmingatha Episcopate,  
the Archdeaconry of Melbourne,  
and the Deanery of Melbourne.

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

### 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:*

James Mead (17th),  
Veronica Jelinek (18th),  
Laurie Brooks (19th),  
Elizabeth Bellhouse (21st),  
John Andrew (23rd).



## *Readings for this Week*

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

### **Wednesday 20 May: 9:00am St Clement's**

Acts 20.28-38; Ps 68.28-35; John 17.11-19

### **Thursday 21 May: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Acts 22.30 & 23.6-11; Ps 16.1-6; John 17.20-26

### **Sunday 24 May: Day of Pentecost**

Numbers 11.24-30; Ps 104.26-36; Acts 2.1-21; John 20.19-23



### **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 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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 19 May**

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

### **Wednesday 20 May**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 21 May**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 22 May**

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

### **Sunday 24 May: Day of Pentecost**

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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