

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*

24 May 2026

Day of Pentecost (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 412 God sends us his Spirit.
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,
at the feast of Pentecost
you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
empower us with that same Spirit
to witness to your redeeming love
and draw all people to you;
through 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 Numbers *(11.24-30)*

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord ; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said,

‘My lord Moses, stop them!’²⁹ But Moses said to him, ‘Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!’³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (104.26-36)

²⁶ Lord, how various are your works: in wisdom you have made them all,
and the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁷ **There is the wide, immeasurable sea: there move living things without
number, great and small;**

²⁸ There go the ships, to and fro: and there is that Leviathan whom you formed to
sport in the deep.

²⁹ **These all look to you: to give them their food in due season.**

³⁰ When you give it to them, they gather it: when you open your hand they are
satisfied with good things.

³¹ **When you hide your face, they are troubled: when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**

³² When you send forth your spirit they are created: and you renew the face of the
earth.

³³ **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever: may the Lord rejoice in his works.**

³⁴ If he look upon the earth, it shall tremble: if he but touch the mountains, they shall
smoke.

³⁵ **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live: I will praise my God while I have any
being.**

³⁶ May my meditation be pleasing to him: for my joy shall be in the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from Acts (2.1-21)

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ ¹³ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ 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. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

GRADUAL HYMN 407 Breathe on me the breath of God
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,’ says the Lord; ‘and let the one who believes in me drink. For out of your heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ John 7.38
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.

(20.19-23)

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’

²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’



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 409 O breath of life come sweeping through us
(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:

**Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.**

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 411 Filled with the Spirit's power
(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

Ladies' Mid-Year Dinner: Ladies of the parish are warmly invited to share an evening of fellowship and connection over dinner at Pier 71 Restaurant, 71 Pier Street, Altona, on Thursday 18 June, 6.30pm. For planning, please confirm your attendance with Vaoa Davis, kandvdavis@gmail.com or 0425 163 101.

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. They will be consecrated as bishops in September. Please hold Megan and Ben in your prayers as they prepare to take up their new roles.

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. 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:

- As we celebrate Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love and empower our witness of the gospel.
- All who are experiencing economic hardship in our communities and across the nation.
- Those facing devastation and displacement through conflict, may find shelter, security, and a future marked by peace and wholeness.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

The World: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine.

The Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of The Northern Territory:
Bishop Gregory Anderson;
Christ Church Cathedral, Dean Rob Llewellyn; clergy, lay ministers and people

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Oodthenong Episcopate, Archdeaconry of La Trobe, Deanery of Hume:

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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:

Doug Cutting (24th),
Luke Mitchell (24th),
Isabel Henshall (27th),
Connie George (27th),
Dorothy Smith (29th)
Bill Rice (29th)
Ian James Scarlett (29th)
Eileen Eudey (30th)
Jane Nicholas (30th)



Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday 27 May: 9:00am St Clement's

1 Peter 1.18-25; Ps 147.12-20; Mark 10.35-42

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

1 Peter 2.2-12; Ps 100; Mark 10.46-52

Sunday 31 May: Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34.1-8; Ps Song of 3YM 29-34 (page 399); 2 Corinthians 13.11-13; Matthew 28.16-20

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

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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 26 May

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

Wednesday 27 May

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 28 May

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 29 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 31 May: Trinity Sunday

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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