

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*

7 June 2026

Second Sunday After Pentecost (Year A)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10.30 am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:00pm Te Hākari Tapu (Māori Service), St Eanswythe's

5.00pm Holy Eucharist, 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

693 Come as you are

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Saviour:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
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 Genesis (12.1-9)

¹ Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' ⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (33.1-12)

¹ Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: for it befits the just to praise him.

² **Give the Lord thanks upon the harp: and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.**

³ O sing him a new song: make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.

⁴ **For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are faithful.**

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice: the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.

⁶ **By the word of the Lord were the heavens made: and their numberless stars by the breath of his mouth.**

⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a water-skin: and laid up the deep in his treasuries.

⁸ **Let the whole earth fear the Lord: and let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.**

⁹ For he spoke, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

¹⁰ **The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations: he brings to nothing the devices of the peoples.**

¹¹ But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever: the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.

¹² **Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord: the people he chose to be his own possession.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (4.13-25)

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵ For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. ¹⁶ For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ ²³Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 619 (T234) Have faith in God my heart
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the good news! **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(9.9-13,18-26)

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ ¹²But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’ ¹⁴While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’ ¹⁵And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ¹⁶Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ¹⁷for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’ ¹⁸Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made well.



²³ When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread throughout that district.

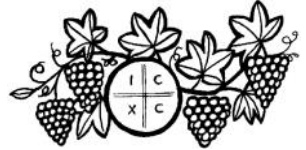
For the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 599 (Tii) Take my life and let it be
(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:

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

*Hymn 741
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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 179 Praise with joy the world's creator
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Notices

Men's Monthly Lunch: The men of our parish are invited to a monthly lunch gathering, beginning on Friday 5 June at 12.30pm at Harmony Restaurant, 69 Pier St, Altona. The group will continue to meet on the first Friday of each month.

Online Bible Study: Beginning Tuesday 9 June at 7.00pm, a weekly online Bible study will be held via Zoom. All are invited to take part. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81226786340?pwd=U1Ax4yGsO3oMEoOPsikKavOmrS9Z2K.1>
Meeting ID: 812 2678 6340 Passcode: 54321

Ladies' Mid-Year Dinner: Ladies of the parish are invited to an evening of fellowship and connection over dinner at Pier 71 Restaurant, 71 Pier Street, Altona, Thursday 18 June, 6.30pm. Please confirm your attendance with Vaoa Davis at kandvdavis@gmail.com or 0425 6 3101.

Come and Try Bocce: Our parish community is invited to a "Come and Try Bocce Day" on Saturday 27 June. A BBQ lunch will be served at 12pm, followed by a 1pm demonstration by Chris Hansen and some friendly social games. Cost is only \$5 per person, with all proceeds supporting Chris as he prepares to compete at the Special Olympics National Games in October. Join us at the Altona Sports Club for an enjoyable afternoon.

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.

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:

- For healing and comfort for all who are unwell, grieving, or struggling.
- That under-developed communities will receive the resources and support needed to combat deadly infection and disease.
- The King's Birthday holiday will provide an opportunity for much needed rest and renewal.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

The World: Angola, Mozambique.

The Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Abuja, Nigeria.

Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Bathurst: Bishop Mark Calder and all clergy, lay ministers and people.

Diocese of Melbourne:

Jumbunna Episcopate, the Archdeaconry of Box Hill and the Deanery of Waverley. Caulfield Grammar School.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

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:

Recent Anniversaries and for this Week:

Betty Douglas (2nd),

June Geering (2nd),

James McGrath (4th),

Peter Meiers (5th),

John McIntyre, bishop (6th),

Rolf von Kalm (6th),

Paul LeRoy (9th),

Marjorie Rodden (9th),

Alec Aitken (11th),

Evelyn Meiers (11th).



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 10 June: 9:00am St Clement's

1 Kings 18.20-39; Ps 16.1-6; Matthew 5.17-19

Thursday 11 June: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr

Job 29.11-16; Ps 98; Acts 11.22-30, 13.1-3; Matthew 10.7-13

Sunday 14 June: Third Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 18.1-15; Ps 116.1-2, 11-18; Romans 5.1-11; Matthew 9.35-10.8

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am, at St Eanswythe's. Everyone is welcome.



Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

Tiddlers Playgroup:

Tuesdays in term time 10:00am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993).

Clementines Playgroup:

Fridays in term time, 9:15am 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 7 June:

Second Sunday After 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 9 June:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's
7:00pm Online Bible Study via Zoom

**During school terms*

Wednesday 10 June:

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

Thursday 11 June:

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

Friday 12 June:

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

Sunday 14 June:

Third Sunday After 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

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