

# 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*

**14 June 2026**

## **Third 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 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            409 O breath of life, come sweeping through us  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Lord,  
we beseech you to keep your family, the Church,  
in continual godliness,  
that through your protection  
it may be free from all adversities,  
and devoutly given to serve you in good works,  
to the glory of your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 (18.1-15)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?'

And he said, 'There, in the tent.' <sup>10</sup> Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?"' <sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (116.1-2, 11-18)

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he heard my voice: the voice of my supplication;

<sup>2</sup> **Because he inclined his ear to me: in the day that I called to him.**

<sup>11</sup> How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?

<sup>12</sup> **I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.

<sup>14</sup> **Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.

<sup>16</sup> **I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,

<sup>18</sup> **In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (5.1-11)

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

<sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN      129 Amazing grace  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. **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.** *(9.35-10.8)*

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' **10** <sup>1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.



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 155 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
*(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 650 Brother, sister, let me serve you  
*(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

**Rob Griffin – Appreciation:** In 2025 the brass plaque in the St Eanswythe's Memorial Garden was stolen. Parishioner Rob Griffin, a professional sign maker, created an excellent reproduction that preserves the dignity and character of the garden. We offer our sincere thanks to Rob for his skill and generosity.

**St Eanswythe's 100th Anniversary Celebration:** The centenary committee continues to meet regularly, and invitations have been sent to former clergy, parishioners, dignitaries, our bishops, and local community leaders. A large attendance is expected for the celebration service and lunch on **Sunday 13 September at 10.30am** at St Eanswythe's. Please note this date.

**Men's Monthly Lunch:** Our parish men meet for lunch on the first Friday of each month at 12.30pm at Harmony Restaurant, 69 Pier St, Altona. Come and join us if you are free.

**Online Bible Study:** Our weekly online Bible study is on Tuesdays at 7.00pm via Zoom. All are welcome. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81226786340?pwd=U1Ax4yGsO3oMEoOPsikKavOmrS9Z2K.1> Meeting ID: 812 2678 6340 Passcode: 54321

**Ladies' Mid-Year Dinner:** Parish ladies are invited to enjoy fellowship and connection over dinner at Pier 71, 71 Pier St, Altona, Thursday 18 June, 6.30pm. Please confirm your attendance with Vaoa Davis, 0425 163 101 or [kandvdavis@gmail.com](mailto:kandvdavis@gmail.com).

**Come and Try Bocce:** Join us on Saturday 27 June for an afternoon of Bocce — a fun, bowls-style activity — at the Altona Sports Club. BBQ lunch is at 12pm, followed by a 1pm demonstration by Chris Hansen and social games. Cost is \$5 per person, with all proceeds supporting Chris as he prepares for the Special Olympics National Games in October. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

**Planned Giving:** As the new Planned Giving Programme begins on 4 October, envelope users will soon run out of their current supply. Blank interim envelopes are available at the back of the church; please write your envelope number on the front. For enquiries, contact Anita McAnda.

**Fix & Fellowship:** Help keep our churches neat by joining our cleaning and maintenance mornings.

- St Clement's – 4 July, 1 August (Monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am).
- St Eanswythe's – 20 June, 18 July (Monthly 3rd Saturday, 9:30am).

**Volunteers Needed – Lawn Mowing & Cleaning:** We need helpers for lawn mowing and cleaning at our churches. If you can assist — even occasionally — please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- Communities divided by ethnic violence will not be blinded to one another but choose peace and harmony.
- Nations engaged in conflict will uphold the dignity of every human life as they pursue their interests.
- May God continue to raise up faithful labourers in our parish and community for Christ's mission.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

The World: The Churches in Botswana and Zimbabwe.

The Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of South East Asia.

*The Anglican Church of Australia and The Diocese of Melbourne:*

Archbishop Ric Thorpe; Bishops Paul Barker, Genieve Blackwell, Kate Prowd and Alison Taylor. The Marningatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Essendon, Deanery of Coburg and all clergy, lay ministers and people of the diocese.

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre— providing support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

### 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:

Jayme Lee McInnes, Ashlee Atwood.

### The communion of saints:

*Anniversaries this week:*

John Porter (14th),  
Jessie Nolan (15th),  
Raymond King (15th),  
Lily Mae McInnes (15th),  
Eunice Filsell (16th).



*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 17 June: 9:00am St Clement's**

2 Kings 2.1 (2-5), 6-14; Ps 31.21-27; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-18

### **Thursday 18 June: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

Sirach 48.1-14; Ps 97.1-9; Matthew 6.7-15

### **Sunday 21 June: Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

Genesis 21.8-21; Ps 86.1-10, 16-17; Romans 6.1-11; Matthew 10.24-39

### **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 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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 16 June:**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

### **Wednesday 17 June:**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

*\*During school terms*

### **Thursday 18 June:**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

6:30pm Ladies' Mid-Year Dinner,  
Pier 71 Restaurant, 71 Pier Street, Altona

### **Friday 19 June:**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,  
St Clement's\*

6:30pm Games Night, St Clement's

### **Saturday 20 June:**

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

### **Sunday 21 June:**

#### **Fourth 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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