

# 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*

**21 June 2026**

## **Fourth 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            245 We have a gospel to proclaim  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Gracious God,  
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus  
were baptised into his death:  
we pray that, as you raised him from death,  
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory,  
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin  
but alive for you in Jesus Christ;  
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 (21.8-21)

<sup>8</sup>The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup>But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup>So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' <sup>11</sup>The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup>But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. <sup>13</sup>As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' <sup>14</sup>So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away.

And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. <sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (86.1-10, 16-17)

<sup>1</sup> Incline your ear to me, O God, and answer me: for I am poor and in misery.

<sup>2</sup> **Preserve my life, for I am faithful: My God, save your servant who trusts in you.**

<sup>3</sup> Be merciful to me, O Lord: for I call to you all the day long.

<sup>4</sup> **O make glad the soul of your servant: for I put my hope in you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> For you, Lord, are good and forgiving: of great and continuing kindness to all who call upon you.

<sup>6</sup> **Hear my prayer, O Lord: and give heed to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>7</sup> In the day of my trouble I call upon you: for you will surely answer.

<sup>8</sup> **Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord: nor are there any deeds like yours.**

<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you: O Lord, they shall glorify your name.

<sup>10</sup> **For you are great and do marvellous things: and you alone are God.**

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and be merciful, give your strength to your servant: and save the child of your handmaid.

<sup>17</sup> **Show me some token of your goodness: that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, because you, Lord, are my helper and my comforter.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (6.1-11)

<sup>1</sup> What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN      597 Master, speak, thy servant heareth  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. **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.**

*(10.24-39)*

<sup>24</sup>‘A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup>‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;



<sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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 583 Take up your cross, the Saviour said  
*(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:

**Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.**

*Hymn 706  
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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 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

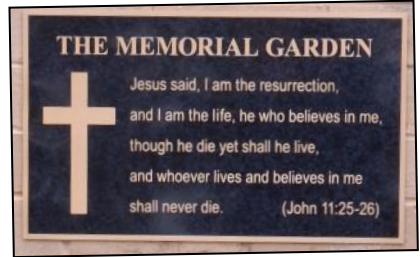
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## Notices

**Rev'd Johnwerni's Appointment:** We celebrate with our Curate, Rev'd Johnwerni, who has been appointed Vicar of St Stephen's, Geelong. Our prayers are with him and his family as he takes up this new ministry starting on 1 September.

**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.

**Board Game Evenings:** An evening of board and card games for all ages is held at St Clement's on Fridays. All are welcome. Further details are on the notice board.

**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. Add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

**Online Bible Study:** Weekly online Bible study 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

**Men's Monthly Lunch:** Our parish men meet on the first Friday of each month at 12.30pm at Harmony Restaurant, 69 Pier St, Altona. All are welcome to join.

**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).

## Our Prayers

### For the Nation and the World:

- We pray for organisations supporting those seeking housing, food, and a place of belonging at this time of year.
- Peace negotiations in various countries will hold and the threat of renewed conflict will ease.
- In this time of transition, may God guide and strengthen all who share in the life and ministry of our diocese as together we prepare for the future.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

The World: Malawi, Zambia.

The Anglican Communion: The Church of South India (United)

*The Anglican Church of Australia:*

Diocese of Sydney: Archbishop Kanishka Raffel; Bishops Michael Stead, Peter Hayward, Chris Edwards and Peter Lin.

*The Diocese of Melbourne:*

Marmingatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Stonnington and Deanery of Stonnington.

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya.

### 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:

Jayne Lee McInnes, Ashlee Atwood.

### The communion of saints:

*Anniversaries this week:*

Jack Copeland (21st),  
Jean Wallace (21st),  
Rachel Davies (22nd),  
David Hocking (24th),  
Russell Andrew (24th),  
Harry Harradence (26th),  
Brian Zimsen (26th).



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

**The Birth of John the Baptist**

Isaiah 49.1-6; Ps 139.1-11; Acts 13 (16-21) 22-26; Luke 1.57-66, 80

**Thursday 25 June: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

2 Kings 24.8-18; Ps 79.1-9; Matthew 7.21-29

**Sunday 28 June: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

Genesis 22.1-14; Ps 13; Romans 6.12-23; Matthew 10.40-42

**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 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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 23 June:**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

### **Wednesday 24 June:**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benatas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

### **Thursday 25 June:**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am St Eanswythe's Centenary

Working Group, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 26 June:**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 28 June:**

#### **Fifth 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

*\*During school terms*

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