

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*

28 June 2026

Fifth 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 613 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,
your Son has taught us that those who give a cup of water in his name
will not lose their reward:
open our hearts to the needs of your children,
and in all things make us obedient to your will,
so that in faith we may receive your gracious gift,
eternal life in 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 (22.1-14)

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?'

⁸ Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ ¹² He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place ‘The LORD will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (13)

¹ How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me: how long will you hide your face from me?

² **How long must I suffer anguish in my soul, and be so grieved in my heart day and night: how long shall my enemy triumph over me?**

³ Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me: lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

⁴ **Lest my enemy say ‘I have prevailed’: lest my foes exult at my overthrow.**

⁵ Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love: O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.

⁶ **And I will make my song to the Lord: because he deals so bountifully with me.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (6.12-23)

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 164 The great love of God
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of your kingdom. **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. *(10.40-42)*

⁴⁰ ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

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 259 Among us and before us, Lord, you stand
(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:

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and do not be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.**

*Hymn 714
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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 569 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)



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

Giving: Deposits can be made to the parish Bendigo Bank account at any time (BSB 633 000, account number 157 594 722, account name "St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches"). For pledge giving please include your name or envelope/reference number. For further details see anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving

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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.

Bush Church Aid Boxes We have received an acknowledgement and thanks from BCA for our parish's support through the BCA boxes, which many parishioners faithfully fill with coins and spare change. A total of \$964.75 was gifted, for which BCA is deeply grateful.

Men's Monthly Lunch: Our parish men meet on Friday 3 July at 12.30pm at Harmony Restaurant, 69 Pier St, Altona. All are welcome to join.

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.

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

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 – 18 July, 15 August (Monthly 3rd Saturday, 9:30am).

Prayer List: If you know someone who would like to be included in the weekly prayer list, please contact Edita in the parish office (03 9398 1005 or parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au). Names remain on the list for six weeks unless an extension is requested.

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:

- Those carrying the burden of illness or uncertainty, that God will lead them to healing and wholeness.
- All who suffer through no fault of their own, that justice and support will be theirs.
- Leaders will respond with integrity and compassion to the needs of the people they serve.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

The World: Kenya, Tanzania.

The Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Province of Papua New Guinea: Acting Archbishop Nathan Ingen; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Archbishop Ric Thorpe and the members who serve on Archbishop-in-Council.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – supporting health care and education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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, Heinz Greilach.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this week:

Maureen Fiscaline (28th),

Ron Hewson (29th),

Jean Barger (29th),

Colin Smith (30th),

Jessie Norman (2nd Jul).



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 1 July: 9:00am St Clement's

Amos 5.14-24; Ps 50.7-11; Matthew 8.28-34

Thursday 2 July: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Amos 7.10-17; Ps 19.7-14; Matthew 9.1-8

Sunday 5 July: Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps 45.10-17;

Romans 7.14-25; Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 30 June:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 1 July:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 2 July:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,

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Friday 3 July:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Saturday 4 July:

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

Sunday 5 July:

Sixth 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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