

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*

12 July 2026

Seventh 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

580 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Bountiful God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word:
by your Holy Spirit,
help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it,
that we may grow in faith and hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and 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 (25.19-34)

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' ²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents.

²⁸ Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' ³² Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' ³³ Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

PSALM (119.105-112)

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lantern to my feet: and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have vowed and sworn an oath: to keep your righteous judgements.**

¹⁰⁷ I have been afflicted beyond measure: Lord, give me life according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O Lord, the freewill offerings of my mouth: and teach me your judgements.**

¹⁰⁹ I take my life in my hands continually: yet I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have laid a snare for me: but I have not strayed from your precepts.**

¹¹¹ Your commands are my inheritance for ever: they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I have set my heart to fulfil your statutes: always, even to the end.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (8.1-11)

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; your 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.

(13.1-9, 18-23)

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ Let anyone with ears listen!' ¹⁸ 'Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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 138 Eternal Father, strong to save
(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 547 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
(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 over lunch on the first Friday of the month at 12.30pm at Harmony Restaurant, 69 Pier St, Altona. Come and join us if you are available.

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.

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 – 1 August, 5 September (Monthly, 1st Saturday, 9:30am).
- St Eanswythe's – 18 July, 15 August (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.

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.



Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- God will grant attentive hearts and clear vision for the future to all who gather for the Diocesan Ministry Conference.
- All who manage and use social media will do so with care and respect to build up rather than harm.
- Senseless vandalism and violence will cease so that our communities may be places of safety and respect.

The Church:

The World: Eritrea, Ethiopia.

The Anglican Communion:

The Church of South Sudan.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Grafton: Bishop Murray Harvey; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Maroondah and the Deanery of the Hills .

Agencies supported by our parish:

Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

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:

Heinz Greilach.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this week:

Libus Hodgson (12th),

Beryl Butler (13th),

Ken Read (13th),

Ellen Woodhouse (15th),

Minnie McKinnon (16th),

Don Edgar, priest (16th),

Doris Truman (18th),

Stephen Briggs (18th).



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 15 July: 9:00am St Clement's

Isaiah 10.5-7 (8-12) 13-16; Ps 94.8-15; Matthew 11.25-27

Thursday 16 July: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Isaiah 26.7-9 (10-11) 12 (13-15) 16-19; Ps 102.18-22 Matthew 11.28-30

Sunday 19 July: Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 28.10-19a; Ps 139.1-11, 23-24;

Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30 (31-33) 36-43

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 12 July:

Seventh 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 14 July:

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

Wednesday 15 July:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 16 July:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 17 July:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

6:30pm Games Night, St Clement's

Saturday 18 July:

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

Sunday 19 July:

Eighth 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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