

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*

19 July 2026

Eighth 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

225 My heart and voice I raise

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts
and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 (28.10-19a)

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷ And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place!

This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (139.1-11, 23-24)

¹ O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.

² **You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.**

³ For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.

⁴ **You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.

⁶ **Where shall I go from your spirit: or where shall I flee from your presence?**

⁷ If I ascend into heaven you are there: if I make my bed in the grave you are there also.

⁸ **If I spread out my wings towards the morning: or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

⁹ Even there your hand shall lead me: and your right hand shall hold me.

¹⁰ **If I say ‘Surely the darkness will cover me: and the night will enclose me’,**

¹¹ The darkness is no darkness with you, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike.

²³ **Search me out, O God, and know my heart: put me to the proof and know my thoughts.**

²⁴ Look well lest there be any way of wickedness in me: and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (8.12-25)

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 607 Make me a channel of your peace
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. **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. *(9:35-38)*

³⁵ 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. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

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 644 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
(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:

**Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
Holy are you, Lord.**

*Hymn 723
Anon (from Argentina).*

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 231 At the name of Jesus
(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

Mothers Union Members: The Fundraiser is now on Monday 27 July at 11.00. The Wave of Prayer is now on Monday 3 August at 10.00 in the Lady Chapel at St Eanswythe's. **Beanies for the Seafarers:** These knitted beanies for the Seafarers are available at the Mission to Seamen in the city for all seafarers. Please give your knitted beanie to Jan Lee, thank you.

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 will remain on the list for six weeks, unless a longer period of prayer is required.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- We lift up missionaries and mission partners around the world, praying for their safety and for the continued spread of the Gospel.
- We pray that God's peace will rest upon our community, bringing hope and comfort to all who are struggling or lonely.
- We bring before God all regions facing conflict, hardship, or natural disaster, asking for healing, relief, and restoration.

The Church:

The World: Djibouti, Somalia.

The Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church of Sudan.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Riverina:

Bishop Donald Kirk; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

The Marningatha Episcopate, the Archdeaconry of Melbourne and the Deanery of Port Phillip.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – working with partners and communities in the Solomon Islands, Mozambique and Sri Lanka.

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:

Alfred LeRoy (19th),

Doug Grant (20th),

Lawrence Hudson (23rd),

Robert Norman (23rd),

Robert Muir (23rd),

Olice Malin (24th),

Ellie Doloughan (24th).



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 22 July: 9:00am St Clement's

Mary Magdalene

Song of Songs 3.1-4a; Ps 63; 2 Corinthians 5.14-21; John 20.1-18

Thursday 23 July: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Jeremiah 2.1-13; Ps 36.7-12; Matthew 13.10-17

Sunday 26 July: Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 29.15-28; Ps 128; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.44-58

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 21 July:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 22 July:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benatas St George's Aged Care

Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 23 July:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am St Eanswythe's Centenary

Working Group, St Eanswythe's

Friday 24 July:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Sunday 26 July:

Ninth 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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