

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*

26 July 2026

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost (Year A)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10.30am 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

619 (T234) Have faith in God, my heart
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God, the fount of wisdom,
you have revealed to us in Christ
the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:
grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment,
that, in the midst of the things of this world,
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,
and be ready to renounce all else
for the sake of the precious gift you offer.
We ask this 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 (29.15-28)

¹⁵ Then Laban said to Jacob, 'Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?' ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, 'I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.' ¹⁹ Laban said, 'It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.' ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, 'Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.'

²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, ‘What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?’ ²⁶ Laban said, ‘This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me for another seven years.’ ²⁸ Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

PSALM (128)

- ¹ Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord: and walks in the confine of his ways.
² **You will eat the fruit of your labours: happy shall you be, and all shall go well with you.**
³ Your wife within your house: shall be as a fruitful vine;
⁴ **Your children around your table: like the fresh shoots of the olive.**
⁵ Behold, thus shall the man be blessed: who lives in the fear of the Lord.
⁶ **May the Lord so bless you from Zion: that you see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life.**
⁷ May you see your children’s children: and in Israel let there be peace.

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (8.26-39)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

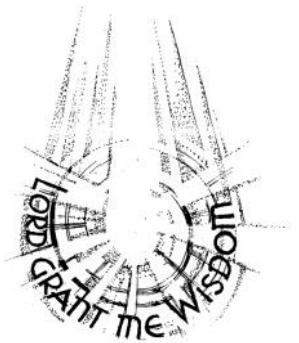
Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

This is my son, my beloved, in whom you is all my delight: listen to him. **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. *(13.44-58)*

⁴⁴‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ ⁵²And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’ ⁵³When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. ⁵⁴He came to his home town and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, ‘Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power?’ ⁵⁵Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? ⁵⁶And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?’ ⁵⁷And they took offence at him. But Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house.’ ⁵⁸And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.



For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 437 Blessed Jesus, at your word
(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 380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son
(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

Notices

New Assistant Bishop: The Revd Canon Nigel Pope has been appointed Assistant Bishop and will oversee the Oodthenong Episcopal Area, in which our parish is located. Nigel is currently Vicar of St John's Footscray and will be consecrated as bishop on Saturday 19 September. Nigel brings more than two decades of ordained ministry across the Church of North India and the Anglican Church of Australia, with experience in parish leadership, cathedral ministry, pastoral care, and multicultural ministry. He is married to Candida (Candy), and they have two children: Rebecca (20) and Joshua (17). Please hold Nigel and his family in prayer as he prepares to take up this new role.

Mothers Union Members: The Fundraiser is on Monday 27 July, 11am at St Eanswythe's. Come and enjoy a catered lunch (\$15/per head) and listen to the presentation by Bikers Against Child Abuse. The Wave of Prayer is on Monday 3 August, 10am at St Eanswythe's Lady Chapel. Beanies for the Seafarers: Knitted beanies for Seafarers will be gifted to 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. 30 August will be their last Sunday in the parish

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.

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).

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- We pray for the newly appointed Assistant Bishop, the Revd Canon Nigel Pope and his family, in this new ministry.
- That our life together as a parish will reflect Christ's grace and hope in all we do.
- That God's peace will guide all who serve in leadership, that they may act with integrity and for the good of those entrusted to their care.
- We uphold in prayer the unwell and the grieving, asking that they may know God's comfort and presence.

The Church:

The World: Burundi, Congo, Rwanda.

The Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Willochra:

Bishop Jeremy James; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Oodthenong Episcopate, Archdeaconry of the Yarra and the Deanery of the Yarra/Plenty.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

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:

Rosemary Henshall.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this week:

Kath Milway (27th),

Rita Camilleri (27th).



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 29 July: 9:00am St Clement's

Mary and Martha of Bethany

Jeremiah 15.10 & (11-15), 16-21; Ps 59.1-5, 18-20; Matthew 13.44-46

Thursday 30 July: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

William Wilberforce, social reformer (d.1833)

Jeremiah 18.1-6; Ps 146.1-7; Matthew 13.47-53

Sunday 2 August: Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 32.22-31; Ps 17.1-7, 16; Romans 9.1-8; Matthew 14.13-21

Morning Prayer:

Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am, at St Eanswythe's. Everyone is welcome.

Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

Sunday School:

Sundays at 10:30am at St Eanswythe's (except December school holidays).

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

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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 28 July:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 29 July:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 30 July:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 31 July:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

6:30pm Games Night, St Clement's

Saturday 1 August:

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

Sunday 2 August:

Tenth 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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