

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*

2 August 2026

Tenth 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

111 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,
with whom we wrestle until the break of day:
make us long to seek your face beyond the limits of our strength,
that in our wounds we may remember you,
and in your blessing we may find ourselves;
through Jesus Christ. **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 (32.22-31)

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' ²⁷ So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' ²⁸ Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (17.1-7, 16)

- ¹ Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry: listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.
- ² **Let judgement for me come forth from your presence: and let your eyes discern the right.**
- ³ Though you search my heart, and visit me in the night-time: though you try me by fire, you will find no wickedness in me.
- ⁴ **My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others: for I have kept the word of your lips.**
- ⁵ My steps have held firm in the way of your commands: and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer: incline your ear to me, and hear my words.**
- ⁷ Show me the wonders of your steadfast love, O saviour of those who come to you for refuge: who by your right hand deliver them from those that rise up against them.
- ¹⁶ **And I also shall see your face, because my cause is just: when I awake and see you as you are, I shall be satisfied.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (9.1-8)

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen. ⁶ It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but 'It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named after you.' ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

609 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

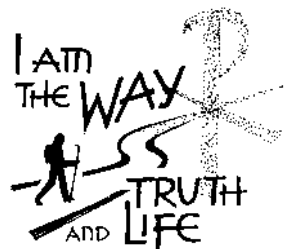
Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

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.**

(14.13-21)



¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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:

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

*Hymn 723
Words: 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 105 Let all the world in every corner sing
(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

New Assistant Bishop: The Revd Canon Nigel Pope has been appointed Assistant Bishop for 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.

Safe Ministry Requirements: The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne now requires all parish volunteers to also hold a Working with Children Card and a Clearance for Service. These changes take effect from 1 November 2026. Michael Francis will contact volunteers individually with further details.

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 – 15 August, 19 September (Monthly 3rd Saturday, 9:30am).

“An Afternoon with Archbishop Ric”: This event is open to anyone across the diocese who would like to meet Archbishop Ric, hear something of his story and reflections, ask questions, and share what is on their mind, on Sunday 16 August 2.30-3.30pm at St Paul's Cathedral. Refreshments will follow in the Barbara Darling Room. Please register your interest at <https://events.humanitix.com/afternoon-with-archbishop>.

Name Tags: As we often have visitors and new people attending our services, it would be helpful if we all wore our name tags. This makes it easier for others, especially those who are new or still getting to know our community, to remember names and feel more at home among us.

Rev'd Johnwerni's Commissioning: Parishioners are invited to attend the Commissioning of Revd Johnwerni Maryoe as Vicar of St Stephen's Anglican Church, 42 Regent St, Belmont. The service will be presided by Archbishop Ric Thorpe on **Tuesday 1 September at 7.00pm**, followed by supper in the parish hall. Please RSVP by 21 August: (03) 5243 2557 or ststephensang2@iinet.net.au

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. **Our next lunch will be on 7 August.** 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.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Bishop-designate Nigel Pope as he prepares to take up his new role. May God grant him wisdom and strength as he leads in our diocese.
- Ordinands and those preparing for ordination, that their formation may deepen their love for Christ and strengthen their calling to ministry.
- Refugees and the displaced who are forced to flee danger and hardship, that they may find protection and opportunities in places of safety.

The Church:

The World: Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé.

The Anglican Communion:

The Church of Uganda.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Adelaide: Archbishop Brad Billings; Bishops Tim Harris, Sophie Relf-Christopher; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

The Archdeacons of Essendon, Maroondah, Williamstown, Dandenong, La Trobe, and The Yarra.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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:

Evan Wickens (4th),

Anne Aitken (5th),

Joseph McAnda (6th).



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 5 August: 9:00am St Clement's

Oswald, king and martyr (d.642)

Jeremiah 31.1-7; Ps 72.15-21; Matthew 15.21-28

Thursday 6 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

The Transfiguration of our Lord

Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Peter 1.16-19 (20-21); Mark 9.2-10

Sunday 9 August: Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28; Ps 105.1-6, 16-22; Romans 10.4-15; Matthew 14.22-36

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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 4 August:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 5 August:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 6 August:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:15pm Estia Aged Care Service,
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Friday 7 August:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:15am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*
12:30pm Men's Monthly Lunch,
Harmony Restaurant, 69 Pier St, Altona

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