

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*

9 August 2026

Eleventh 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

107 Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Mighty God and ruler of all creation,
give new strength to our faith,
that we may recognise your presence
even when all hope seems lost.
Help us to face all trials with serenity
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life
and come at the last to your eternal peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 (37.1-4, 12-28)

¹ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

² This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.

³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. ⁴ But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. ¹² Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. ¹³ And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.'

¹⁴ So he said to him, ‘Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.’ So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, ¹⁵ and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, ‘What are you seeking?’ ¹⁶ ‘I am seeking my brothers,’ he said; ‘tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.’ ¹⁷ The man said, ‘They have gone away, for I heard them say, “Let us go to Dothan.”’ So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. ¹⁸ They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. ¹⁹ They said to one another, ‘Here comes this dreamer. ²⁰ Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.’ ²¹ But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, ‘Let us not take his life.’ ²² Reuben said to them, ‘Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him’—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. ²³ So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; ²⁴ and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. ²⁵ Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. ²⁶ Then Judah said to his brothers, ‘What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? ²⁷ Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.’ And his brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

PSALM (105.1-6, 16-22)

- ¹ O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name: tell among the peoples what things he has done.
- ² **Sing to him, O sing praises: and be telling of all his marvellous works.**
- ³ Exult in his holy name: and let those that seek the Lord be joyful in heart.
- ⁴ **Seek the Lord and his strength: O seek his face continually.**
- ⁵ Call to mind what wonders he has done: his marvellous acts, and the judgements of his mouth,
- ⁶ **O seed of Abraham his servant: O children of Jacob his chosen one.**
- ¹⁶ Then he called down a famine on the land: and destroyed the bread that was their stay.
- ¹⁷ **But he had sent a man ahead of them: Joseph who was sold into slavery,**
- ¹⁸ Whose feet they fastened with fetters: and thrust his neck into a hoop of iron.
- ¹⁹ **Till the time that his words proved true: he was tested by the Lord’s command.**
- ²⁰ Then the king sent and loosed him: the ruler of nations set him free;
- ²¹ **He made him master of his household: and ruler over all his possessions,**
- ²² To rebuke his officers at will: and to teach his counsellors wisdom.

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (10.4-15)

⁴For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. ⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

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

GRADUAL HYMN

420 Holy Spirit, go before us
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed those who were sick.
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.**

(14.22-36)

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus.



³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.' ³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. ³⁵ After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, ³⁶ and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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 140 Firmly I believe and truly
(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:

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

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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 590 What a friend we have in 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.**

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 at St Paul's Cathedral.

“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: 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. If you plan to attend, please let Rev'd Kerry know on 0425 163 063 or kdavis@anglicanaltlav.org.au so he can advise St Stephen's of expected numbers for catering.

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.

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:

- Nations across Europe battling forest fires, and for the safety and endurance of those working to protect communities.
- Peace in the Middle East and for all who are suffering economic hardship as a result of the ongoing conflict.
- Pray that we may have courage to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, walking faithfully with him in all that we face.

The Church:

The World: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea.

The Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church USA, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn: Bishop Mark Short; Bishop Vanessa Bennett; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Jumbunna Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Frankston and the Deanery of Frankston & Kingston South.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Welcome West Wagon – providing support to asylum seekers in the western suburbs.

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:

Clarrie Baines (10th),
Neville Scarlett (10th),
Roy Little (11th),
Frederick Hawthorne (14th).



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 12 August: 9:00am St Clement's

Ezekiel 9.1-7, 10.18-22; Ps 113; Matthew 18.15-20

Thursday 13 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (d.1667)

Ezekiel 12.1-12; Ps 78.55-63; Matthew 18.21-19.1

Sunday 16 August: Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Genesis 45.1-15; Ps 133; Romans 11.13-32; Matthew 15.21-28

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 9 August:

Eleventh 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 11 August:

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 12 August:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's Aged Care
Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 13 August:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 14 August:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Saturday 15 August:

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

Sunday 16 August:

Twelfth 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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