

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*

16 August 2026 **Twelfth 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

132 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of freedom,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 (45.1-15)

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.” ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM (133)

¹ Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.

² **It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

³ It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

⁴ **For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (11.13-32)

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴ in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy. ¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, ¹⁸ do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹ You will say, ‘Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.’ ²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. ²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God’s kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³ And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

²⁴For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree. ²⁵So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written, ‘Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.’ ²⁷‘And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.’ ²⁸As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 465 Father in heaven, grant to your children
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

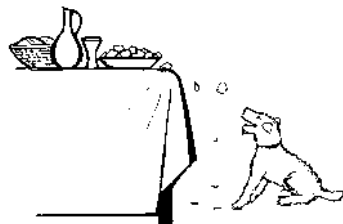
I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. **Alleluia.**

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.**

(15.21-28)

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ ²⁴He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ ²⁶He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ ²⁷She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.



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 254 O changeless Christ, for ever new
(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:

**O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer:
 when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

Hymn 741

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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 155 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
(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 anglicanaltflav.org.au/giving

Notices

Planned Giving Programme Our Planned Giving programme for the year ahead (October to September) will commence with letters from the Vicar, Rev'd Kerry, and the Wardens, inviting each of us to consider how we can support the ongoing ministry and mission of our parish. Individual letters will be available this Sunday, with pledge response cards to be completed the following Sunday, 23 August.

2027 Anglican Calendar & Lectionary Orders: Orders are now open for the 2027 Anglican Calendar (\$17.00 per copy) and the Lectionary (\$17.00 per copy). Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or contact Edita in the parish office on 03 9398 1005 or parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au.

Rev'd Johnwerni Farewell Gift: As we prepare to farewell Rev'd Johnwerni Maryoe, you are invited to make a donation towards a gift in gratitude for his ministry among us. Donations may be placed in an envelope in the collection bowl or given directly to the parish office. Online contributions can also be made to: Commonwealth Bank Name: St Eanswythe's General BSB: 063 101 Account Number: 1023 6122. If you are able, please bring a plate to share with tea and coffee following the services on **Sunday 30 August**, which will be his final day in the parish.

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.

"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>.

Census 2026: If you are yet to complete your Census return (due 11 August), please remember to tick the optional question on religious affiliation, which includes "Anglican (Church of England)" as a response option. Accurate Census data provides a clearer picture of the Anglican community across Australia and helps inform future planning and public policy.

Fix & Fellowship: Help keep our churches neat and welcoming by joining our cleaning and maintenance mornings.

- St Eanswythe's: 15 August & 5 September at 9.30am.
- St Clement's: 3 October & 7 November at 9.30am.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- The people of Colombia as they mourn their deceased and undertake the recovery and clean-up following the devastating earthquakes.
- Our parish as we reflect on our Planned Giving programme, that we may respond with generosity and commitment to growing our ministry.
- For our political leaders as they legislate to reduce the damaging effects of gambling on the vulnerable.

The Church:

The World: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger.

The Anglican Communion:

The Church in Wales; Archbishop Andrew John.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of North Queensland: Bishop Keith Joseph, the clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Marningatha Episcopate, Archdeaconry of Kew, Deanery of Whitehorse.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglicare Victoria – for prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

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:

Lucy Featherby (17th),
Charles Grieve (19th),
Lionel Saunders (21st),
Dennis Preston (21st),
Irene King (21st),
Muriel Hudson (22nd),
Joyce Stapleton (22nd).



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 19 August: 9:00am St Clement's

Ezekiel 34.1-11; Ps 23; Matthew 20.1-16a

Thursday 20 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot & teacher (d.1153)

Ezekiel 36.23-28; Ps 51.10-17; Matthew 22.1-14

Sunday 23 August: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 1.8-2.10; Ps 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

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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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

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*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 12 August:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 13 August:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 14 August:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Sunday 23 August:

Thirteenth 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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