

# 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*

## 23 August 2026

### Thirteenth 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

454 Worship the Lord in the beauty....

*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God, fount of all wisdom,  
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter  
you have shown the foundation of our faith:  
give us the light of your Spirit,  
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,  
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 Exodus (1.8-2.10)

<sup>8</sup>Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. <sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the

birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.’<sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.<sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, ‘Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?’<sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, ‘Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.’<sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.<sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.<sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, ‘Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.’

<sup>1</sup> Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.<sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.<sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.<sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.<sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said.<sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’<sup>8</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother.<sup>9</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’ So the woman took the child and nursed it.<sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

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

#### PSALM (124)

- <sup>1</sup> If the Lord had not been on our side, now may Israel say:  
if the Lord had not been on our side, when our enemies rose against us,  
<sup>2</sup> **Then they would have swallowed us alive: when their anger was kindled against us.**  
<sup>3</sup> Then the waters would have overwhelmed us, and the torrent gone over us:  
the raging waters would have gone clean over us.  
<sup>4</sup> **But praised be the Lord: who has not given us as a prey to their teeth.**  
<sup>5</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler: the snare is broken, and we have gone free.  
<sup>6</sup> **Our help is in the name of the Lord: who has made heaven and earth.**

#### SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (12.1-8)

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

<sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

GRADUAL HYMN      407 Breathe on me breath of God  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people; and kindle in them the fire of your love. **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.** (16.13-20)

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ <sup>14</sup> And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ <sup>15</sup> He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’ <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ <sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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    282 The voice of God goes out  
*(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:

**Spirit of the risen God, fall afresh on me  
Spirit of the risen God, fall afresh on me  
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me  
Spirit of the risen God fall afresh on me**

## 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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

## Notices

**Planned Giving Programme** Last Sunday, 16 August, our Planned Giving programme commenced with letters from the Vicar, Rev'd Kerry, and the Wardens, inviting us to consider how we can support the ongoing ministry and mission of our parish. This Sunday pledge response cards will be made available during our service to enable us to affirm our Planned Giving commitment.

**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](mailto: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. Online contributions can be made to: CommBank: 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](mailto:kdavis@anglicanaltlav.org.au) so he can advise St Stephen's of expected numbers for catering.

**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.

**Fix & Fellowship:** Help keep our churches neat and welcoming by joining our cleaning and maintenance mornings. St Eanswythe's on 5 & 12 September at 9.30am and St Clement's on 3 October & 7 November at 9.30am

**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.

## Our Prayers

### For our Nation and the World:

- The people of Indonesia as they mourn the deceased and undertake the recovery and clean-up following devastating earthquakes.
- For peace in regions of conflict and unrest. That security and support will reach affected communities.
- For Australian households, institutions, and communities amid ongoing economic pressures and social issues.

### The Church:

#### *World Council of Churches:*

Liberia and Sierra Leone.

#### *Anglican Communion:*

The Church of the Province of West Africa; Archbishop Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith.

#### *Anglican Church of Australia:*

Diocese of The Murray: Administrator Archdeacon Simon Waters; clergy, lay ministers and people.

#### *Diocese of Melbourne:*

Oodthenong Episcopate, Archdeaconry and Deanery of Williamstown.

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre—providing support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

### 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:*

Trevor McDonald (24th)

Mary Truman (25th)

Jesse James (26th)



*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 26 August: 9:00am St Clement's**

2 Thessalonians 3.1-18; Ps 128; Matthew 23.27-32

### **Thursday 27 August: 10:00am St Eanswythe's**

**Monica, mother of Augustine(d.387)**

1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Ps 145.1-7; Matthew 24.42-51

### **Sunday 30 August: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Exodus 3.1-15; Ps 105.1-6, 23-26; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

### **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*

### **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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 25 August:**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's\*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

### **Wednesday 26 August:**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 27 August:**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 28 August:**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,  
St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 30 August:**

#### **Fourteenth 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*

## *Parish Contact List*

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