

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*

6 September 2026 **Fifteenth 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

648 Help us accept each other

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Go before us, O Lord,
with your most gracious favour
and further us with your continual help,
that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy,
obtain everlasting life; 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 (12.1-14)

¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³ Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴ If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵ Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹² For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴ This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

PSALM (149)

¹ O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song: O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**

³ Let them praise him in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.

⁴ **For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation.**

⁵ Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds.

⁶ **Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands,**

⁷ To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples,

⁸ **To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

⁹ To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants. Praise the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans (13.1-10)

¹ Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.

² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; ⁴ for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 607 Make me a channel of your peace
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ. *(18.10-20)*

¹⁰ Jesus said, take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. ¹² What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

¹⁴ So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. ¹⁵ ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

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 420 Holy Spirit go before us
(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:
when I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer,
O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to 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 147 to God be the glory
(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

St Eanswythe's 100th Anniversary Service: Please join us for our Centenary Service celebrating 100 years as a parish on **Sunday 13 September at 10.30am** at St Eanswythe's. We will be welcoming former clergy, past parishioners, and local community leaders as we give thanks for a century of worship and ministry. This will be a combined service, and no other services will be held on this day.

Fix & Fellowship: To help prepare St Eanswythe's so that it is looking its best for the Centenary Service, please come to our Fix & Fellowship gatherings on **Saturday 5 September** and **Saturday 12 September at 9.30am**. Your help with cleaning and light maintenance would be greatly appreciated.

Planned Giving Programme Update: Thank you to the many of you who completed a new pledge response card for the forthcoming financial year commencing October. Your generosity will help our parish meet its ministry and mission priorities. Envelopes will be provided in the coming weeks and if you have yet to receive or complete your pledge card, or you require assistance, please contact Anita McAnda on 0438 260 374 or amcanda@hotmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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 our Nation and the World:

- On this Father's Day, we give thanks for fathers and father-figures who have cared for us and nurtured our lives.
- We give thanks for the gift of Spring and the rhythm of the seasons through which God renews the earth.
- That our communities and neighbourhoods may continue to be places of welcome and safety.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo

For Christians facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Province of Alexandria covering Egypt and North Africa and their Archbishop Samy Fawzy.

Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Bendigo: Bishop Matthew Brain, the clergy, lay ministers and people

Diocese of Melbourne:

The Jumbunna Episcopate; the Deanery of Waverley and the Deanery of Monash & Kingston.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya

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:

Eric Vincent (6th)

Win Lovelock (12th)



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 9 September: 9:00am St Clement's

1 Corinthians 7,25-31; Ps 45,10-15; Luke 6,20-26

Thursday 10 September: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

1 Corinthians 8,1-7,10-13; Ps 139,13-18; Luke 6,27-38

Sunday 13 September Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

St Eanswythe's 100th Anniversary Service.

Exodus 14,19-31; Ps 114; Romans 14,1-14; Matthew 18,21-35

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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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 8 September:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 9 September:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 10 September:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 11 September:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

Sunday 13 September:

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

St Eanswythe's 100th Anniversary Service.

10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

**During school terms*

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