

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*

4 October 2026

Nineteenth 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

152 Joyful, joyful, we adore you
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus was the stone rejected by the builders,
and, by your doing,
he has been made the chief cornerstone:
grant that, by the power of his Spirit working in us,
we may become living stones
built up into your dwelling place,
a temple holy and acceptable to you;
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 Exodus (20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20)

¹ Then God spoke all these words: ² I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³ You shall not murder. ¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. ¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. ¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'

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

PSALM (19)

- ¹ The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork;
² **One day tells it to another: and night to night communicates knowledge.**
³ There is no speech or language: nor are their voices heard;
⁴ **Yet their sound has gone out through all the world: and their words to the ends of the earth.**
⁵ There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
⁶ **Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden from its heat.**
⁷ The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the simple.
⁸ **The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and gives light to the eyes.**
⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous every one.
¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey that drips from the comb.**
¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in keeping them there is great reward.
¹² **Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse me from my secret faults.**
¹³ Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and innocent of great offence.
¹⁴ **May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Philipians (3.4b-14)

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 442i All praise to our redeeming Lord
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. **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.**

(21.33-46)

³³ ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ ⁴² Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:



“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 462 Now we come our heavenly Father
(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 687 God gives us a future
(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

2026 Annual Parish Meeting: The Annual Parish Meeting for 2026 will be held on **Sunday, 1 November at 11:00am at St Eanswythe's**, following a combined parish service at 9:30am. All parishioners are encouraged to attend both the service and annual meeting. Leaders of parish ministries are kindly asked to email their annual report as a Word document to the Parish Administrator, Edita Abram, at parish@anglicanaltav.org.au by Thursday 8 October 2026.

Mission Giving & Aboriginal Acknowledgement: Parish Council has made payment to the following Mission Giving and Aboriginal Acknowledgement recipients for the F/Y ended September 2026. Please continue to pray for the work of these groups as they serve communities locally, nationally, and internationally. Anglican Overseas Aid (Palestine Fund) \$3,000; Anglican Board of Missions (Myanmar Crisis) \$3,000; Anglicare Victoria \$2,000; Anglican Relief & Development Fund (Venezuela Earthquake Appeal) \$3,000; Anglican Aid Abroad \$2,000; Latitude Youth Services, Altona \$1,000; Newport Outlets \$1,000; Gippsland Diocese Aboriginal Ministry Appeal \$1,500; The New Message Tree Alliance Inc \$500.

Planned Giving Program: Thank you once more to all who are participating in our Planned Giving Program. The 2026/2027 program starts on 4 October. The current pledge total stands at \$2,315.52 per week. A detailed report will be provided for the Annual Parish Meeting. For those still considering their response, kindly provide this to Anita McAnda by email/phone (amcanda@hotmail.com/0438 260 374) as soon as you are able.

100 Years of St Eanswythe's, Altona: Sandra Hansen has compiled a history of St Eanswythe's Church, Altona along with contributions from various parishioners. Copies are available to purchase at a cost of \$10.00 each at St Eanswythe's and St Clement's. Please reach out Sandra directly or the parish office if you would like a copy.

Fix & Fellowship: Fix & Fellowship will take place at **St Clement's on Saturday 3 October at 9.30am and at St Eanswythe's on Saturday 17 October at 9.30am**. Your help with cleaning and light maintenance would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Our Prayers

For the Nation and the World:

- Diocesan Synod may be guided by wisdom, unity, and the leading of the Holy Spirit as it meets this week.
- Candidates being discerned for ordination may know God's peace and be strengthened in their calling.
- The insights and commitments shared by world leaders at the UN will help build a safer world and a better future.

The Church:

The World:

The Church in Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela.

The Anglican Communion:

The Episcopal Church of Brazil.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Ballarat:

Bishop Scott Lowrey; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:

Episcopal Area of Dandenong - Bishop Paul Barker; The Archdeaconry of Berwick and The Yarra Ranges Deanery.

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:

We hold before God all in need of healing and comfort.

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this Week:

Ronald Richards (4th),
Nancy Winder (5th),
Barbara Smith (6th),
William Court (6th),
Neil Brown (7th).

To add a name to the pew sheet prayer list or to remember someone on the anniversary of their death, please contact Edita in the parish office on (03 9398 1005 or parish@anglicanaltlv.org.au). Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless a longer period of prayer is required.

Readings for this Week

Take time to prepare for worship by exploring the readings for this week.

Wednesday 7 October: 9:00am St Clement's

Galatians 2.1-2 (3-6) 7-14; Ps 117; Luke 11.1-4

Thursday 8 October: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Galatians 3.1-5; Ps Song of Zechariah (APBA p.10); Luke 11.5-13

Sunday 11 October: Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Exodus 32.1-14; Ps 106.1-6, 20-24; Philippians 4.1-9; Matthew 22.1-14

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).

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 4 October:

Nineteenth 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 6 October:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 7 October:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 8 October:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 9 October:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

6:30pm Games Night, St Clement's

Sunday 11 October:

Twentieth 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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Child Safety Officers:

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