

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA /LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona
St Clement's, Altona Meadows
Ō Te Wairua Tapu ki Poipiripi



*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:
growing in faith ✝ serving others ✝ nurturing a common life.*

11 October 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Year A)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10.30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Māori Service), St Eanswythe's
5.00pm Evening Worship, St Clement's

Welcome :: Wominjeka :: 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 and present. 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

658 I the Lord of sea and sky
(found in the red hymn book Together in song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Saving and healing God,
you have promised that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful for all you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness
to be eager to serve and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;
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 Exodus (32.1-14)

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, 'Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' ² Aaron said to them, 'Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.' ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' ⁶ They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. ⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people,

whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸ they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁹ The Lord said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.’ ¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, ‘O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, “It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth”? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, “I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.”’ ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

PSALM (106.1-6, 20-24)

¹ Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: and his mercy endures for ever.

² **Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord: or fully voice his praise?**

³ Blessed are those who act according to justice: who at all times do the right.

⁴ **Remember me, O Lord, when you visit your people with your favour: and come to me also with your salvation,**

⁵ That I may see the prosperity of your chosen: that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people, and exult with those who are your own.

⁶ **We have sinned like our ancestors: we have acted perversely and done wrong.**

²⁰ At Horeb they made themselves a calf: and bowed down in worship to an image.

²¹ **And so they exchanged the glory of God: for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.**

²² They forgot God who was their saviour: that had done such great things in Egypt,

²³ **Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham: and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.**

²⁴ Therefore he thought to destroy them: had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

Second Reading - A reading from Philippians (4.1-9)

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gradual Hymn

644 Safe in the shadow of the Lord

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

The Gospel

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of your kingdom. **Alleluia.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew. (22.1-14)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and

burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.’

For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

Celebrating at the Lord’s Table

Offertory Hymn 745 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
(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. and lives. ‘The Eucharist never ends—it must be lived.’

RECESSIONAL HYMN 351 Lift high the cross
(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

Annual Parish Meeting: The 2026 Annual Parish Meeting is on Sunday, 1 November, 11:00am at St Eanswythe's, following a combined parish service at 9:30am. All parishioners are encouraged to attend the service and annual meeting. Leaders of parish ministries are asked to email their annual report as a Word document to the Parish Administrator, Edita Abram, at parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au. Those wishing to serve on Parish Council, as a Warden or on the Parish Nominations Committee should complete the nomination form (available at the back of church) and forward to Rev'd Kerry by Sunday 25 October.

Mission Giving & Aboriginal Acknowledgement: Parish Council has approved payment to following recipients of Mission Giving and Aboriginal Acknowledgement 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.

BCA Boxes: Beryl Brown is now clearing Bush Church Aid collection boxes. Please contact her with your box and it will be processed and returned.

100 Years of St Eanswythe's: Sandra Hansen has compiled a history of St Eanswythe's, Altona along with contributions from various parishioners. Copies are available at \$10.00 each. Contact Sandra or the parish office if you would like a copy.

Fix & Fellowship: Fix & Fellowship will take place 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.

Our Prayers

For our Nation and the World:

- Households facing increased mortgage rates will be able to meet their repayments.
- Workers and protesters whose concerns are being brought to public attention will be treated fairly.
- Those dealing with health or medical challenges will receive the care and support needed.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama.

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

Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Gippsland: Bishop Richard Treloar, clergy and parishes.

Diocese of Melbourne:

The Episcopal Area of Nunawading - Bishop Ben Wong. The Archdeaconry of Kew and Deanery of Stonnington.

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:

We hold before God all in need of healing and comfort

The communion of saints:

Anniversaries this week:

Sidney Jones (17th).

To add a name to the pew sheet prayer list or to remember someone on the anniversary of their death, 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 14 October: 9:00am St Clement's

Galatians 5.18-25; Ps 1; Luke 11.42-46

Thursday 15 October: 10:00am St Eanswythe's Teresa of Avila, teacher (d. 1592)

Ephesians 1.1-10; Ps 98.1-7; Luke 11.47-54

Sunday 18 October Sunday Twenty-First After Pentecost

Exodus 33.12-23; Ps 99; 1 Thessalonians 1.1-10; Matthew 22.15-33

Morning Prayer: Tuesday and Friday, 9:00am, at St Eanswythe's. Everyone is welcome.

Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

Sunday School: Sundays @ 10:30am at St Eanswythe's (except Dec/Jan holidays).

Tiddlers Playgroup: Tuesdays in term time, 10:00am @ St E's, See: Jan Lee (9398 2993).

Clementines Playgroup: Fridays in term time, 9:15am @ St C's. See: Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661) or Lily Griffin (0413 065 705).

Mothers Union: Monthly, St E's, 2nd Thurs, @ 11:00am. Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661).

Caritas: Monthly at St E's, 2nd Tuesday @ 3:00pm. See: Susan Maddox (0439 167 377).

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday 11 October:

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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 13 October:

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 14 October:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

10:30am Benetas St George's

Aged Care Service, Altona Meadows

Thursday 15 October:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 16 October:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

9:15am Clementines Playgroup,

St Clement's*

Saturday 17 October:

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

Sunday 18 October:

Twenty-First 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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