

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.*

18 October 2026

Twenty-First 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

454 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

(found in the red hymn book Together in song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
grant that your Church throughout the world
may persevere with steadfast faith
in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to life eternal;
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 (33.12-33)

¹² Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." ¹³ Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' ¹⁴ He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' ¹⁵ And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.' ¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' ¹⁸ Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' ¹⁹ And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on

whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' ²¹ And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.

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

PSALM (99)

¹ The Lord is king, let the nations tremble: he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earthquake.

² **The Lord is great in Zion: he is high above all nations.**

³ Let them praise your great and terrible name: for holy is the Lord.

⁴ **The Mighty One is king and loves justice: you have established equity, you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.**

⁵ O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his name: they called to the Lord and he answered.**

⁷ He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud: they kept to his teachings and the law that he gave them.

⁸ **You answered them, O Lord our God: you were a forgiving God to them, and pardoned their wrongdoing.**

⁹ O exalt the Lord our God: and bow down towards his holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy.

Second Reading - A reading from 1 Thessalonians (1.1-10)

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

⁹ For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Gradual Hymn

420 Holy Spirit go before us

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

The Gospel

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. **Alleluia.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew. (22.15-33)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, ‘Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?’ ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, ‘Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.’ And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, ‘Whose head is this, and whose title?’ ²¹ They answered, ‘The emperor’s.’ Then he said to them, ‘Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. ²³ The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, ²⁴ ‘Teacher, Moses said, “If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.” ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. ²⁶ The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. ²⁷ Last of all, the woman herself died. ²⁸ In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her.’ ²⁹ Jesus answered them, ‘You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God.

³⁰ For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels in heaven. ³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, ³² “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob”? He is God not of the dead, but of the living.’ ³³ And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

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

SERMON

Celebrating at the Lord’s Table

Offertory Hymn 465 Father in heaven grant to your children
(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:

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in 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 390 Alleluia, alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord
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.

Cathedral Canon: Rev'd Christine Croft has been elected a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral and will be installed on **Tuesday, 1 December at 5:10pm**. Please hold Christine in prayer as she prepares for this new ministry. All are invited to attend the service. *[A Canon is appointed to support the life, worship, and governance of a cathedral]*.

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.

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 Clement's on Saturday 7 November at 9.30am**. Your help with cleaning and light maintenance would be greatly appreciated.

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:

- We give thanks for Rev'd Christine Croft, recently elected a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, praying God's blessing on her as she begins this new ministry.
- The Church and all who serve in Christ's name, asking for wisdom and grace in our ministries.
- For our young people — that God would guide and guard them as they contend with the challenges of daily life.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico.

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

Anglican Communion:

The Anglican Church of Canada.

Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Perth: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, bishops, clergy, lay ministers and people.

Diocese of Melbourne:

The Episcopal Area Merri - Bishop Megan Curlis-Gibson.
The Archdeaconry of La Trobe and Deanery of Coburg.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – supporting health care and education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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:

Amy Lambert (18th),
Winifred Sculley (18th),
Alma Thornton (18th),
Myra Hawthorne (20th),
Eric Starbrook (21st),
Marion Petersen (21st),
Melva Hansen (22nd),
Shane Barnes (23rd),
Eleanor Barrow (24th).



Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday 21 October: 9:00am St Clement's

Ephesians 3.2-12; Ps Song of Isaiah; Luke 12.39-48

Thursday 22 October: 10:00am St Eanswythe's *Teresa of Avila, teacher (d. 1592)*

Ephesians 3.14-21; Ps 33.13-21; Luke 12.49-53

Sunday 25 October Sunday Twenty-Second After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Ps 90.1-6,13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13; Matthew 22.34-46

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

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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 20 October:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,

St Eanswythe's*

7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 21 October:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 22 October:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 23 October:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

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

6:30pm Games Night, St Clement's

Sunday 25 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

**During school terms*

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