

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.*

25 October 2026

Twenty-Second 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

590 What a friend we have in Jesus
(found in the red hymn book Together in song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God,
whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law:
stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit,
and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love,
so that we may love you with our whole being,
and our neighbours as ourselves;
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 Deuteronomy (34.1-12)

¹ Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, ² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, ³ the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. ⁴ The Lord said to him, ‘This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, “I will give it to your descendants”; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.’ ⁵ Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. ⁶ He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. ⁷ Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. ⁸ The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

⁹ Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. ¹⁰ Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. ¹¹ He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, ¹² and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

PSALM (90.1-6; 13-17)

¹ Lord, you have been our refuge: from one generation to another.

² **Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be: from eternity to eternity you are God.**

³ You turn us back into dust: saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'

⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing: or like one watch of the night.**

⁵ You cut them short like a dream: like the fresh grass of the morning;

⁶ **In the morning it is green and flourishes: at evening it is withered and dried up.**

¹³ Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?: take pity on your servants.

¹⁴ **O satisfy us early with your mercy: that all our days we may rejoice and sing.**

¹⁵ Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us: for the years we have suffered adversity.

¹⁶ **Show your servants your work: and let their children see your glory.**

¹⁷ May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!

Second Reading - A reading from 1 Thessalonians (2.1-13)

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children.

⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. ⁹ You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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

Gradual Hymn

699 A new commandment

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

The Gospel

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

This is my son, my beloved, in whom you is all my delight: Listen to him. **Alleluia.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew. (22.34-46)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' ³⁷ He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' ⁴³ He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "?'

⁴⁵ If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.



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

SERMON

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Hymn

693 Come as you are

(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.**

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

675 Lord the light of your love is shining

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 Report Available: Ahead of the Annual Parish Meeting, a draft of the 2026/27 Annual Report can be accessed at https://anglicanaltlav.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/annual-meeting-report-2026_draft.pdf A small number of printed copies are available at St Eanswythe's and St Clement's. The final report will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1 November. To help reduce our reliance on printed copies, parishioners are encouraged to access the report online where possible.

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. 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.

Our Prayers

For our Nation and the World:

- For all who serve the public may be protected from harm or intimidation as they perform their duties.
- For communities across the world affected by severe weather and the impacts of El Niño, praying for resilience, support for those facing loss and disruption.
- For Year 12 students undertaking their VCE exams, asking God to grant clarity of mind and confidence in recall of what they have learned.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
The Caribbean.

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

Anglican Communion:

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Anglican Church of Australia:

Diocese of Wangaratta: Bishop Clarence Bester; the clergy, lay ministers and people.

Diocese of Melbourne:

Archbishop in Council and diocesan governance; for wisdom, integrity, faithful stewardship and decisions that serve the Church's mission across Melbourne and Geelong.

Agencies supported by our parish:

Common Grace – uniting Australian Christians in advocacy and prayer.

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:

Percy Rice (25th),
Frank Griffin (25th),
Thomas Truman (26th),
John Murray (26th),
Winifred Underhay (26th),
Joan Andrews (27th).



Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday 28 October: 9:00am St Clement's

Ephesians 6.1-9; Ps 145.10-13; Luke 13.22-30

Thursday 29 October: 10:00am St Eanswythe's

Ephesians 6.10-20; Ps 144.1-8; Luke 13.31-35

Sunday 1 November Sunday Twenty-Third After Pentecost - All Saints Day

Revelation 7.9-17; Ps 34.1-10,22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

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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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 27 October:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom

Wednesday 28 October:

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 29 October:

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 30 October:

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:15am Clementines Playgroup, St
Clement's*

6:30pm Games Night, St Clement's

Sunday 1 October:

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

9:30am Combined Service Sung Eucharist,
St Eanswythe's
11.00am Annual Parish Meeting
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

**During school terms*

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