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.

1 November 2026
All Saints Day

9.30am Combined Service & Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu (Māori Service), St Eanswythe'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 455 verses 1-5 For all the saints
(found in the red hymn book Together in song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Creator God,
you have filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works,
that, rejoicing in your whole creation,
we may learn to serve you with gladness,
for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son 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 Revelation (7.9-17)

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and
before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in
a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to
the Lamb!' 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the
four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God,
12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and
power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders
addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come
from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night
within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. 16 They
will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching
heat; 17 for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide
them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

PSALM (34.1-10,22)

1 I will bless the Lord continually: his praise shall be always in my mouth.
2 Let my soul boast of the Lord: the humble shall hear it and rejoice.
3 O praise the Lord with me: let us exalt his name together.
4 For I sought the Lord's help and he answered: and he freed me from all my fears.
5 Look towards him and be bright with joy: your faces shall not be ashamed.
6 Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me: and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him: and delivers them in their need.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are they that hide in him!
9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones: for those who fear him never lack.
10 Lions may suffer want and go hungry: but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.
22 The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants: and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

Second Reading - A reading from 1 John (3.1-3)

1 1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and
that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What
we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he
is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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.**

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. (5.1-12)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 3 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

SERMON

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

SUPERVISED THEOLOGICAL FIELD EDUCATION

A Liturgy to Welcome a Candidate in Formation

The Priest says: The Lord be with you.
Response: **And also with you.**

Let us pray:

God our Shepherd,
in every generation you call
ministers of your word and sacraments.
Equip them to preach the gospel, to care for your people
and to show forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives;
in the name of Jesus our Saviour. **Amen**.

APBA p.211

Presentation of the Candidate in Formation

The Priest says to the congregation:

Today we receive and welcome Brent Brittliff as a Candidate in Formation on a Supervised Theological Field Education placement in this parish.

Brent has committed himself to a process of discernment in the Diocese of Melbourne involving elements including Supervised Theological Field Education.

We have been invited to welcome Brent on placement with us, to pray constantly for him and to assist in discerning the nature of the call God issues to him.

Therefore, I ask you, people of St Eanswythe's and St Clement's:

Are you willing to welcome Brent?
Response: **We are.**
Will you support and encourage Brent in his ministry and formation alongside us?

Will you pray for Brent, listen and speak with him in love and truth, to assist in his discernment?

With the aid of God's Holy Spirit, we will.

The Priest says to the Candidate in Formation:

Brent, will you, in the presence of the people of God gathered here, commit yourself prayerfully to seek God's will and test the sense of your vocation through ministry, reflection and prayer in this placement?

The Candidate in Formation says:

I will, with God's help.

The Candidate in Formation kneels before the Priest who says:

Let us pray.

Silence is kept

Christ, whose insistent call
disturbs our settled lives:
give Brent discernment to hear your word,
grace to relinquish his tasks,
and courage to follow empty-handed
wherever you may lead,
so that the voice of your gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth.
We pray in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

based on APBA p.211

Brent, we welcome you as a Candidate in Formation in this parish.

The Candidate is welcomed with applause.

Brent Brittliff

At the heart of my life is my family. I am happily married to my supportive wife, Elizabeth, and together we are proud parents to Hugo and Allegra. After relocating from Sydney, we now call Cranbourne home, where we are building a life grounded in love, faith, and mutual support.

My foundations reach back to Whangārei, Aotearoa New Zealand, where I grew up with my three siblings under the care of my mother and my late father, an Anglican lay minister in Te Hāhi Mihinare, the Māori Anglican Church. Faith was woven into our family and community through shared traditions and ceremonies. This upbringing continues to shape my spirituality, cultural identity, and commitment to serving others.

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At 24, I joined the Australian Defence Force and became a Navy Clearance Diver attached to a Special Forces unit. During my 20-year career, I served on anti-piracy operations in Somalia, Yemen, and Djibouti, deployed to Afghanistan, and contributed to other demanding missions. These experiences deepened my understanding of courage, sacrifice, and our shared humanity. When a sudden heart condition ended my military career, I came to see my discharge not simply as an ending, but as God's invitation to discern a new way to serve.

This turning point drew me back to a calling I have carried since childhood: a persistent call to ministry and ordination. Through prayer, reflection, and discernment, this conviction continues to deepen and guide my future.

My ministry journey included ordination as an assistant pastor at Glory Worship Centre, a Samoan Pentecostal church, before I returned to the Anglican tradition in which I was raised. This path taught me that vocation unfolds through openness, humility, and trust in God's guidance.

To prepare for this calling, I have completed a Bachelor of Theology and am completing a Graduate Certificate in Theology at the University of Divinity. I also serve as a chaplain at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Looking back across my journey, I see how family, Māori Anglican heritage, military service, health challenges, theological study, and chaplaincy have shaped the person I am becoming. Each chapter has taught me courage, humility, compassion, and the importance of listening deeply. A particular joy and highlight of this journey is joining St Eanswythe's and becoming part of its warm, faithful, and welcoming community. The kindness of its people gives me a profound sense of belonging and strengthens my calling to serve.

Brent Brittliff, Ordinand
November 2026

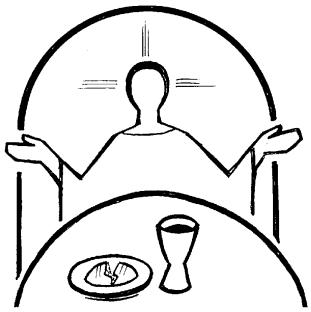
Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Hymn 538 Feed us now
(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:

Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.



Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and do not be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.

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 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

Annual Parish Meeting: The 2026 Annual Parish Meeting will be held 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. The 2026 Annual Parish Report is now available and can be accessed online at: **https://anglicanaltlav.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/1.-annual-meeting-report-2026.pdf** Printed copies will be available at St Eanswythe's and St Clement's.

Volunteers' Thank You Afternoon Tea: In recognition of your dedication and service throughout the year, all volunteers in our parish are warmly invited to a Thank You Afternoon Tea on **Thursday 19 November at 5.00 pm** at **St Eanswythe's**. We look forward to celebrating and thanking you for all that you contribute to our parish.

Brent Brittliff – Ordinand: Brent Brittliff, who has been worshipping and serving at St Eanswythe's over the past year, has been accepted as an ordinand in the Diocese of Melbourne. He will undertake a placement with us, participating in training and formation on Sundays, ahead of his ordination in 2027. Please keep Brent in your prayers as he responds to God's call on his life.

Chris Hansen – Gold Medallist! We congratulate Chris Hansen on his outstanding success at the 2026 Special Olympics Australia National Games, recently held in Melbourne. Chris won gold medals in both the singles and doubles Bocce events, as well as a silver medal in the team event.

Advent Study Group: All are welcome to join a five-week Advent study gathering on Tuesdays at 7.00 pm at St Clement's, commencing 24 November and concluding on 22 December. The study will help prepare us for the joy of Christmas by exploring scripture that trace God's promises in the coming of Christ.

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].*

Fix & Fellowship: Fix & Fellowship will take place at **St Clement's on Saturday 7 November at 9.30am and at St Eanswythe's on Saturday 21 November.** Your help with cleaning and light maintenance would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Our Prayers

For our Nation and the World:

• For parishes across the Diocese as they hold their Annual Parish Meetings, that God will grant wisdom and guidance for the year ahead.

• As Brent Brittliff commences his placement with us, that God will guide and sustain him in his formation for ordained ministry.

• For those nations and states participating in elections, and those elected to lead, may act with integrity and justice for the common good.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:
Canada, USA

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

Anglican Communion:
Anglican Church of Central America

Anglican Church of Australia:
Primate, Bishop Mark Short; Secretary General, Juliet Wenden; General Synod members, committees and boards.

Diocese of Melbourne:
Archbishop Ric Thorpe and Bishops Paul Barker, Megan Curlis-Gibson, Nigel Pope and Ben Wong, for prayerful and accountable leadership across the diocese.

Agencies supported by our parish:
Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

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:
James Milway (1st),
Claudia Irvine (4th),
Elizabeth Starr (5th),
Dan Simmons (7th),

Readings for this Week

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

Wednesday 4 November: 9:00am St Clement's
Philippians 2.12-18; Ps 27.11-14; Luke 14.25-33

Thursday 5 November: 10:00am St Eanswythe's
Philippians 3.3-8a; Ps 105.1-7; Luke 15.1-10

Sunday 8 November Sunday Twenty-Fourth After Pentecost
Joshua 24.1-3a,14-25; Ps 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13

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 1 November: All Saints Day
Twenty-Third 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
Tuesday - Friday
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop Open
Tuesday 3 November:
9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's*
7:00pm Online Bible Study, via Zoom
Wednesday 4 November:
9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
Thursday 5 November:
10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
Friday 6 November:
9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:15am Clementines Playgroup, St Clement's*
6:30pm Games Night, St Clement's
Sunday 8 November:
Twenty-Fourth 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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