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.

8 November 2026
Twenty-Fourth 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

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, 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 245 We have a gospel to proclaim
(found in the red hymn book Together in song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert,
watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of 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 Joshua *(24.1-3a,14-25)*

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the
heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. 2
And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your
ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and
served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him
through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 14 'Now
therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the
gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve,
whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the
Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve
the LORD.' 16 Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the
LORD to serve other gods; 17 for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors
up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in
our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples
through whom we passed; 18 and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the
Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'
19 But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is
a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the
LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after
having done you good.' 21 And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!'
22 Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have
chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' 23 He said, 'Then put
away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God
of Israel.' 24 The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we
will obey.' 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and
ordinances for them at Shechem.'

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

PSALM *(78.1-7)*

1 Give heed to my teaching, O my people: incline your ears to the words of my mouth;

2 For I will open my mouth in a parable: and expound the mysteries of former times.

3 What we have heard and known: what our forebears have told us,

4 We will not hide from their children but declare to a generation yet to come: the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.

5 He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel: which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,

6 That future generations might know, and those yet unborn: that they in turn might teach it to their children;

7 So that they might put their confidence in God: and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,

SECOND READING - 1 Thessalonians *(4.9-18)*

9 Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anyone write
to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed
you do love all the brothers and sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved,
to do so more and more, 11 to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work
with your hands, as we directed you, 12 so that you may behave properly towards outsiders
and be dependent on no one. 13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and
sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no
hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God
will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the
Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means
precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the
archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the
dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in
the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord
for ever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 597 Master speak thy servant heareth
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. **Alleluia.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew. *(25.1-13)*
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

1 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When
the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4 but
the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the
bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and
slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him."



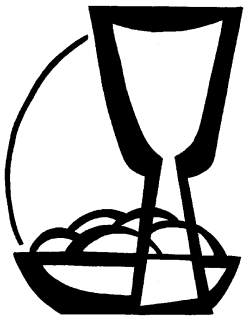
[7] Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." [9] But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11] Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." [12] But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." [13] Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

SERMON

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

OFFERTORY HYMN 231 At the name of Jesus
(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:

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten;
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten; God alone fills us.

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 204 Come let us join our cheerful songs
(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: Thank you to all who attended the 2026 Annual Parish Meeting last Sunday. Thanks also to those who have put themselves forward to serve on Parish Council, as Wardens and the Parish Nominations Committee. As noted at the meeting, we are facing a budget deficit of $22,539. A Budget Working Group will be convened to explore ways of addressing this shortfall and to develop longer-term strategies to strengthen the parish's financial position.

Cathedral Canon: Change of Date. The installation of Christine Croft as Canon at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne has been rescheduled to **Sunday 15 November at 10.00am** at St Paul's Cathedral. All are warmly welcome to attend the Sunday service to share in this special occasion.

Tearfund Useful Gifts: (Brochures available at both centres-please do not take away). Gift cards will be available for purchase, from Sunday 15 November to 20 December at St Eanswythe's 10.30 services. St Clements from Sunday 22 November, then fortnightly at 5pm services until 20 December. Please prayerfully consider purchasing cards for family and friends and supporting this amazing way of giving thanks for all the blessings we receive daily. (Micah 6:8). For more information, please contact Phillis on 0417 869 595.

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.

Bocce Afternoon: Come along for a relaxed BBQ lunch and an afternoon of bocce at the Altona Sports Club, 11 Altona Road, Seaholme, on **Saturday 21 November, commencing at 12.00 pm.** All are welcome.

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.

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.

Our Prayers

For our Nation and the World:

• That we may be watchful and faithful ready for Christ's coming.

• That the world's resources are shared more equitably, for the benefit of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

• Pray that we may truly say, "as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

The Church:

The World: Oceania.

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

The Anglican Communion:
Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo.

The Anglican Church of Australia:
Diocese of Bunbury: St Bartholomew's Cathedral, Dean Darryl Cotton; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:
Episcopal Area of Dandenong - Bishop Paul Barker. The Archdeaconry of Berwick and deanery of Casey & Cardinia.

Agencies supported by our parish:
Anglican Overseas Aid – working with partners and communities in the Solomon Islands, Mozambique and Sri Lanka.

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:
Enid Little, Michael Griffin and Margaret Bell.

The communion of saints:
Anniversaries this week:
Amelia Hodgetts(11th), Redvers Morris 14th).



Readings for this Week

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



Wednesday 11 November: 9:00am St Clement's
Titus 3.1-7; Ps 23; Luke 17.11-19
Thursday 12 November: 10:00am St Eanswythe's
Philemon 7-20; Ps 146.5-10; Luke 17.20-25
Sunday 15 November: Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Judges 4.1-10; Ps 123; 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11; Matthew 25.14-30

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

Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish

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

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

Wednesday 11 November:
9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
3:00pm Caritas, St Eanswythe's

Thursday 12 November:
10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11:00am Mothers Union, St Eanswythe's

Friday 13 November:
9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:15am Clementines Playgroup, St Clement's*

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