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.

15 November 2026
Twenty-Fifth 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 237 Hail Redeemer, King divine
(found in the red hymn book Together in song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Everliving God,
before the earth was formed,
and even after it shall cease to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and show us those things that are eternal,
that we may serve your purpose in all we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with 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 Judges *(4.1-10)*

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. **2** So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. **3** Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. **4** At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. **5** She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. **6** She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun.

7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon
with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." ' 8 Barak said to her,
'If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go.' 9 And she
said, 'I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not
lead to your glory, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.' Then Deborah
got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to
Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up with him.

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

PSALM *(123)*

1 To you I lift up my eyes: you who are enthroned in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master: or as the eyes of a maid**
toward the hand of her mistress,
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God: until he show us his mercy.
4 **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we have had our fill of**
derision.
5 Our souls overflow with the mockery of those at ease: and with the contempt of the
proud.

SECOND READING - 1 Thessalonians *(5.1-11)*

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord
will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, 'There is peace and security', then
sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman,
and there will be no escape! 4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to
surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are
not of the night or of darkness. 6 So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober; 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get
drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate
of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not
for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so
that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one
another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 129 Amazing Grace
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. **Alleluia.**

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew. *(25.14-20)*
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; **15** to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. **16** The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. **17** In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. **18** But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. **19** After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. **20** Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." **21** His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." **22** And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." **23** His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." **24** Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; **25** so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." **26** But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? **27** Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. **28** So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. **29** For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. **30** As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

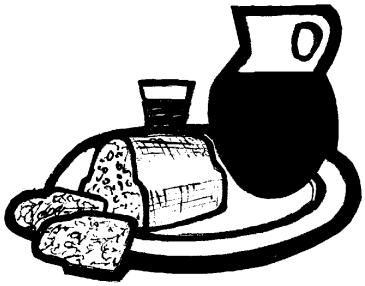


For the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

OFFERTORY HYMN 599 Take my life and let it be
(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:

Father, bless us as we go.
Jesus, walk beside us.
Holy Spirit, guide 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 161 Tell out my soul, the greatness of the 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

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.

Children's Christmas Toys: We are seeking donations of new, unwrapped toys and gift cards suited to teens to supplement the Christmas Food Hampers provided by the Salvation Army supporting families in need. As this event takes place in mid-December, our toy donations need to be ready for their processing by 6 December. Donations may be made on Sunday`s or left with Zoya at the Op Shop Contacts: Fred, Alta and Sandra.

Enid Hansen: The funeral service for **Enid Hansen** will be held at **St Eanswythe's on Wednesday 18 November at 1.00 pm.** Please remember Enid's family and friends in your prayers as they prepare to give thanks to God for her life.

Peter Forni: Peter's funeral service will be held at **St Eanswythe's on Wednesday 25 November at 1.00 pm,** when we will join with his family and friends to give thanks for his life and commend him into God's eternal care.

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. Prayerfully consider purchasing cards for family and friends and supporting this amazing way of giving thanks for all the blessings we receive. (Micah 6:8). Contact Phillis on 0417 869 595.

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, 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 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 Eanswythe's on Saturday 21 November at 9:30am.** Your help with cleaning and light maintenance would be greatly appreciated.

Our Prayers

For our Nation and the World:
• Wisdom and direction for our newly elected Parish Council as they guide and support our parish.

• For the family and friends of Enid Hansen and Peter Forni, that they may know God's peace and comfort, as they grieve.

• For Madison and Elliot Turner, as we celebrate their baptism at St Eanswythe's and welcome them into the family of Christ's Church.

The World Council of Churches:
Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia.

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

The Anglican Communion:
The Anglican Church of Chile.

The Anglican Church of Australia:
Diocese of Newcastle: Bishop Peter Stuart; clergy, lay ministers and people.

The Diocese of Melbourne:
Episcopal Area of Nunawading - Bishop Ben Won; Archdeaconry of Kew and the Deanery of Camberwell.

Agencies supported by our parish:
Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

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:
Michael Griffin and Margaret Bell.

The communion of saints:
Anniversaries this week:
Frank Gill (16th),
Ruth Burrow (19th),
Nesta Adams (21st).



Readings for this Week



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

Wednesday 18 November: 9:00am St Clement's
Revelation 4.1-11; Ps 150; Luke 19.11-28
Thursday 19 November: 10:00am St Eanswythe's
Revelation 5.1-10; Ps 149; Luke 19.41-44
Sunday 22 November: St Clement's Patronal Day,
Christ the King - The Reign of Christ
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ps 100; Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

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

Wednesday 18 November:
9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 19 November:
10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Volunteers' Thank You Afternoon Tea,
St Eanswythe's

Friday 20 November:
9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:15am Clementines Playgroup, St Clement's*

Saturday 21 November:
9:30am Fix & Fellowship, St Eanswythe's
12:00pm Bocce, Altona Sports Club,
11 Altona Road, Seaholme

Sunday 22 November:
St Clement's Patronal Day
Christ the King - The Reign of Christ
9:30am Combined Service, St Clement's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

**During school terms*

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