

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona  
St Clement's Altona Meadows  
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi



*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

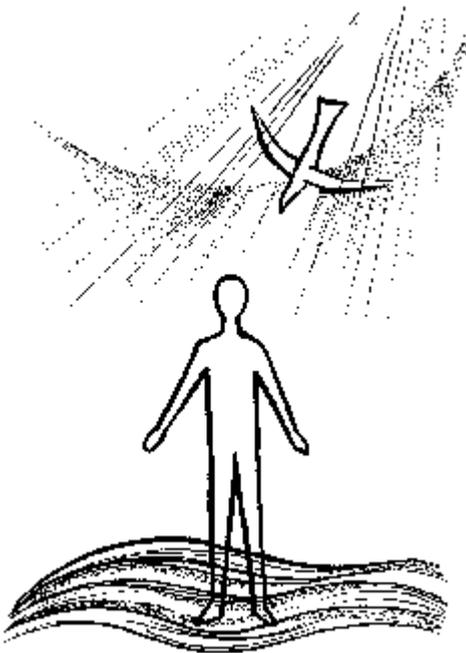
## **13th January 2019** **THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
12pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

*Wominjeka :: Haere mai*  
*Welcome*

A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are with us for the first time or visiting from elsewhere. Please join us for refreshments after the 9:30 service.

This booklet contains the parts of the service which change from week to week, as referred to in the coloured service booklet. Hymns are found in *Together in Song* (the red book in the pew in front of you).



*Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boon Wurrung clan, part of the greater 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.*

*This morning we welcome **the Rev'd Dr Ronald Noone** as our presider and preacher at 7:45 and 9:30.*

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OPENING HYMN: 250

*Christ, when for us you were baptised*

COLLECT

Loving God, your Son came to seek the lost, and was baptised with sinners: grant that we, who have been baptised in his name, may reach out in love to those in need with the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PARISH PRAYER

**Gracious Father, your loving providence has brought us into the sacred fellowship of this parish. Help us to worship you with such holy worship, to serve you with such unselfish love, and to give so generously for the spread of your kingdom, that we may be worthy members of your holy, catholic Church, and that our parish may faithfully fulfil its mission, by growing in faith, serving others, and nurturing a common life: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43.1-7*

But now, says the LORD—  
the one who created you, Jacob,  
the one who formed you, Israel:  
Don't fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

when through the rivers, they won't sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you won't be scorched and flame won't burn you.

I am the LORD your God,  
the holy one of Israel, your saviour.

I have given Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in your place.

Because you are precious in my eyes,  
you are honoured, and I love you.

I give people in your place,  
and nations in exchange for your life.

Don't fear,

I am with you.

From the east I'll bring your children;  
from the west I'll gather you.

I'll say to the north, "Give them back!"  
and to the south, "Don't detain them."

Bring my sons from far away,  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,

everyone who is called by my name  
and whom I created for my glory,  
whom I have formed and made.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

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Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

**The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry 'Glory.'**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

**The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

SECOND READING *Acts 8.14-17*

When word reached the apostles in Jerusalem that Samaria had accepted God's word, they commissioned Peter and John to go to Samaria. Peter and John went down to Samaria where they prayed that the new believers would receive the Holy Spirit. (This was because the Holy Spirit had not yet fallen on any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus.) So Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN: 417  
*Loving Spirit, loving Spirit*

GOSPEL READING *Luke 3.15-22*

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptise you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

But Herod the ruler had been criticized harshly by John because of Herodias, Herod's brother's wife, and because of all the evil he had done. He added this to the list of his evil deeds: he locked John up in prison.

When everyone was being baptised, Jesus also was baptised. While he was

praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

OFFERTORY HYMN: 447

*Lord, your almighty word*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.

(Hymn 706)

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FINAL HYMN: 569

*Guide me, o thou great Redeemer*

**Readings for next Sunday: 20 January (Second Sunday after Epiphany)**

Isaiah 62.1-5; Psalm 36.5-10; 1 Corinthians 12.1-11; John 2.1-11

**ARCHDEACON BILL BEAGLEY**, Vicar of Holy Trinity Williamstown, died this week just three months after being diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for his wife Leanne and their daughters, and for the parish of Holy Trinity, in this time of deep grief. His funeral will be this Thursday 17 January, at 10:30am at Holy Trinity.

### **For our prayers:**

The world and nation: For firefighters and for all those threatened by bushfires this summer.

The Church: For the Church in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today.

Our parish & community: For safety on roads and in the water during the holiday season.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

*Particular current prayers:* Jenny, Davey, Malek, Esther A, Vahid, Susan, Jimmy, James, Maria, Paul, Liam, Bill.

The communion of saints:

*Those who have died recently:* Bill Beagley.

*Year's mind:* Robin Bingley (13), Cheryl Smith (13), Allan Nolan (15), Alick Brown (16), John Hansen (16), Jack Sinclair (17), Ron Underhay (18).

Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer

through the week): Paul, Mavis, Bronwyn, Marge, Debbie, Rolf, Belinda, Joseph, Peter, Daniel, Melissa, Patricia, Sasha, Stuart, Nick.

*To add names to the prayer list, either those needing prayers now (with their agreement) or those to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please send details to [anglicanaltlav@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanaltlav@gmail.com) or give to the Vicar.*



## *How is Jesus' baptism related to ours?*

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On the eve of the Christian era, in Palestine there was a man of God called John. He proclaimed the imminent coming of the Lord to transform radically the present world, and he called believers to accomplish a concrete act of preparation for this. By descending into the waters of the Jordan River, they expressed their need for forgiveness and their readiness to change their behaviour in order to welcome the God who was coming to them. But John explained that this act was only a preparation: someone else, more powerful than him, would come to "baptize in the Holy Spirit and in fire" (Matthew 3:11).

At that moment Jesus arrived and, instead of calling down God's fire from heaven, asked John to baptize him, notwithstanding the surprise and hesitations of the Baptizer (see Matthew 3:14). He had the conviction that his place was in the midst of the people, in full solidarity with those who are aware of their faults. In this way he expressed that fact that God does not want to liberate us from an inauthentic life without first sharing fully in that life. By letting himself be submerged in the waters of the stream, Jesus symbolized his desire to go to the lowest point of the human condition, in order to open it to God's light from within.

And so, this "death" was immediately followed by a "resurrection." "Coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit come down upon him" (Mark 1:10). The wall

between humanity and God having been broken through, God is once again at home among human beings. And words come from the Father that express, in the light of the Hebrew Scriptures, his relationship with Jesus as well as the mission he gives his Son to communicate this relationship to others. Starting with the humanity of Christ, the Creator Spirit is renewing the face of the earth, allowing it to enter into communion with the eternal Father.

It is not incorrect to see our baptism as the act by which Christ puts his arm around our shoulders and takes us with him into the space marked out by his own baptism. We die with him to an existence characterized by false sufficiency and isolation, in order to enter into a new life, a life of communion (see Romans 6:3-6). In the company of Jesus we hear the Father address to us these words of light: "You are the Son whom I love; my favour rests on you" (Mark 1:11). Sons and daughters in the Son, henceforth we can continue the mission of Jesus in the circumstances of our own lives, witnessing to the coming of God's Kingdom that is entering our world and transforming it from within. In a word, baptism sets us within the Body of Christ. By drowning our limitations, and even our refusals, in the waters of divine mercy, our baptism opens a gap through which God can make himself present, through us, at the heart of human history.

*(Source: Letter from Taizé: 2004/5)*

# The Baptism of Jesus

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. Luke 3:21 (NIV)

Words are taken from Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NIV).



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Spirit  
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John  
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voice  
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Christ  
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Holy

fire  
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baptize

## Dates for your diaries

**15 January**

**26 January**

**3 February**

**8 February**

**16 February**

Op Shop reopens for 2019

Bunnings sausage sizzle fundraiser

Normal Sunday service times resume

Soup & Sandwiches resumes for 2019

Summer Fair at St Eanswythe's

**HOLIDAY SERVICES** Please note that until the end of January we have combined services at 9:30am: check details on the pew sheet or our website to make sure you have the right time and place each week!



**SUNDAY 27 JANUARY** will be the last of our summer combined services: 9:30am at St Eanswythe's. During this service children will be invited to bring forward their school bags as we pray a blessing for the start of the new school year. And after the service, everyone is welcome for a sausage sizzle lunch with musical entertainment too. Please bring a salad if you are able to.

**VICAR'S LEAVE** Chris is away on leave and then at a conference this week, back in the parish on Saturday 19th January. For pastoral needs please contact the Rev'd Danny McRoberts on 0448 841 196.

**BUNNINGS FUNDRAISER** After a long wait, we have been allocated Saturday 26 January to hold a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Altona North, raising funds for the cost of the new outdoor area at St Clement's. Can you come and help for an hour or two? If so please contact Sandra Hansen on 0410 040 661.

**SUMMER FAIR** The St Eanswythe's Summer Fair will be on Saturday 16 February: please keep the date free! Raffle tickets are available today to take and sell, and there is also a box to collect items for raffle prizes.

### **Keeping in touch...**

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ If you are or have been away for a Sunday, you can see recent pew sheets on our website at [www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets](http://www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)
- ⇒ Visit [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav](https://www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav) for photos, links, news and other updates.
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## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 13th January

#### Baptism of our Lord

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

12pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

### Thursday 17th

10:30am Op Shop open

### Friday 18th

10:30am Op Shop open

### Tuesday 15th

10:30am Op Shop opens for 2019

### Wednesday 16th

10:30am Op Shop open

### Sunday 20th January

#### Second Sunday after Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

## HOLIDAY SERVICES

*Until the end of January, we have combined Sunday morning services:*

Sun 20 Jan        7:45 (St Eanswythe's)    9:30 (St Clement's)

Sun 27 Jan        7:45 (St Eanswythe's)    9:30 (St Eanswythe's) with blessing of school  
bags and followed by sausage sizzle

### Sun 3 Feb normal times resume:

7:45 (St E), 8:45 (St C), 10:30 (St E), 1pm (St E).

*Weekday services resume on Wed 30 Jan (St C) and Thu 31 Jan (St E).*

SUNDAY SCHOOL    8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's (resumes 3 February)

Groups meeting regularly in the parish (resuming in February):

**Altona Tiddlers Playgroup:** Tuesdays in term time, 10am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993)

**Clementines Playgroup:** Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise (9395 5472)

**Mothers' Union:** monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661)

**Caritas:** monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)

**Men's Group:** monthly at St Clement's, third Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.

**Reflective Bible Study:** monthly at the Vicarage, first Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.