



# 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*

## 27th September 2020 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom

### Welcome...

...whether you are sharing in worship online or reading this pew sheet quietly at home. The life of our parish continues!

This includes our ongoing care for each other—please don't hesitate to contact someone else in the parish, or the Vicar, if there's anything you need.

*Our parish lies on the traditional country of the Yaluk-ut Weelam people within the Boonwurrung 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.*

### From your priest...

Dear friends,

In recent months we have received various communications from the diocese about arrangements for parish Annual Meetings, as it has become increasingly clear that we will be unable to hold these meetings in the usual way. The diocese has now given approval for these meetings to take place online, so that we can complete the necessary tasks and responsibilities of that meeting.

At last Sunday's parish council meeting, we agreed to hold this year's Annual Meeting on **Sunday 8 November at 10:30am**. The meeting will be online using Zoom—many of us are now familiar with that means of gathering. For those who have not used Zoom, please be assured that we are committed to enabling everyone who wishes to participate to do so, and there are a number of options for this—for example:

- You can join the Zoom meeting using a home phone (a few people have been doing this already on Sunday mornings).
- Under the current roadmap, up to ten people would be able to gather outside at either of the church buildings.
- People from more than one household could gather outdoors at a home.

If you are concerned about how you will be able to participate in the meeting, please do contact me or one of the churchwardens so that we can work out an appropriate arrangement. The meeting will be kept as straightforward as circumstances allow, but it's important that as many of us as possible can participate.

So among other things, this is the time to consider nominations for churchwardens, parish councillors and incumbency committee members for the coming year. Please do think, talk and pray about who might serve in those important roles for the next 12 months. Annual reports will be gathered as normal (understanding that many of these will be rather briefer than usual!), and need to be sent to the office by Monday 19 October.

You might also remember that this has been a trial year for a parish council with 9 rather than 12 members. This has in general worked very well (as has meeting together on Zoom, since that has been forced upon us), and we have agreed to extend that trial for another year.

As with so many other parts of our parish life, we hope and pray that next year we will be able to return to doing all this in person: gathering together as God's people to share the life of the parish.

With my prayers for each of you,  
Chris

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### COLLECT

Grant, O merciful God, that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus, who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and in humility became obedient even to death. For you have highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

### PARISH PRAYER

**Creator God, your love gives life in abundance, and makes us whole again and again. Draw us closer to Jesus, we pray, and give us a heart for all your beloved children. By your Spirit, may our parish bring blessing to young and old, and may our lives be good news for a hungry world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### FIRST READING *Exodus 17.1-7*

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the LORD commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the LORD?"

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the LORD, asking, "Is the LORD really with us or not?"

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM *78.1-4, 11-16*

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

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

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

**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.**

For he did marvellous things in the sight of their ancestors: in the land of Egypt, in the country of Zoan. **He divided the sea and let them pass through: he made the waters stand up in a heap.**

In the daytime he led them with a cloud: and all night long with the light of fire.

**He cleft rocks in the wilderness: and gave them drink in abundance as from springs of water.**

He brought streams out of the rock: and caused the waters to flow down like rivers.

**But for all this they sinned yet more against him: and rebelled against the Most High in the desert.**

### SECOND READING *Philippians 2.1-13*

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort in love, any sharing in the Spirit, any sympathy, complete my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, being united, and agreeing with each other. Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves. Instead of each person watching out for their own good, watch out for what is better for others. Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God,  
he did not consider being equal with God  
something to exploit.

But he emptied himself  
by taking the form of a slave  
and by becoming like human beings.

When he found himself in the form of a human,  
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to  
the point of death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore, God highly honoured him  
and gave him a name above all names,  
so that at the name of Jesus everyone  
in heaven, on earth, and under the earth  
might bow  
and every tongue confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God  
the Father.

Therefore, my loved ones, just as you always obey me, not just when I am present but now even more while I am away, carry out your own salvation with fear and trembling. God is the one who enables you both to want and to actually live out his good purposes.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 20.1-16*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, "I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?"

They argued among themselves, "If we say 'from heaven,' he'll say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But we can't say 'from humans' because we're afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet." Then they replied, "We don't know."

Jesus also said to them, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

"No, I don't want to,' he replied. But later he changed his mind and went.

"The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, 'Yes, sir.' But he didn't go.

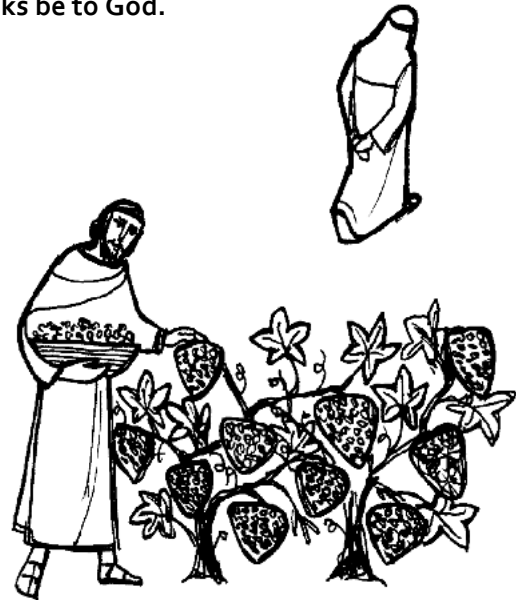
"Which one of these two did his father's will?"

They said, "The first one."

Jesus said to them, "I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God's kingdom ahead of you. For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn't believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn't change your hearts and lives and you didn't believe him."

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



**Readings for next week: 4 October (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

*Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3.4b-14; Matthew 21.33-46*

**DAYLIGHT SAVING** begins next weekend—don't forget to move your clocks an hour forward, before joining our Sunday services online.



**THANK YOU** to all those who have taken part in our Growing in Faith conversations over the last six weeks, and especially to those who were willing to lead a conversation. We have covered a lot of ground together!

**ANNUAL LEAVE** Rev'd Chris will be on annual leave during the coming week, returning to parish duties on Tuesday 6th October. There will not be Morning Prayer streamed on Facebook this week (Tuesday and Thursday), but Morning Prayer on Zoom will continue on Wednesday and Friday.

**CALENDARS AND LECTIONARIES** As the end of the year gets closer, it's time to order your Australian Anglican Church calendars and lectionaries for 2021. You can order through the parish using [this online form](#), or by sending an email to the parish office. Both calendars and lectionaries are \$15 each.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has found a way to continue giving to the parish over the last six months. Deposits can be made to the parish Bendigo Bank account at any time (BSB 633 000, account number 157 594 722, account name "St Eanswythe's Altona with St Clement's Laverton Anglican Churches"). For further details see the *giving* page on our parish website: [anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving)

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: For a spirit of co-operation and goodwill: between leaders of nations, scientists and researchers, public health officials, and all engaged in responding to COVID-19.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Diocese of Gippsland.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; hospital chaplains; Parish of All Saints, Kooyong.

Our parish & community: For those grieving loved ones lost due to, or during, the pandemic. For those struggling in the face of reduced benefit payments.

### Those for whom prayers have been asked:

*Particular current prayers:* Jeremy, Olivia, Peter, Gustavo.

### The communion of saints:

*Those who have died recently:* Trish Edwards.

*Year's mind:* James Featherby (28), Doreen McAnda (1), Joan McFarland (1), David Penman, bishop (1), Alexander Lambert (2), Ken Porter (3), Ronald Richards (4).

### Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer through the week):

Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Belinda, Joseph, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Davey, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Tanatha, Julia, Anna W, Elly, Patricia M, Tim, Susan, Faye.

*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.*

### A prayer for these times:

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us  
from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



## Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Pew sheets are available 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.
- ⇒ If you don't already receive emails regarding news, arrangements for services, and other updates, please send your email address to [anglicanaltlav@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanaltlav@gmail.com)
- ⇒ Please send all material for the pew sheet to [anglicanaltlav@gmail.com](mailto:anglicanaltlav@gmail.com)

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## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 27th September

#### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom  
10:30am Children's time, on Zoom

### Wednesday 30th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

### Friday 2nd October

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

### Sunday 4th October

#### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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