



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*

11th October 2020 NINETEENTH 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,

As has been noted over recent weeks, our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday 8th November, at 10:30am on Zoom. Obviously it would be preferable to be gathering in person, but it ought to be possible on Zoom for everyone to participate and for us to achieve what is necessary! Please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the churchwardens if you are concerned about how to take part.

As always, this is a time for each of us to be considering who might be nominated to serve on Parish Council, as churchwardens, and as members of the Incumbency Committee.

For churchwardens and members of Parish Council, we are looking for people who are:

- Committed to the life and flourishing of our parish
- Willing to work with others in discerning the leading of the Holy Spirit
- Seeking to grow in faith and understanding
- Able to attend a monthly meeting as well as working proactively with others on particular projects

Could this be you? Or is there someone you would like to nominate? Please do give some thought and prayer to this question, as it is the responsibility of the whole parish to elect a Parish Council that is well equipped to do its work. If you have any sense that this might be you, please feel free to talk further with any current member of Parish Council or with me. Nomination forms will be available now on the parish website.

There have been two significant changes for Parish Council in this last year. The first is that 12 months ago we decided to experiment with a smaller council, with 9 members instead of 12—our sense is that this has been a positive step, but given all the current uncertainty we decided at last month's meeting to extend this trial for another year, and therefore to leave three places unfilled once again. The second major change was forced upon us, in that we moved to meeting on Zoom: far from being a hindrance, this has been a welcome change and is likely to continue for many, if not most, of our meetings in the future.

Please do pray for our current council as well as for those who might join the council for the coming year, that we might be faithful to God, to each other, and to the ongoing story of this parish. Each of us has a place in that story as it continues to unfold in God's purposes.

With my prayers for all that lies ahead for us,
Chris

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

COLLECT

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory, as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear, until we may look upon you without fear, through Jesus Christ. **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 32.1-14*

The people saw that Moses was taking a long time to come down from the mountain. They gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come on! Make us gods who can lead us. As for this man Moses who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we don't have a clue what has happened to him."

Aaron said to them, "All right, take out the gold rings from the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took out the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He collected them and tied them up in a cloth. Then he made a metal image of a bull calf, and the people declared, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf. Then Aaron announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to the LORD!" They got up early the next day and offered up entirely burned offerings and brought well-being sacrifices. The people sat down to eat and drink and then got up to celebrate.

The LORD spoke to Moses: "Hurry up and go down! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, are ruining everything! They've already abandoned the path that I commanded. They have made a metal bull calf for themselves. They've bowed down to it and offered sacrifices to it and declared, 'These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I've been watching these people, and I've seen how stubborn they are. Now leave me alone! Let my fury burn and devour them. Then I'll make a great nation out of you."

But Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, "LORD, why does your fury burn against your own people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and amazing force? Why should the Egyptians say, 'He had an evil plan to take the people out and kill them in

the mountains and so wipe them off the earth'? Calm down your fierce anger. Change your mind about doing terrible things to your own people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, whom you yourself promised, 'I'll make your descendants as many as the stars in the sky. And I've promised to give your descendants this whole land to possess for all time.'" Then the LORD changed his mind about the terrible things he said he would do to his people.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *106.1-6, 20-24*

Praise the Lord; O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: and his mercy endures for ever.

Who can express the mighty acts of the Lord: or fully voice his praise?

Blessed are those who act according to justice: who at all times do the right.

Remember me, O Lord, when you visit your people with your favour: and come to me also with your salvation,

That I may see the prosperity of your chosen: that I may rejoice with the rejoicing of your people, and exult with those who are your own.

We have sinned like our ancestors: we have acted perversely and done wrong.

At Horeb they made themselves a calf: and bowed down in worship to an image.

And so they exchanged the glory of God: for the likeness of an ox that eats hay.

They forgot God who was their saviour: that had done such great things in Egypt,

Who had worked his wonders in the land of Ham: and his terrible deeds at the Red Sea.

Therefore he thought to destroy them: had not Moses his servant stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

SECOND READING *Philippians 4.1-9*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

Loved ones, I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life.

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your

prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practise these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

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GOSPEL READING *Matthew 22.1-14*

Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn't want to come. Again he sent other servants and said to them, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Look, the meal is all prepared. I've butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything's ready. Come to the wedding party!"' But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

"The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren't worthy. Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.'

"Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn't wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' But he was speechless. Then the king said to his servants, 'Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.'

"Many people are invited, but few people are chosen."
(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Readings for next week: 18 October (St Luke, evangelist)

Jeremiah 8.22-9.3; Psalm 145.10-18; 2 Timothy 4.9-17a; Luke 10.1-9

ANNUAL MEETING The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday 8 November at 10:30am, mainly on Zoom but with the possibility also for a small group to gather in person (outdoors) at one or both churches.

- Annual reports need to be sent to anglicanaltlav@gmail.com by Monday 19 October please.
- If you are not currently on the parish electoral roll and would like to be, please complete and return the enrolment form by 24 October.
- Nominations are now open for churchwardens, members of Parish Council and Incumbency Committee members. Nomination forms need to be returned by Saturday 31 October.
- Enrolment and nomination forms are available at <https://anglicanaltlav.org.au/2020-annual-meeting/> or from Rev'd Chris.

Please contact Rev'd Chris if you would like assistance with connecting to Zoom online or through your home phone, if you wish to attend in person, or if you are concerned about how to participate.

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. Next Sunday 18 October is the final day for orders through the parish.

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: anglicanaltlav.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 Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of the Northern Territory.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Parish of St Augustine's, Mentone.

Our parish & community: For school students and staff who are returning to in-person classes this week.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

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

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Sidney Jones (17), Amy Lambert (18), Winifred Sculley (18), Alma Thornton (18).

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 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
- ⇒ Visit 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
- ⇒ Please send all material for the pew sheet to anglicanaltlav@gmail.com

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 11th October

Nineteenth 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

Tuesday 13th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

Wednesday 14th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

Thursday 15th

Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

Friday 16th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

Sunday 18th October

St Luke, evangelist

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Services on Facebook can be accessed at www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav

Services on Zoom can be accessed at zoom.us/j/9726172254 (passcode 93981005)
(Or by phoning (03) 7018 2005—when prompted, enter 9726172254#;
then when asked for a participant ID, press #.)