



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*

18th October 2020 ST LUKE, EVANGELIST & MARTYR

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,

Today the Church commemorates St Luke, writer of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. With those two books, Luke gives us more of the New Testament than any other writer—slightly ahead of the apostle Paul.

Luke's Gospel gives us many parts of the life and ministry of Jesus that are not found elsewhere, including:

- much of the account of Jesus' birth and infancy
- some of the best known parables of Jesus (such as the Good Samaritan, the Father and Two Brothers)
- three of Jesus' sayings from the cross ("Father, forgive them..."; "Today you will be with me in paradise"; "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit")
- the great resurrection story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus

In Luke's telling of the Gospel, we find an emphasis on the human love of Jesus, his compassion for sinners and those who are excluded according to ethnicity, illness or social standing.

In the Acts of the Apostles, the sequel volume to Luke's Gospel, he gives us our main source of information on the beginnings of the Christian church, starting with the ascension of Jesus and then the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Much of Acts describes the missionary journeys of St Paul—Luke travelled with Paul for some of these and so writes as an eyewitness, with an eye for detail and drama.

Luke is mentioned in some of Paul's letters, including the reading from 2 Timothy set for today, and is described as a physician (Colossians 4.14). We know very little about his life, but it is thought he was from Syria and of Greek background. His death (in Greece, aged 84) is recorded, but there is some doubt as to whether or not he was martyred.

But for all that we don't know about Luke, his ministry of writing has nourished and inspired the Church in every age. Why not take some time today to read the good news of Jesus as told in one of the passages above?

With my prayers for you all, Chris



PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Luke the physician to set forth in his gospel the love and healing power of your Son: graciously continue in your Church this love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of your name; 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

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 *Jeremiah 8.22-9.3*

Is there no balm in Gilead?

Is there no physician there?

Why then have my people
not been restored to health?

If only my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

I would weep day and night
for the wounds of my people.

If only I could flee for shelter in the desert,
to leave my people
and forget them—

for they are all adulterers,
a bunch of crooks.

They bend their tongues like bows
to spew out lies;
they are renowned in the land,
but not for truth.

They go from bad to worse.

They don't know me!
declares the LORD.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *145.10-18*

All creation praises you, O Lord: and your faithful servants bless your name.

They speak of the glory of your kingdom: and tell of your great might,

That the whole earth may know your mighty acts: and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord upholds all those who stumble: and raises up those that are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you in hope: and you give them their food in due season;

You open wide your hand: and fill all things living with your bounteous gift.

The Lord is just in all his ways: and faithful in all his dealings.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him: to all who call upon him in truth.

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 4.9-17a*

Do your best to come to me quickly. Demas has fallen in love with the present world and has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark, and bring him with you. He has been a big help to me in the ministry. I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring along the coat I left with Carpus in Troas. Also bring the scrolls and especially the parchments. Alexander, the craftsman who works with metal, has really hurt me. The Lord will pay him back for what he has done. But watch out for him, because he opposes our teaching.

No one took my side at my first court hearing.

Everyone deserted me. I hope that God doesn't hold it against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that the entire message would be preached through me and so all the nations could hear it. I was also rescued from the lion's mouth!

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *Luke 10.1-9*

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.'"

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

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Readings for next week: 25 October (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

Deuteronomy 34.1-12; Psalm 90.1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2.1-13; Matthew 22.34-46

PARISH MISSION GIVING

At the August Parish Council meeting our mission giving for the current year was discussed, and the budgeted amount allocated. Normally we rely on income from the Op Shop to support our mission giving, and we are thankful that despite the closure of the shop since March, the government's JobKeeper payments have assisted with parish income to the point that we were still able to give away the budgeted amount of \$24,000.

We continue to support our three main mission giving partners:

- Anglicare Victoria (this year with a specific intention to support prison ministry)
- Anglican Board of Mission (supporting ministry with Indigenous communities in Australia)
- Anglican Overseas Aid

We also made donations to a number of community organisations:

- Latitude Youth Services, Altona
- Laverton Community Integrated Services
- Asylum Seekers Centre, Dandenong
- Asylum Seeker Resource Centre

We have had various grateful responses since those gifts have been received, for example:

I write on behalf of the Anglican Prison Chaplains to thank you and the parish for the amazing donation received at Anglicare Victoria recently. Your contribution to a work that is so often hidden behind walls (literal and metaphorical walls!) is such a great blessing, not only to the wonderful team of chaplains, but to the 7250 men, women and youth incarcerated in Victoria. (Kate Schnerring, Prison Chaplaincy Coordinator - Anglicare Victoria)

Thank you for the very generous donation of \$1,000, which is greatly appreciated!! My monthly bill for Foodbank is around \$1,000, so your donation will cover around 4 weeks' food. (David Spitteler, Asylum Seekers Centre)

ALL SOULS' COMMEMORATION This annual service, to remember and give thanks for those who have died, will be held on Sunday 1 November at 5:30pm. The service will be live-streamed, and depending on current restrictions and on the weather, it may also be possible for some to attend in person. Please give to Rev'd Chris (by email to revdchrislancaster@gmail.com, by phone message or a note in the letterbox) names of those whom you would like remembered.

CHAPTER AT A TIME A conversation exploring a book chapter on "Saints" by Rowan Williams: Tuesday 27 October, 7:30pm on Zoom (same link as for Sundays). See this week's email for a link to view/print the chapter. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation.

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 tomorrow, 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 (by email is fine).
- 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 Today is the final chance 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: anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving

For our prayers:

The world and nation: For wisdom and humility for those giving leadership in our state and nation.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curaçao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Locums and retired clergy.

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

Our parish & community: For residents and staff of the aged care facilities within in our parish.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

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

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Amy Lambert (18), Winifred Sculley (18), Alma Thornton (18), Myra Hawthorne (20), Eric Starbrook (21),

Marion Petersen (21), Melva Hansen (22), Eleanor Barrow (24), Percy Rice (25), Frank Griffin (25).

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 18th October

St Luke, evangelist and martyr

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom
10:30am Children's time, on Zoom
7pm Parish Council, on Zoom

Tuesday 20th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

Wednesday 21st

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

Thursday 22nd

Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

Friday 23rd

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom
5pm Youth group, on Zoom

Sunday 25th October

21st 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

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 #.)