



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*

25th October 2020 21st 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,

No doubt we are all thankful that the numbers of new coronavirus cases are remaining low, and that restrictions are likely to be further eased in the coming days and weeks. I know that some of you, like our household, have been able to enjoy this last week's opportunity to reconnect with family living more than 5 kilometres away. These are signs of hope, and reminders that the great cost of these months has been effective and that we are in a much more fortunate position than many other countries.

So we can begin to look ahead to resuming some in-person services before long. Based on announcements so far from the Premier, we are expecting to be able to hold outdoor services for up to 20 people from 2 November, and indoor services from the end of November (numbers limited by the 4m²/person rule).

On that basis (which of course may change with further announcements), Parish Council has been looking ahead and planning for some outdoor services to begin from early November, with Sunday services remaining online as at present. Then when the next step is announced (a return to indoor worship) we would resume our Sunday morning gatherings at their normal times at both centres. It's possible that this may coincide with the beginning of a new church year on Advent Sunday, 29 November, which would be most appropriate!

In the coming days, following any announcement this weekend which may affect those plans, a survey will be sent out by email to get a general sense of how many we might expect for those services. If we are likely to be over-full for any of them, then alternative arrangements will be explored.

While it will be a great gift to be able to start gathering in person again, there will still need to be plenty of COVID precautions in place: we'll all still need to wear masks and maintain physical distancing, we'll have to keep records of attendees in case contact tracing is required, and at least initially we probably still won't be singing or sharing refreshments.

Meanwhile, live streamed services will continue in some form for the foreseeable future. Even after the pandemic has passed (we pray!), it's clear that this will continue to be valued for those who are unable for attend services in person.

As always, your thoughts and suggestions are welcome as together we discover what will be the shape of our life together in these changing circumstances.

With my prayers for that continuing journey of faith,
Chris

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

*This morning we welcome guest preacher
Nils von Kalm, from Anglican Overseas Aid.*

COLLECT

O God, whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 *Deuteronomy 34.1-12*

Then Moses hiked up from the Moabite plains to Mount Nebo, the peak of the Pisgah slope, which faces Jericho. The LORD showed him the whole land: the Gilead region as far as Dan's territory; all the parts belonging to Naphtali along with the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, as well as the entirety of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea; also the arid southern plain, and the plain—including the Jericho Valley, Palm City—as far as Zoar.

Then the LORD said to Moses: "This is the land that I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob when I promised: 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have shown it to you with your own eyes; however, you will not cross over into it."

Then Moses, the LORD's servant, died—right there in the land of Moab, according to the LORD's command. The LORD buried him in a valley in Moabite country across from Beth-peor. Even now, no one knows where Moses' grave is.

Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eyesight wasn't impaired, and his vigour hadn't diminished a bit.

Back down in the Moabite plains, the Israelites mourned Moses' death for thirty days. At that point, the time for weeping and for mourning Moses was over.

Joshua, Nun's son, was filled with wisdom because Moses had placed his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to Joshua, and they did exactly what the LORD commanded Moses.

No prophet like Moses has yet emerged in Israel; Moses knew the LORD face-to-face! That's not even to

mention all those signs and wonders that the LORD sent Moses to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh, to all his servants, and to his entire land—as well as all the extraordinary power that Moses displayed before Israel's own eyes!

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM *90.1-6, 13-17*

Lord, you have been our refuge: from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be: from eternity to eternity you are God.

You turn us back into dust: saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing: or like one watch of the night.

You cut them short like a dream: like the fresh grass of the morning;

In the morning it is green and flourishes: at evening it is withered and dried up.

Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?: take pity on your servants.

O satisfy us early with your mercy: that all our days we may rejoice and sing.

Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us: for the years we have suffered adversity.

Show your servants your work: and let their children see your glory.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands.

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 2.1-13*

As you yourselves know, brothers and sisters, our visit with you wasn't a waste of time. On the contrary, we had the courage through God to speak God's good news in spite of a lot of opposition, although we had already suffered and were publicly insulted in Philippi, as you know. Our appeal isn't based on false information, the wrong motives, or deception. Rather, we have been examined and approved by God to be trusted with the good news, and that's exactly how we speak. We aren't trying to please people, but we are trying to please God, who continues to examine our hearts. As you know, we never used flattery, and God is our witness that we didn't have greedy motives. We didn't ask for special treatment from people—not from you or from others—although we could have thrown our weight around as Christ's apostles. Instead, we were gentle with you like a nursing mother caring for her own children. We were glad to share not only God's good news with you but also our very lives

because we cared for you so much. You remember, brothers and sisters, our efforts and hard work. We preached God's good news to you, while we worked night and day so we wouldn't be a burden on any of you. You and God are witnesses of how holy, just, and blameless we were toward you believers. Likewise, you know how we treated each of you like a father treats his own children. We appealed to you, encouraged you, and pleaded with you to live lives worthy of the God who is calling you into his own kingdom and glory.

We also thank God constantly for this: when you accepted God's word that you heard from us, you welcomed it for what it truly is. Instead of accepting it as a human message, you accepted it as God's message, and it continues to work in you who are believers.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 22.34-46*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of

them, a legal expert, tested him. "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

He replied, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind.* This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: *You must love your neighbour as you love yourself.* All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

Now as the Pharisees were gathering, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

"David's son," they replied.

He said, "Then how is it that David, inspired by the Holy Spirit, called him Lord when he said, *The Lord said to my lord, 'Sit at my right side until I turn your enemies into your footstool?'* If David calls him Lord, how can he be David's son?" Nobody was able to answer him. And from that day forward nobody dared to ask him anything.

(CEB)

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Readings for next week: 1 November (All Saints)

Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10, 22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

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 available for anyone to view: see anglicanaltlav.org.au/allsouls for more details. 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—and please also pass on these details to anyone who may wish to join in.

CHAPTER AT A TIME A conversation exploring a book chapter on "Saints" by Rowan Williams: this 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.

FROM THE FAMILY VIOLENCE WORKING GROUP, ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA:

Help us to build a safer and more supportive Anglican Church for people who have experienced domestic violence. Join a research project aimed to improve church practices. If you have had experience of domestic violence and a current or previous link with the Anglican Church, please share your perspective.

The online survey is anonymous and anyone can take part. Go to surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience to find out more.

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.

- Nominations are now open for churchwardens, members of Parish Council and Incumbency Committee members. Nomination forms are available at <https://anglicanaltlav.org.au/2020-annual-meeting/> or from Rev'd Chris, and need to be returned by Saturday 31 October (by email is fine).

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.

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 diligent care for the safety of others, as more businesses and activities begin to reopen.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Canada and the United States of America. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Diocese of Brisbane.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Parish of St Peter's, Murrumbeena with Holy Trinity, Hughesdale.

Our parish & community: For those looking for work, and those who are overwhelmed by work demands.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

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

The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently: Shane Barnes.

Year's mind: Percy Rice (25), Frank Griffin (25), Thomas Truman (26), John Murray (26), Winifred Underhay (26), Joan Andrews (27), James Milway (1).

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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Sunday 25th October

21st Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30am Children's time, on Zoom

Tuesday 27th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook
7:30pm Chapter At A Time discussion, on Zoom

Wednesday 28th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

Thursday 29th

Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

Friday 30th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

Sunday 1st November

All Saints

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom
10:30am Children's time, on Zoom
5:30pm All Souls' service, streamed on Facebook

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 #.)