



# 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*

## **1st November 2020 ALL SAINTS**

8am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's and 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,

Monday's announcement from the Premier has brought a significant change in the easing of restrictions for churches: we can now hold services indoors for 10 people, increasing to 20 people after next Sunday. We hope, of course, that the roadmap will still bring us to larger gatherings within the next month or so, but this year has already taught us to take nothing for granted!

So for the time being, we will retrace our steps with a similar pattern to the services in June as we started to re-open. On Sundays will be an 8am Eucharist, open to attend (by registering in advance) and also live streamed on Facebook; then our 9:30am Zoom gathering will continue as normal. We will also gradually resume weekday services, with a Eucharist this week at 9:30am at St Clement's.

Please bear in mind that it's essential to reserve a place ahead of time, so that we don't need to turn anyone away—you can do this online, or by phone/email (see over the page for more details).

Meanwhile, there are two other important events for our parish this week. The first is tonight's All Souls' service, which has a particular poignancy in this year when so many of us have been unable to attend the funerals of loved ones. This is yet another service to watch on our screens, but at the same time that does make it more widely accessible: once again, I do urge and encourage you to send the details on to someone you know who might be feeling deeply the loss of a family member or friend during these months in particular.

And then next Sunday we have our Annual Parish Meeting, which will be rather different this year as we gather on Zoom. Please do plan to share in that meeting if you can, as we look back over the last year and look ahead to 2021. We will focus on the matters of governance that must be dealt with at that meeting: it may well be that once we can gather in larger numbers, it will be valuable to have further discussion in person about all that we are taking into the future from this challenging year.

In the meantime, this Sunday is All Saints' Day: the great celebration of all those who have gone before us, whose lives have pointed to the light of God and who invite us in turn to be more fully alive. We think of Eanswythe and Clement, of previous generations of this parish, of those who nurtured our faith, of those whose stories have encouraged and inspired us... and so many more. Alleluia for all God's saints, including for the holiness that we encounter in each other.

With my gratitude this company of saints as we journey together,  
Chris

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### COLLECT

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love: grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 *Revelation 7.9-17*

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice:

"Victory belongs to our God  
who sits on the throne,  
and to the Lamb."

All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory  
and wisdom and thanksgiving  
and honour and power and might  
be to our God forever and always. Amen."

Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

(CEB)

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

### PSALM *34.1-10, 22*

I will bless the Lord continually: his praise shall be always in my mouth.

**Let my soul boast of the Lord: the humble shall hear it and rejoice.**

O praise the Lord with me: let us exalt his name together.

**For I sought the Lord's help and he answered: and he freed me from all my fears.**

Look towards him and be bright with joy: your faces shall not be ashamed.

**Here is a wretch who cried, and the Lord heard me: and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps round those who fear him: and delivers them in their need.

**O taste and see that the Lord is good: happy are they that hide in him!**

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones: for those who fear him never lack.

**Lions may suffer want and go hungry: but those who seek the Lord lack nothing good.**

The Lord ransoms the lives of his servants: and none who hide in him will be destroyed.

### SECOND READING *1 John 3.1-3*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God's children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn't recognize him, it doesn't recognize us.

Dear friends, now we are God's children, and it hasn't yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we'll see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING *Matthew 5.1-12*

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying:

"Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

"Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

"Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

"Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

"Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

"Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

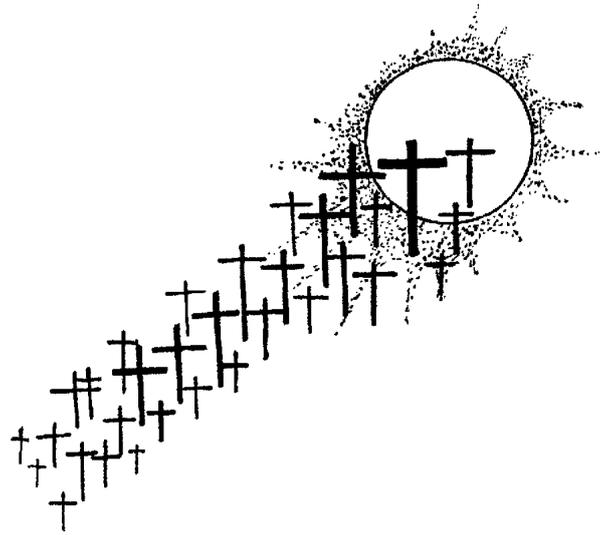
"Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

"Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

"Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you."  
(CEB)

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**Thanks be to God.**



**Readings for next week: 8 November (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)**

*Joshua 24.1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78.1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4.9-18; Matthew 25.1-13*

**ALL SOULS' COMMEMORATION** This annual service, to remember and give thanks for those who have died, will be held this evening at 5:30pm. The service will be live-streamed and available for anyone to view: see [anglicanaltlav.org.au/allsouls](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/allsouls) for more details. Is there someone you know who might appreciate joining in this service?

**ATTENDING SERVICES** As we begin to resume some small services, it's important to bear in mind our responsibilities to each other so that we can gather as safely as possible. The key points are:

- Numbers are limited to 10 people, and it is essential to register in advance: either online at [anglicanaltlav.org.au/attending-a-service](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/attending-a-service) or by contacting the office by phone or email.
- Everyone is welcome, but please consider your own wellbeing in deciding to attend, especially if you are already at higher risk of becoming ill.
- Everyone attending will need to wear a mask.
- If you are at all unwell (cough, cold, runny nose, temperature, sore throat), or have been in close contact with someone who is unwell, you must stay at home.

More details are on the parish website, and you are welcome to contact Rev'd Chris with further questions or concerns. Services open to attend in the coming week will be on Wednesday at 9:30am and Sunday at 8am.

**MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER PARTNERS DINNER** Due to the Covid 19 pandemic restrictions, we are unable to hold this function this year. I am sure that everyone involved is as disappointed as I am at the moment, but we can only pray that things will be better next year. As we cannot meet together to exchange cards, I suggest that we all post a card to our prayer partner. If anyone does not know the address of their prayer partner, they can ring Sandra on 0410 040 661 for information. Thank you all for your prayers this year. Keep praying and we will all meet together soon. Sandra Hansen, Mother's Union President

**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](http://surveys.ncls.org.au/NAFVP/experience) to find out more.

**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Parish Meeting will be held next Sunday 8 November at 10:30am, mainly on Zoom. Reports will be available on Monday 2 November, on the parish website and outside the parish office. 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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: For those bereaved and injured by Friday's earthquake in Turkey and Greece.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Fiji, Melanesia, Micronesia, Papua New Guinea, Polynesia and the Solomon Islands. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Ministry with Torres Strait Islander people.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St James' Pakenham.

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

### Those for whom prayers have been asked:

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

### The communion of saints:

*Those who have died recently:* Elaine Brown.

*Year's mind:* James Milway (1), Claudia Irvine (4), Elizabeth Starr (5), Dan Simmons (7).

### 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, Gustavo.

*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 1st November

#### All Saints

8am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's and 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

### Tuesday 3rd

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
7:30pm Reflective Bible study, on Zoom

### Wednesday 4th

8am Morning Prayer, on Zoom (NB time change)  
9:30am Eucharist, St Clement's

### Thursday 5th

Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

### Friday 6th

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

### Sunday 8th November

#### 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

8am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's and on Facebook  
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom  
10:30am Annual Parish Meeting, on Zoom

Services on Facebook can be accessed at [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav](https://www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav)

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