



# 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*

## **22nd November 2020 CLEMENT, BISHOP & MARTYR**

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,

Welcome to the last Sunday of the old year! Next week, on Advent Sunday, we begin once again the journey through the liturgical calendar: we begin with Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, and then a little later come to Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Like every new year, it's a chance to look back and also to look forward: there is much about 2021 that remains uncertain, but we can certainly hope and pray that it will be less disrupted than the past year!

We may not yet be able to see an end point to the challenges and changes of COVID-19, but we can still mark and celebrate significant way-points, milestones in this journey that we are sharing together. And next week, the new year coincides with a significant way-point as we return to our normal pattern of Sunday morning service times. It's an important day in the life of the parish, and I do ask and encourage you to make a point of coming to a service—provided that you feel it is safe given your own circumstances and risk factors.

Those who have come to services in recent weeks will know that this is not church as we have known it! Chairs will be set out with appropriate spacing, and everyone needs to wear a mask. Unfortunately there can't be singing, or morning tea. And we must all keep learning and practising the discipline of keeping a 1.5 metre distance from each other, however much we may want to embrace those we haven't seen for all these months!

Next Sunday, there will be two services at each centre: 7:45am and 10:30am at St Eanswythe's, and 8:45am and 5:30pm at St Clement's. Note the evening service at St Clement's, for next week only: since space is a little tighter there, this is to ensure that no one need miss out on sharing this important day, as we mark a way-point, a fresh start, and a new year.

It's really important that you register in advance, online or by phone or email. The "attending a service" page of our website has the links to register for each service, and shows how many places are left. If your preferred service is filling up, you may be able to consider coming at another time.

And if you can't come, for whatever reason, please do join us via live stream: one service will continue to be streamed each Sunday.

Above all, please pray for our life together as we prepare for this long-awaited moment, as we once again begin to gather in person as the family of the church, the body of Christ.

With my prayers for each of you,  
Chris

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### COLLECT

Creator and Father of eternity, whose martyr Clement bore witness with his blood to the love he proclaimed and the gospel that he preached: give us thankful hearts as we celebrate your faithfulness, revealed to us in the lives of your saints, and strengthen us in our pilgrimage as we follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### PARISH PRAYER

**Creator Spirit, God beyond our knowing, your love has been poured into our hearts. Renew our trust in you, and shape our lives to the call of Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. Make us a people of blessing and hope, so that neighbours and strangers may be drawn to the compassion of Christ. Amen.**

### FIRST READING *Ezekiel 34.11-16*

The LORD God proclaims: I myself will search for my flock and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the flock when some in the flock have been scattered, so will I seek out my flock. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the time of clouds and thick darkness. I will gather and lead them out from the countries and peoples, and I will bring them to their own fertile land. I will feed them on Israel's highlands, along the riverbeds, and in all the inhabited places. I will feed them in good pasture, and their sheepfold will be there, on Israel's lofty highlands. On Israel's highlands, they will lie down in a secure fold and feed on green pastures. I myself will feed my flock and make them lie down. This is what the LORD God says. I will seek out the lost, bring back the strays, bind up the wounded, and strengthen the weak. But the fat and the strong I will destroy, because I will tend my sheep with justice.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM *100*

O shout to the Lord in triumph, all the earth: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his face with songs of joy.

**Know that the Lord he is God: it is he who has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: give thanks to him, and bless his holy name.

**For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is for ever: his faithfulness throughout all generations.**

### SECOND READING *Ephesians 1.15-23*

Since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, this is the reason that I don't stop giving thanks to God for you when I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you. I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God's call, what is the richness of God's glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God's power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength. God's power was at work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and sat him at God's right side in the heavens, far above every ruler and authority and power and angelic power, any power that might be named not only now but in the future. God put everything under Christ's feet and made him head of everything in the church, which is his body. His body, the church, is the fullness of Christ, who fills everything in every way.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING *Matthew 25.31-46*

Jesus said: "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

"Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been prepared for the devil and

his angels. I was hungry and you didn't give me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

"Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to help you?' Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Readings for next week: 29 November (First Sunday of Advent)**

Isaiah 64.1-9; Psalm 80.1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1.1-9; Mark 13.24-37

**WELCOME** At 9:30am on Zoom we welcome guest preacher the Rev'd Rob Ferguson, senior chaplain with Anglican Criminal Justice Ministry in Victoria. (This year our parish giving to Anglicare has been for this prison chaplaincy ministry.)

**COLLECTIONS DURING 2021** We are very grateful to everyone for maintaining their planned giving through online and other methods during these COVID times. We would like to ask everyone to maintain these methods of giving for at least the next twelve months. Given the uncertainty of our pattern of worship over coming months, together with the ongoing health risks, it will be much safer for all of us to minimise contact via the exchange of cash. Please let Pat Baines know if you would like to take up the electronic giving option via ADF, or see below for our Bendigo Bank account details for online transfer or over-the-counter deposits. For those who need to continue paying by cash or cheque, please let Pat know if there is anything we can do to make it easier for you. With gratitude, Wardens & Treasurer.

**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, and it is essential to register in advance: either online at [anglicanaltlav.org.au/attending-a-service](https://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 in the coming week will be on Wednesday at 9:30am, Thursday at 10am and Sunday at 7:45am, 8:45am, 10:30am and 5:30pm.

**MORNING PRAYER** As part of our transition back to in-person worship, from this week Morning Prayer on Friday will be at St Eanswythe's, rather than on Zoom. Everyone is welcome—please enter the church via Bent St.

**ORDINATION** The Rev'd Dr Alan Smith will be ordained priest on Saturday 28 November at 11am, in a service in the parish of Gisborne/Macedon. Due to restrictions on numbers, it's not possible for there to be a general welcome to attend: however the service will be live streamed at <https://www.belindajanevideo.com/client-video/ordination-service/> We pray for Alan as he moves towards this next step in ministry.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has found a way to continue giving to the parish during this year. 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](https://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: For an end to civil unrest in Ethiopia, and for security for those displaced by the Tigray conflict.

### The Church:

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Anglicare Australia.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Diocese of Armidale; Christ Church, St Kilda. For Alan Smith and all those preparing to be ordained as priests.

Our parish & community: For those needing to remain isolated to protect their health.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

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

### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Matthew Nicholas (23), Rhonda Eudey (24), John Atkinson (24), Jean Cutting (28), Vic Wilson, priest (29), Frank Woods, bishop (29).

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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Anita McAnda (St Eanswythe's)

## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 22nd November

#### Clement of Rome, bishop and martyr

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

### Tuesday 24th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook

### Wednesday 25th

8am Morning Prayer, on Zoom  
9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### Thursday 26th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### Friday 27th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's (*NB change from Zoom*)

### Sunday 29th November

#### First Sunday of Advent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

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 #.)