

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*

3rd January 2021 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

*Wominjeka :: Haere mai
Welcome*



A warm welcome to our worship today,
especially if you are with us for the first time
or visiting from elsewhere.

This booklet contains the full order of service:
please join in the parts printed in bold type.

During these times we are all asked to take
responsibility for making our gathering
COVID-safe: please use hand sanitiser on
arriving and leaving, refrain from physical
contact with others, and wear a mask while
close to other people.

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.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN (at 9:30)—*please ensure you are wearing a mask while singing*

1. Bethlehem, what greater city
can in fame with you compare?
For the gracious God of heaven
chose to meet our people there.

2. Was there ever beauty brighter
than the star which shone that night
to proclaim the incarnation
of our God, the world's true light?

3. From the East come men of
learning,
rich the treasures that they hold—
tributes to a greater wisdom,
gifts of incense, myrrh and gold.

4. Sacrifice, redeemer, saviour!
Incense shows that God has come,
gold, our mighty king proclaims him,
myrrh foretells his silent tomb.

5. Jesus Christ, to you be glory,
Lord of lords whom we adore
with the Father and the Spirit:
God be praised for evermore!

Words: Michael Perry (1942-1996)

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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We come by the grace of the one God,
creator of beauty, lover of justice.

Blessed be God for ever.

We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
one with us in sorrow and in joy.

Blessed be God for ever.

We are one in the Spirit who fills the Church,
breath of life, making all things new.

Blessed be God for ever.

Come and worship the holy and glorious Trinity,
as we pray together:

**God of the feast,
your Wisdom calls us,
your Word teaches us
and you feed us with your life.**

**Give us grace to welcome one another
as you have welcomed us in Christ Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins
to the God who knows us through and through.

**Holy God,
we have disobeyed your commandments,
we have resisted your call,
we have failed to live by your generous love.
We are sorry for all our sins,
and ask you to forgive us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God who has called us is faithful,
and will not remember our sins.
Your sins are forgiven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Live by the Spirit's transforming power,
and forgive as you have been forgiven.
Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One:
you alone are the Lord:
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have filled us with the light of the Word,
who became flesh and lived among us:
let the light of faith shine in all that we do;
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 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.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

(60.1-6)

Arise! Shine! Your light has come;
the LORD's glory has shone upon you.
Though darkness covers the earth
and gloom the nations,
the LORD will shine upon you;
God's glory will appear over you.
Nations will come to your light
and kings to your dawning radiance.
Lift up your eyes and look all around:
they are all gathered; they have come to you.
Your sons will come from far away,
and your daughters on caregivers' hips.
Then you will see and be radiant;
your heart will tremble and open wide,
because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you;
the nations' wealth will come to you.
Countless camels will cover your land,
young camels from Midian and Ephah.
They will all come from Sheba,
carrying gold and incense,
proclaiming the LORD's praises.

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

(CEB)

Give the king your judgement, O God: and your righteousness to the son of a king,

That he may judge your people rightly: and the poor of the land with equity.

Let the mountains be laden with peace because of his righteousness: and the hills also with prosperity for his people.

May he give justice to the poor among the people: and rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures: and while the moon gives light, throughout all generations.

May he come down like rain upon the new-mown fields: and as showers that water the earth.

In his time shall righteousness flourish: and abundance of peace, till the moon shall be no more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

All kings shall fall down before him: and all nations do him service.

He will deliver the needy when they cry: and the poor that have no helper.

He will pity the helpless and the needy: and save the lives of the poor.

He will redeem them from oppression and violence: and their blood shall be precious in his sight.

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians

(3.1-12)

This is why I, Paul, am a prisoner of Christ for you Gentiles.

You've heard, of course, about the responsibility to distribute God's grace, which God gave to me for you, right? God showed me his secret plan in a revelation, as I mentioned briefly before (when you read this, you'll understand my insight into the secret plan about Christ). Earlier generations didn't know this hidden plan that God has now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets through the Spirit. This plan is that the Gentiles would be coheirs and parts of the same body, and that they would share with the Jews in the promises of God in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I became a servant of the gospel because of the grace that God showed me through the exercise of his power.

God gave his grace to me, the least of all God's people, to preach the good news about the immeasurable riches of Christ to the Gentiles. God sent me to reveal the secret plan that had been hidden since the beginning of time by God, who created everything. God's purpose is now to show the rulers and powers in the heavens the many different varieties of his wisdom through the church. This was consistent with the plan he had from the beginning of time that he accomplished through Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we have bold and confident access to God through faith in him.

(CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ was revealed in the flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(2.1-12)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We've seen his star in the east, and we've come to honour him." When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

You, Bethlehem, land of Judah,

by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,

because from you will come one who governs,

who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search carefully for the child. When you've found him, report to me so that I too may go and honour him." When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honoured him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

(CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the church throughout the world.

The response to the prayers is

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.
**Grant that what we have asked in faith
we may by your grace receive,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

Everyone is invited to turn to those around, and offer a greeting of peace from where you stand. Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the basket/box provided.

HYMN (at 9:30)—*please ensure you are wearing a mask while singing*

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Low at his feet lay your burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for you,
comfort your sorrows, and answer your prayerfulness,
guiding your steps in the way best for you.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth you would reckon to own:
truth in its beauty and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to bring to his throne.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
gold of obedience and incense of lowliness
bring, and adore him: the Lord is his name.

Words: John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-75) alt

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.

Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

In your Word made flesh
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ.

By his death on the cross
and rising to new life,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying :

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
proclaiming his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross,
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming again,
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
unite us in the body of your Son,
and bring us with all your people
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father,
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one bread:
**so may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ
in remembrance that he died for us,
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing: please come forward as indicated and stand at one of the places marked in white. Children who have been baptized are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion, please indicate when the priest comes to you. During this time of coronavirus restrictions, only the communion bread will be shared; the communion wine will be received by one on behalf of all.

Prayer candles can be lit at the conclusion of the service.

NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, God,
for all the blessings of this table:
for the life-giving story,
the living bread
and the wine of new creation.

**Send us, we pray, in the strength of this meal,
to tell the Good News to neighbours and strangers
with creative words
and compassionate service,
walking the way of Christ.**

HYMN (at 9:30)—*please ensure you are wearing a mask while singing*

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find,
his service is the golden cord
close-binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north,
all Christlike souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Words: William Arthur Dunkerley (1852-1941) alt.

BLESSING

Christ our Lord, to whom kings bowed down in worship and offered gifts,
reveal to you his glory and pour upon you the riches of his grace;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

For our prayers:

The world and nation: For renewed commitment to serving the needs of the most vulnerable.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the Church in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine. For Christians who are persecuted and martyred today, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: Ministry with Aboriginal people and communities.

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Peter's, Bundoora.

Our parish & community: For those who are struggling to find housing or employment.

Those for whom prayers have been asked:

Particular current prayers: Jeremy, Jude, Davey.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Deborah Pullin (5), Peter Haining (6), Elsie Sinclair (10).

Ongoing prayers (remembered at Morning Prayer

through the week): Sharilyn, Ruby, Paul, Mavis, Belinda, Joseph, Daniel, Stuart, Nick, Vahid, Malek, Jimmy, Jayden, Ashlee, Tanatha, Elly, Patricia M, Tim, Susan, Faye, Gustavo, Peter, Olivia, Patricia.

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.



Readings for next Sunday: 10 January (The Baptism of our Lord)

Genesis 1.1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19.1-7; Mark 1.4-11

SERVICES IN JANUARY

Until the end of January, we have combined Sunday morning services:

Sun 10 Jan 7:45 (St Eanswythe's) and 9:30 (St Eanswythe's)

Sun 17 Jan 7:45 (St Eanswythe's) and 9:30 (St Clement's)

Sun 24 Jan 7:45 (St Eanswythe's) and 9:30 (St Eanswythe's)

Sun 31 Jan normal times resume: 7:45 (St E), 8:45 (St C), 10:30 (St E), 1pm (St E).

Weekday Eucharists resume on Wed 27 Jan (St C) and Thu 28 Jan (St E).

Morning Prayer will be at 9am at St Eanswythe's:

Wednesday 6 and Friday 8 Jan

Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 Jan

For this year's Christmas Bowl Appeal, each church has been given a unique online donation link: you will receive an individual receipt, and your gift will also be associated with our parish. To donate, use the QR code or visit:

christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/46652

(Giving envelopes are also available at the back of each church.)



The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD

WELCOME and THANKS to the Rev'd Dr Richard Wilson who is presiding and preaching at today's services.

Rev'd Chris is on leave, returning to the parish on Thursday 14 January.

JANUARY SERVICES During January we have a combined service each Sunday at 9:30am—please check the pew sheet or website to be sure of the location for this service. **Thank you** to all who have been registering online for services. This will continue to be important and helpful—but if you are unable to register online, you can provide your contact details as you arrive. There is no need to register in advance for the 7:45am service, and there will be plenty of space at this service even when the combined services are more full.

FAREWELL On Sunday 24 January we will farewell Dr Kathleen Alleaume-Ross, who has been with us since October 2019 on a theological student placement. Donations towards a farewell gift for Kathleen can be made by direct deposit (reference "Kathleen farewell") or in a clearly marked envelope in the collection.

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY will also be our final summer combined service. It will include a blessing of school bags for the new school year, and afterwards everyone is invited to share a picnic in Logan Reserve—BYO lunch, or enjoy take-away options from Pier St.

COLLECTIONS DURING 2021 A big thank you to everyone for maintaining planned giving through online and other methods during 2020. Even though we are meeting in person again, please do maintain these methods of giving for the time being: it remains 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. 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.

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 anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving

Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ If you are or have been away for a Sunday, you can see recent pew sheets 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 occasional emails regarding news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to anglicanaltlav@gmail.com

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Sunday 3rd January

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Wednesday 6th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Friday 8th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

Sunday 10th January

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's

Groups meeting regularly in the parish (*resuming in February*):

Altona Tiddlers Playgroup: Tuesdays in term time, 10am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993)

Clementines Playgroup: Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise (9395 5472)

Reflective Bible Study: monthly at the Vicarage, first Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.

Mothers' Union: monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661)

Caritas: monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:30pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)