



# 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 July 2021 ST JAMES, APOSTLE AND 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, as together we praise the Lord, reflect on God's word, and pray for the world, the church, our community and each other.

We look forward to gathering again in person as soon as possible.

*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 (including to Pay The Rent to local First Nations people).*

### SHARING THE PATH OF FAITH

reflections from the clergy and our parish community

Dear friends,

*Recover. Reinvent. Reframe. Release.*

These are four possible scenarios for churches as we look beyond the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a document from the diocese which Parish Council has been exploring over the last couple of months. Will we go back to how things were before? Will we become something quite different? Will we adjust and recalibrate our activities in the light of what we've experienced? Will we recognise that it's time for something new to emerge?

Of course, all of these have been happening in different ways already, over the last 18 months. We have learned to do new things that we might never have imagined. We have learned to do without things in ways we might never have imagined. We are still very much in the midst of discerning the way forward, in the light of all that has happened.

One of our three mission areas (at the top of this page) is 'serving others': it invites us to ask, how might we be a blessing, indeed God's blessing, to our local community? This happens in many ways, including our op shop, playgroups, and nursing home services. For many years until 2020, our Friday Soup and Sandwiches lunch at St Eanswythe's was a significant ministry in the community, and that hasn't resumed at this point: both because of COVID-safe restrictions and also because there are fewer volunteers available.

This is an important moment for us to stop and reflect on the larger question: *What is the best way of using the energy and resources available to our parish, to serve the wider community as followers and disciples of Jesus?*

Parish Council is inviting you to join a conversation exploring this question, as detailed in an invitation letter accompanying the pew sheet this week. (Please do be in touch if you haven't received the letter.) If you are interested in this question, then you are welcome at the conversation! We hope that this will be an opportunity for a renewed clarity and purpose in our presence in the community.

With prayers for all the local communities which are our home,  
Chris

# PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

## THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Merciful God, whose holy apostle James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah

In the fourth year of Judah's King Jehoiakim, Josiah's son, Baruch was writing in a scroll the words that Jeremiah was dictating to him. Jeremiah the prophet told Baruch, Neriah's son:

"This is what the LORD the God of Israel proclaims about you, Baruch:

"You have said, 'I can't take it anymore! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain. I'm worn out from groaning and can find no rest.'

"This is what you should say to him: 'The LORD proclaims: I'm breaking down everything I have built up. I'm digging up that which I have planted—the entire land.

"You seek great things for yourself, but don't bother. I'm bringing disaster on all humanity, declares the LORD, but wherever you go I will let you escape with your life.'"

(45.1-5; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

When the Lord turned again the fortunes of Zion: then were we like those restored to life.

**Then was our mouth filled with laughter: and our tongue with singing.**

Then said they among the heathen: 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

**Truly the Lord has done great things for us: and therefore we rejoiced.**

Turn again our fortunes, O Lord: as the streams return to the dry south.

**Those who sow in tears: shall reap with songs of joy.**

They that go out weeping, bearing the seed: shall come again in gladness, bringing their sheaves with them.

(126)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About that time, some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them, Agabus, stood up and, inspired by the Spirit, predicted that a severe famine would overtake the entire Roman world. (This occurred during Claudius' rule.)

The disciples decided they would send support to the brothers and sisters in Judea, with everyone contributing to this ministry according to each person's abundance. They sent Barnabas and Saul to take this gift to the elders.

About that time King Herod began to harass some who belonged to the church. He had James, John's brother, killed with a sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he arrested Peter as well. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

(11.27-12.3; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus along with her sons. Bowing before him, she asked a favour of him.

"What do you want?" he asked.

She responded, "Grant that these two sons of mine will sit, one on your right hand and one on your left, in your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink from the cup that I'm about to drink from?"

They said to him, "We can."

He said to them, "You will drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left hand isn't mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

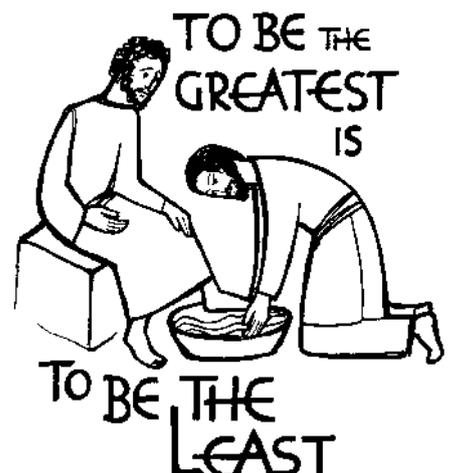
Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with the two brothers.

But Jesus called them over and said, "You know that those who rule the Gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. But that's not the way it will be with you. Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be your slave—just as the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

(20.20-28; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**





## JAMES, APOSTLE AND MARTYR

There are two of the twelve apostles who are named James. One of them is introduced as the brother of John: they are sons of the fisherman Zebedee, and together with Simon Peter they become the inner circle of Jesus' disciples. This James is sometimes called James "the Great", to distinguish him from the other James ("the Less"), about whom we know very little.

James the son of Zebedee was the first of the apostles to be martyred, and the only one whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament (in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles).

Tradition holds that James made a missionary journey to Spain, and that after his death his body was taken and buried there. James became the patron saint of Spain, and his supposed burial place, Santiago (Saint James) de Compostela, became a significant place of pilgrimage in the Middle Ages.

The traditional pilgrimage route, the Way of St James (*Camino de Santiago*), continues to attract people from all over the world, and has featured in books and films. In 2018, over 300,000 people officially registered as completing the final 100 kilometres of the walk—many of them would have walked much further, starting 800 kilometres away near the French border.

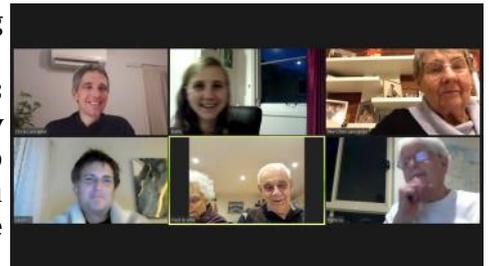
## NOTES AND NEWS

for your information and prayers, from around and beyond the parish

### PRAYER

Over the next few days we will continue our lockdown pattern, meeting online at 9am for Morning Prayer and at 5:30pm for Evening Prayer.

It has been nice over the past week to have the chance to say prayers with some folk who can't usually make it to our in-person weekday worship. If you would like to join in on Zoom, details about how to access the meeting can be found at the bottom of the next page. If you are reading this online and would like a shortcut, just click on the picture!



### POINT COOK SMALL GROUP

We have officially established a home group in Point Cook! A few Point Cook locals and Katie have started to meet on Wednesday evenings, to chat, pray and talk about a passage of scripture together.

By necessity we are meeting on Zoom at the moment, but will gather in person when restrictions allow—to have something to eat together, as well as reflecting on a word from the Lord...

If you live in Point Cook and are interested in coming along to try it out, please contact Katie, whose details can be found on the next page. We are meeting on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm.

And if you live in a different part of our parish and are interested in the idea of *hosting* another house group, please contact Katie and let's see what's possible...

### YOUTH GROUP ZOOMS ON

It was wonderful to have our youth group meet on Zoom last Friday night. We touched base with one another and also spent some time exploring the life of Saint Peter. Unfortunately we couldn't meet in person as planned, so we had *Peter* but no *pizza*!

Each school term, Youth Group meets fortnightly on Friday evenings at 5 pm (alternating between in person and on Zoom). All aged between years 5-12 are welcome! Please contact Rev'd Katie for further details.

### Readings for next Sunday: 1st August (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost)

2 Samuel 11.26-12.13; Psalm 51.1-12; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35

Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings beforehand. Some things to notice might be:

*Is anything here particularly relevant to my situation at this time?*

*Is there anything here that doesn't immediately make sense to me?*

*What comes just before and just after this section of the Bible?*

*Does this remind me of something elsewhere in the Bible?*

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: For the people of Karen State in Myanmar, struggling to contain a COVID-19 outbreak and to access medical supplies for the gravely ill.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* The Diocese of The Murray (Bp Keith Dalby, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Andrew's Brighton (Ian Morrison, Michelle Wang).

Our parish & community: For all those who are struggling with lost income due to current restrictions.

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid—their work in Gaza at the Ahli Arab Hospital and in East Jerusalem at the Spafford Children's Center.

Those with particular needs at this time: Hannah, Jemma, Kay, Vicky, Tania.

### The communion of saints:

*Those who have died recently:* Keith Guerin.

*Year's mind:* Kath Milway (27), Rita Camilleri (27).

*If you have a prayer request for our clergy and people, please contact Chris or Katie (see contact details below). Your prayers will be kept confidential or added to the public pew sheet list, depending on the situation and your wishes.*

## 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 our weekly email including news, changes of service times, and other updates, please send your email address to [parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au)

## Giving...

- ⇒ 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 pledge giving please include your name or envelope/reference number. For further details see [anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 25th July

#### Feast of Saint James the Greater, Apostle & Martyr

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom

### Monday 26th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom  
5:30pm Evening Prayer, streamed on Facebook

### Tuesday 27th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
5:30pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom

*(Depending on the easing of restrictions...)*

### Wednesday 28th

8am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Holy Communion, St Clement's  
5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's

### Thursday 29th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
10am Holy Communion, St Eanswythe's  
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

### Friday 30th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's  
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

### Sunday 1st August

#### Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's

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(Or by phoning (03) 7018 2005—when prompted, enter 9726172254#;  
then when asked for a participant ID, press #.)