



# 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*

## 15th August 2021 FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF OUR LORD

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,

Like everyone else, during the last week I was completing my census details, and came to the question about religion. How frustrating it was to find that my religion didn't appear on the list!

What I mean is that *Anglican* is not a religion, any more than Catholic, Uniting Church, Presbyterian or Baptist. Our religion is *Christian*, reaching back to the earliest days of the followers of Jesus: Acts 11.26 records that "it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called *Christians*."

Anglican identity is simply a way, a strand, a tradition of being Christian. Many of us deeply value this Anglican way and have found here the living water of Christ; and it does have certain distinctive features (some of them more fruitful than others!), which are good for us to understand. But we cannot be Anglican without first being Christian: this is seen, for example, in the fact that there is no such thing as Anglican baptism – those baptised in our midst are baptised into the whole church of Christ.

So what a pity it is that the census question apparently invites us to retreat into the divisions of previous generations, where the things that separated different Christians were more important than all that they held in common. Some of you have known that reality in situations where it has divided families and even caused bloodshed. It would be a step forward if, in a future census, this question invited us to identify as "Christian (Anglican)", and so to claim our common Christian identity with those of other churches.

These questions of Christian identity are particularly pointed on this day when we celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus. During the history of the western Church, the various attitudes, beliefs and practices surrounding Mary have often been contentious and divisive. In the first Anglican prayer book of 1662, and even still in the first Australian prayer book of 1978, this day was not included in the calendar of feasts. Only in the more recent 1995 book (*A Prayer Book for Australia*) was 15 August restored to the calendar, celebrating Mary's distinctive ministry and witness.

This return to ancient tradition comes alongside ongoing ecumenical dialogue which seeks to bridge historic differences. In 2004 the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission published an agreed statement on Mary, including these words:

Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, stands before us as an exemplar of faithful obedience, and her "Be it to me according to your word" is the grace-filled response each of us is called to make to God, both personally and communally, as the Church, the body of Christ.

How will we, like Mary, say *yes* to God during the coming week?

Grace and peace to you, Chris

# PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

## THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Loving God,  
who chose the blessed virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your incarnate Son:  
grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood,  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal  
kingdom;  
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.**

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

‘I surely rejoice in the LORD;  
my heart is joyful because of my God,  
because he has clothed me with clothes of victory,  
wrapped me in a robe of righteousness  
like a bridegroom in a priestly crown,  
and like a bride adorned in jewellery.  
As the earth puts out its growth,  
and as a garden grows its seeds,  
so the LORD God will grow righteousness and praise  
before all the nations.  
For Zion’s sake I won’t keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem’s sake I won’t sit still  
until her righteousness shines out like a light,  
and her salvation blazes like a torch.  
Nations will see your righteousness,  
all kings your glory.  
You will be called by a new name,  
which the LORD’s own mouth will determine.  
You will be a splendid garland in the LORD’s hand,  
a royal turban in the palm of God’s hand.’

(61.10-62.3; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## FOR THE PSALM

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord: my spirit  
rejoices in God my Saviour,

**Who has looked with favour on his lowly servant:  
from this day all generations will call me blessed;**  
The Almighty has done great things for me: and holy is  
his name.

**God has mercy on those who fear him: from  
generation to generation.**

The Lord has shown strength with his arm: and  
scattered the proud in their conceit,

**Casting down the mighty from their thrones: and  
lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things: and sent the  
rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel: to  
remember the promise of mercy,**

The promise made to our forebears: to Abraham and his  
children for ever.

(Luke 1.47-55)

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent  
his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order  
to redeem those who were under the law, so that we  
might receive adoption as children. And because you  
are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our  
hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’ So you are no longer a  
slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir,  
through God.

(4.4-7; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

In those days Caesar Augustus declared that  
everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in  
the tax lists. This first enrolment occurred when  
Quirinius governed Syria. Everyone went to their own  
cities to be enrolled. Since Joseph belonged to David’s  
house and family line, he went up from the city of  
Nazareth in Galilee to David’s city, called Bethlehem,  
in Judea. He went to be enrolled together with Mary,  
who was promised to him in marriage and who was  
pregnant. While they were there, the time came for  
Mary to have her baby. She gave birth to her firstborn  
child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a  
manger, because there was no place for them in the  
guestroom.

(2.1-7; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**



### 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.

Services streamed on Facebook can be found at [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav](http://www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav)

Services on Zoom can be joined at [zoom.us/j/9726172254](https://zoom.us/j/9726172254) (passcode 93981005)

### Youth Group

Youth group continues this week, meeting on Friday at 5pm. All students from year 5 to year 12 are welcome! Watch your emails this week for details, or contact Katie for further information.

### Ordination service

Next Sunday 22 August, there will be a service of ordination at St Eanswythe's, for two deacons. Andrew Seedhom and Mark Tibben are ministers at Sojourners Church, a church plant in Werribee (see [sojo.org.au](http://sojo.org.au)). They and their congregation are now moving to join the Anglican Church, and they will soon become an Authorised Anglican Congregation; we've been asked to host the ordination service as it needs to happen in a church building. The service will go ahead at 5pm next Sunday, even if current restrictions continue and there can only be five people present!

Please pray for Andrew and Mark as they prepare for this important step in their vocation and ministry, and for their families and their congregation as they share this journey into belonging with the Anglican Church.

### Conversations

Thank you to those who have responded to the invitation to a conversation about how our parish serves the local community. Both of these scheduled conversations have been postponed until we can gather in person.

### Blessing of Animals

Our parish Mission Action Team has been meeting through this year, with a focus on our ministry to families with younger children. We have begun planning for a Blessing of Animals service on Sunday 10 October (close to St Francis' Day), which will very much be an all-age event! If you know some young children who would like to join in (with or without their own pets to bring along), please do let them know—and watch this space for further details. The service will be at 4pm, outdoors at St Clement's.

### Looking ahead: dates for the diary

<b>12 September</b>	St Eanswythe's Patronal Festival: 9:30am combined service for the whole parish
<b>10 October</b>	Blessing of Animals: 4pm at St Clement's

### Readings for next Sunday: 22nd August (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

1 Kings 8.22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69

*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?*

### Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ You can see recent pew sheets on our website at [www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets](http://www.anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)
- ⇒ Visit [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav](http://www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav) for photos, links, news and updates.
- ⇒ If you don't already receive our weekly email including news, arrangements for services, 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)

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: For action to protect our climate, and for parts of the world experiencing wild fires or reeling in their aftermath.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the church in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Ministry with the Aboriginal people of Australia (Bp Chris McLeod, National Aboriginal Bishop).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Parish of St Mary's Caulfield with St Clement's Elsternwick (Andrew Stewart, Kate Jacob, Karen Winsemius).

Our parish & community: For those struggling with depression or anxiety.

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre—providing material support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

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

### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Br Roger of Taizé (16), Lucy Featherby (17), Charles Grieve (19), Lionel Saunders, Dennis Preston, Irene King (21).

*To add a name to the public pew sheet prayer list, either those needing prayers now or those to be remembered on the anniversary of their death, please contact one of the clergy.*



## 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.
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Sandra Hansen (St Clement's)  
Anita McAnda (St Eanswythe's)

## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 15th

#### Feast of Mary, Mother of our Lord

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom  
5pm Parish Council, on Zoom

### Monday 16th

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

### Tuesday 17th

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

### Wednesday 18th

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

### Thursday 19th

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

*(Pending easing of restrictions:)*

### Friday 20th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's  
10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open  
5pm Youth group, mode of meeting to be confirmed

### Sunday 22nd August

#### Thirteenth 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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