



## 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*

### **12th September 2021 FEAST OF SAINT EANSWYTHE**

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 country of the 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,

There is a behind-the-scenes quality to St Eanswythe.

She was the granddaughter of a tribal king named Eadbald in the seventh century – in Kent, England.

Her grandfather was the first English king to embrace the Christian faith. When her father came to the throne, he had a falling out with the church. Eanswythe wasn't shaken and persuaded him to establish a monastery for women, for her to join. At sixteen she was among the founding members. Within a year or a few years, she became its first abbess. A matter of years or perhaps months later, she died – somewhere between the age of 17 and 22 – possibly from the plague, which came in waves in seventh-century England.

Beyond local history in the Folkstone area, she was largely forgotten.

In 1885 some repairs were being made to the one church in England dedicated to Eanswythe (& Mary), in Folkstone – and workers stumbled upon her relics! They found a cavity in a wall with a casket hidden inside it. The casket dated back to the twelfth century, and the human remains inside to the seventh. The casket was possibly hidden in the wall to protect it from King Henry VIII's men, when they were confiscating sacred vessels and relics during the English Reformation.

Forgive me if you know this story.

It has been a delight for me to learn the story.

I love that this church is dedicated to her: a young woman who might have been the daughter of kings. Plague was often present. The changeable attitude of her father and kin to the new religion was there, too. But in this simple way she set her mind on divine rather than human things (see today's Gospel), died herself, took up her cross and followed him. And so, she dedicated her brief life in a way that we can still draw strength from all these centuries later.

She might have been forgotten for centuries, but she has been 'up there', interceding – and waiting for a little community like this one, half a world away, to call upon her prayers.

Grace to you and spiritual blessings in abundance this week.

Yours, Katie

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Almighty God, by whose grace Eanswythe, kindled with the fire of your love, became a burning and a shining light in the Church: inflame us with the same spirit of discipline and love, that we may ever walk before you as children of light; 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 Proverbs

Wisdom shouts in the street;  
in the public square she raises her voice.  
Above the noisy crowd, she calls out.  
At the entrances of the city gates, she has her say:  
“How long will you clueless people love your naïveté,  
mockers hold their mocking dear,  
and fools hate knowledge?  
You should respond when I correct you.  
Look, I’ll pour out my spirit on you.  
I’ll reveal my words to you.  
I invited you, but you rejected me;  
I stretched out my hand to you,  
but you paid no attention.  
You ignored all my advice,  
and you didn’t want me to correct you.  
So I’ll laugh at your disaster;  
I’ll make fun of you when dread comes over you,  
when terror hits you like a hurricane,  
and your disaster comes in like a tornado,  
when distress and oppression overcome you.  
Then they will call me, but I won’t answer;  
they will seek me, but won’t find me  
because they hated knowledge  
and didn’t choose the fear of the Lord.  
They didn’t want my advice;  
they rejected all my corrections.  
They will eat from the fruit of their way,  
and they’ll be full of their own schemes.  
The immature will die because they turn away;  
smugness will destroy fools.  
Those who obey me will dwell securely,  
untroubled by the dread of harm.”

(1.20-33; CEB)

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

### PSALM

The heavens declare the glory of God: and the  
firmament proclaims his handiwork;  
**One day tells it to another: and night to night  
communicates knowledge.**

There is no speech or language: nor are their voices  
heard;

**Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:  
and their words to the ends of the earth.**

There he has pitched a tent for the sun: which comes  
out as a bridegroom from his chamber, and rejoices  
like a strong man to run his course.

**Its rising is at one end of the heavens, and its circuit  
to their farthest bound: and nothing is hidden  
from its heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul: the  
command of the Lord is true, and makes wise the  
simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right, and rejoice the  
heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, and  
gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean, and endures for ever: the  
judgements of the Lord are unchanging, and righteous  
every one.

**More to be desired are they than gold, even much  
fine gold: sweeter also than honey, than the honey  
that drips from the comb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant taught: and in  
keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can know their own unwitting sins?: O cleanse  
me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest  
they get the mastery over me: so I shall be clean, and  
innocent of great offence.

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of  
my heart be acceptable in your sight: O Lord, my  
strength and my redeemer.**

(19)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of James

Someone might claim, “You have faith and I have  
action.” But how can I see your faith apart from your  
actions? Instead, I’ll show you my faith by putting it  
into practice in faithful action. It’s good that you  
believe that God is one. Ha! Even the demons believe  
this, and they tremble with fear. Are you so slow? Do  
you need to be shown that faith without actions has no  
value at all? What about Abraham, our father? Wasn’t  
he shown to be righteous through his actions when he  
offered his son Isaac on the altar? See, his faith was  
at work along with his actions. In fact, his faith was  
made complete by his faithful actions. So the scripture  
was fulfilled that says, *Abraham believed God, and God  
regarded him as righteous.* What is more, Abraham was  
called God’s friend. So you see that a person is shown  
to be righteous through faithful actions and not through  
faith alone. In the same way, wasn’t Rahab the  
prostitute shown to be righteous when she received the  
messengers as her guests and then sent them on by  
another road? As the lifeless body is dead, so faith  
without actions is dead.

(2.18-26; CEB)

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

## THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples went into the villages near Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

They told him, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others one of the prophets.”

He asked them, “And what about you? Who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” Jesus ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples: “The Human One must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the legal experts, and be killed, and then, after three days, rise from the dead.” He said this plainly. But Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him. Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, then sternly corrected Peter:

“Get behind me, Satan. You are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

After calling the crowd together with his disciples, Jesus said to them, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me and because of the good news will save them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? Whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this unfaithful and sinful generation, the Human One will be ashamed of that person when he comes in the Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

(8.27-38; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## NOTES AND NEWS

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

### ***Eucharist***

On Thursdays, do tune in to the parish Facebook page at 5:30pm for a service of the Eucharist. Do join in to pray and worship with us. You can watch live or later on our Facebook page, as well as afterwards via our parish website.

In the readings and psalm at this service in coming weeks, we will remember the experience of exile and the sense scripture makes of it, as we continue to be, in a sense, ‘exiled’ from gathering together.

Know that our prayer continues: may the Saviour bring us with all our absent brothers and sisters, to feast again at the one altar-table, ‘on earth as in heaven...’ Why not include this prayer in your own private devotions in the coming week?

### ***Photos for Worship***

As mentioned on our Sunday Zoom service, we are on the look out for photos of the local environment to be the backdrop of our slides on Zoom.

If you have a nice photo from your corner of the parish—or an interested in taking one!—then please do send it through to Chris.

### ***Youth Group***

Youth Group will meet via Zoom on Friday at 5pm. Chris and Katie look forward to catching up with y’all as another week reaches its conclusion.

### ***The Melbourne Anglican***

The September issue of TMA is out now: printed copies can be picked up from the shelves outside the parish office, and it is also available online at <http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/this-months-tma>

### ***Looking ahead: dates for the diary***

**3 October** (NB date change) Blessing of Animals: 4-5pm on Zoom

**31 October** Annual Parish Meeting

### **Readings for next Sunday: 19th September (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Proverbs 31.10-31; Psalm 1; James 3.1-12; Mark 9.30-37

*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 renewed efforts to counter corruption in government and society.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the church in Ghana & Nigeria. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* The Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (Bp Mark Short, Asst Bps Stephen Pickard, Carol Wagner, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Parish of Ferntree Gully and Rowville (Luke Pedersen, Hilton Jordan).

Our parish & community: For those separated from loved ones, near and far.

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Common Grace—advocacy and prayer for reconciliation and for the ecosystem of this land.

Those with particular needs at this time: Kay, Vicky, Tania, Nancy, Joyce, Vivienne, Tom, Belle, Sam.

### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Tom (Harry) Marshall (13), Elsie Oatway (13), Joshua McAnda (17), Boris Camilleri (17), Dulcie Shaw (18), Keith Little (18).

*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.*

*You can also contact one of the clergy by email or phone, for prayers to be included when we gather for Morning and Evening Prayer on Zoom.*



## 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 12th September

#### Feast of St Eanswythe

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

### Monday 13th

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

### Tuesday 14th

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

### Wednesday 15th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

5:30pm Evening Prayer, streamed on Facebook

### Thursday 16th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist, streamed on Facebook

### Friday 17th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom  
5:00pm Youth Group, on Zoom

### Sunday 19th September

#### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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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 #.)