



# 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 October 2021 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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,

It's only a little over a month ago that our news was dominated by the situation in Afghanistan, with countless people seeking to flee to safety outside the reach of the incoming Taliban regime. The news cycle has now largely moved on to focus on other things, mainly to do with COVID-19 here in Victoria and Australia, but the situation in Afghanistan remain bleak for many: some of the retribution and oppression which many feared, is apparently now coming to pass.

During last month a remarkably wide coalition of Australian churches and Christian groups issued a call to the Australian government, to respond to this crisis in four particular ways, reflecting Gospel values of hospitality, care and compassion:

- ◇ **welcome** refugees from Afghanistan
- ◇ **protect** people from Afghanistan in Australia
- ◇ **reunite** refugee families
- ◇ **support** through humanitarian aid

There are more details at [www.unitedforafghanistan.com](http://www.unitedforafghanistan.com)

At our last Parish Council meeting, we agreed to sign this petition as a parish—you can see that we are listed there on the above website, alongside many other churches from across the country. The petition is also open to individuals to sign, and so we encourage you to add your personal voice to this call—you can do this at the same website above.

Parish Council also discussed the roadmap for the coming months as we emerge from the current lockdown. At present, worship in churches is one of many activities which will be able to resume around the first week of November, depending on levels of vaccination in the wider community. Other measures including masks, checking in and social distancing will still be with us for a while yet; and as is the case for various other venues, there will be some activities for which participants need to have proof of double vaccination. So life is not going to become simpler quite yet, but we can certainly look forward to seeing each other again in person!

Grace and peace to you all,  
Chris

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

### THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

O God, your Son has taught us that we must receive your sovereign rule like a little child: help us to turn to you in faith and simplicity of heart, so that we may receive your blessing, and enter the kingdom your Son has promised; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job

A man in the land of Uz was named Job. That man was honest, a person of absolute integrity; he feared God and avoided evil.

[...]

One day the divine beings came to present themselves before the LORD. The Adversary also came among them to present himself before the LORD. The LORD said to the Adversary, "Where have you come from?"

The Adversary answered the LORD, "From wandering throughout the earth."

The LORD said to the Adversary, "Have you thought about my servant Job, for there is no one like him on earth, a man who is honest, who is of absolute integrity, who reveres God and avoids evil? He still holds on to his integrity, even though you incited me to ruin him for no reason."

The Adversary responded to the LORD, "Skin for skin—people will give up everything they have in exchange for their lives. But stretch out your hand and strike his bones and flesh. Then he will definitely curse you to your face."

The LORD answered the Adversary, "There he is—within your power; only preserve his life."

The Adversary departed from the LORD's presence and struck Job with severe sores from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. Job took a piece of broken pottery to scratch himself and sat down on a mound of ashes.

Job's wife said to him, "Are you still clinging to your integrity? Curse God, and die."

Job said to her, "You're talking like a foolish woman. Will we receive good from God but not also receive bad?" In all this, Job didn't sin with his lips.

(1.1, 2.1-10; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity: I have trusted in the Lord and not wavered.

**Put me to the test, O Lord, and prove me: try my mind and my heart.**

For your steadfast love has been ever before my eyes: and I have walked in your truth.

**I have not sat with deceivers: nor consorted with the hypocrites;**

I hate the assembly of the wicked: I will not sit with the ungodly.

**I wash my hands in innocence, O Lord: that I may go about your altar,**

And lift up the voice of thanksgiving: to tell of all your marvellous works.

**Lord, I love the house of your habitation: and the place where your glory dwells.**

Do not sweep me away with sinners: nor my life with those that thirst for blood,

**In whose hand is abomination: and their right hand is full of bribes.**

As for me, I walk in my integrity: O ransom me and be favourable toward me.

**My foot stands on an even path: I will bless the Lord in the great congregation.**

(26)

### SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In the past, God spoke through the prophets to our ancestors in many times and many ways. In these final days, though, he spoke to us through a Son. God made his Son the heir of everything and created the world through him. The Son is the light of God's glory and the imprint of God's being. He maintains everything with his powerful message. After he carried out the cleansing of people from their sins, he sat down at the right side of the highest majesty. And the Son became so much greater than the other messengers, such as angels, that he received a more important title than theirs.

[...]

God didn't put the world that is coming (the world we are talking about) under the angels' control. Instead, someone declared somewhere,

*What is humanity that you think about them?*

*Or what is the human being that you care about them?*

*For a while you made them lower than angels.*

*You crowned the human being with glory and honour.*

*You put everything under their control.*

When he puts everything under their control, he doesn't leave anything out of control. But right now, we don't see everything under their control yet. However, we do see the one who was made lower in order than the angels for a little while—it's Jesus! He's the one who is now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of his death. He suffered death so that he could taste death for everyone through God's grace.

It was appropriate for God, for whom and through whom everything exists, to use experiences of suffering to make perfect the pioneer of salvation. This salvation belongs to many sons and daughters whom he's leading to glory. This is because the one who makes people holy and the people who are being made holy all come from one source. That is why Jesus isn't ashamed to call them brothers and sisters when he says,

*I will publicly announce your name to my brothers and sisters.*

*I will praise you in the middle of the assembly.*

(1.1-4, 2.5-12; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

Jesus left that place and went beyond the Jordan and into the region of Judea. Crowds gathered around him again and, as usual, he taught them.

[...]

People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them.

When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, “Allow the children to come to me. Don’t forbid them, because God’s kingdom belongs to people like these children. I assure you that whoever doesn’t welcome God’s kingdom like a child will never enter it.”

Then he hugged the children and blessed them.

(10.13-16; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## NOTES AND NEWS

### ***Blessing of Animals— This Afternoon!***

Today at 4pm there will be a service to mark Saint Francis’ Day: a time of children’s song, a dramatic rendition of the story of Saint Francis and the wolf of Dubbio, and a blessing of animals! Tune in for this service, a time to laugh, sing and revive our spirits in the presence of our Lord.

Check out our [website](#) or parish Facebook page to register, and please invite others too! (Note that this service has its own unique Zoom link, which you will receive as soon as you register.)

### ***Guest Preacher***

Next Sunday Nils von Kalm from Anglican Overseas Aid will be joining us on Zoom, to break open the Word with us and share about the work of AOA (which our parish supports through our mission giving). You find more details on their website at [anglicanoverseasaid.org.au](http://anglicanoverseasaid.org.au)

### ***In memoriam***

Our love and prayers go to Sandra Hansen, Christopher and all their family as they grieve for Sandra’s mother Jean Glanville, who died this week at St George’s nursing home. Her funeral service will be on Friday 8 October, live streamed at [www.nelsonbros.com.au](http://www.nelsonbros.com.au) (click “Upcoming funerals”).

### ***Lectionaries and Calendars***

It is time once again to place your orders for next year’s Australian Anglican lectionaries and calendars. Do consider buying extra calendars as gifts! You can order using the [online form](#) or by contacting the parish office.

### ***Annual Parish Meeting***

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 31 October, and as last year we will need to use Zoom. Please don’t hesitate to contact the vicar or one of the wardens if you are keen to join in but unable to use Zoom.

- The parish electoral roll will soon be updated in preparation for the meeting. If you wish to join the electoral roll and intend to participate in the meeting, please complete the form available [online](#) or from the office.
- Documents relating to the Annual Meeting will be added to [this page](#) on our website over coming weeks. In particular, you can find there a notice of a proposed change to the size of our Parish Council, and also the nomination form for Churchwardens, members of Parish Council, and members of Incumbency Committee.
- Please send **reports for the Annual Meeting** to [parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au) by Monday 11 October.

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

**31 October**

Annual Parish Meeting: 10:30am on Zoom

**7 November**

All Souls’ service: 5pm at St Eanswythe’s (subject to restrictions) and live streamed

**Readings for next Sunday: 10th October (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)**

Job 23.1-9, 23.16-17; Psalm 22.1-15; Hebrews 4.12-16; Mark 10.17-31

## For our prayers:

The world and nation: For renewed commitment to carbon emissions reduction, and for those already living with the effects of global warming.

### The Church:

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Mission Agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Holy Trinity Anglican Church Hastings (Tim Anderson).

Our parish & community: For medical staff working in hospitals, clinics, and COVID testing and vaccination centres.

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglicare Victoria – for

prison chaplaincy ministry across the state.

Those with particular needs at this time: Nancy, Joyce, Vivienne, Jim, Cathy, Nalani.

### The communion of saints:

*Those who have died recently:* Br Daniel Matthews SSF, Jack Smith, Jean Glanville, Mabel Wilkins.

*Year's mind:* Ken Porter (3), Ronald Richards (4), Barbara Smith (6), William Court (6), Neil Brown (7).

*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 3rd October

#### Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom  
4pm St Francis service, on Zoom

### Monday 4th

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

### Tuesday 5th

9am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
5:30pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom  
7:30pm Reflective Bible study, on Zoom

### Wednesday 6th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom  
5:30pm Evening Prayer, streamed on Facebook  
7:00 pm Point Cook Small Group, on Zoom

### Thursday 7th

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

### Friday 8th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom  
5pm Youth group, on Zoom

### Sunday 10th October

#### Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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