



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*

10th October 2021 TWENTIETH 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,

As has been announced for some time, our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday 31st October, at 10:30am on Zoom. Obviously it would be preferable to be gathering in person, but as we discovered last year, it is reasonably possible on Zoom for everyone to participate and for us to achieve what is necessary! Please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the churchwardens if you are concerned about how to take part.

As always, this is a time for each of us to be considering who might be nominated to serve on Parish Council, as churchwardens, and as members of the Incumbency Committee.

For churchwardens and members of Parish Council, we are looking for people who are:

- Committed to the life and flourishing of our parish
- Willing to work with others in discerning the leading of the Holy Spirit
- Seeking to grow in faith and understanding
- Able to attend a monthly meeting (on Zoom) as well as working proactively with others on particular projects

Could this be you? Or is there someone you would like to nominate? Please do give some thought and prayer to this question, as it is the responsibility of the whole parish to elect a Parish Council that is well equipped to do its work. If you have any sense that this might be you, please feel free to talk further with any current member of Parish Council or with me. Nomination forms are available now on the parish website.

Talking of church governance and annual meetings, this week is our diocesan Synod—in a sense the “annual meeting” of the whole diocese. Some months ago a decision was made to hold this meeting online—with around 600 participants, this is a considerably more challenging undertaking than our parish meeting! Quite apart from the technological aspects, there are—as always—matters of substance and significance to be discussed, including a long-overdue revision of the process for electing an archbishop. So please do pray for these Synod meetings, and for our parish Synod representatives Sandra Hansen and Anna Watts, who will be participating along with Rev'd Kathryn and myself.

With my prayers for the flourishing of our parish and diocese, Chris

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

Almighty God, in your wisdom you have so ordered our earthly life that we must walk by faith and not by sight: give us such trust in your fatherly care that in the face of all perplexities we may give proof of our faith by the courage of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job

Job answered:

Today my complaint is again bitter;
my strength is weighed down because of my
groaning.

Oh, that I could know how to find him—
come to his dwelling place;

I would lay out my case before him,
fill my mouth with arguments,
know the words with which he would answer,
understand what he would say to me.

Would he contend with me through brute force?
No, he would surely listen to me.

There those who do the right thing can argue with
him;

I could escape from my judge forever.

Look, I go east; he's not there,
west, and don't discover him;
north in his activity, and I don't grasp him;
he turns south, and I don't see.

[...]

God has weakened my mind;
the Almighty has frightened me.
Still I'm not annihilated by darkness;
he has hidden deep darkness from me.

(23.1-9, 16-17; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me: why are
you so far from helping me, and from the words of my
groaning?

**My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer:
and by night also I take no rest.**

But you continue holy: you that are the praise of Israel.
**In you our forebears trusted: they trusted, and you
delivered them;**

To you they cried and they were saved: they put their
trust in you and were not confounded.

**But as for me, I am a worm and no man: the scorn
of all and despised by the people.**

Those that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out
their lips at me and wag their heads, saying,

**'He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him: let
him deliver him, if he delights in him.'**

But you are he that took me out of the womb: that
brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.

**On you have I been cast since my birth: you are my
God, even from my mother's womb.**

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there
is none to help.

**Many oxen surround me: fat bulls of Bashan close
me in on every side.**

They gape wide their mouths at me: like lions that roar
and rend.

**I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out
of joint: my heart within my breast is like melting
wax.**

My mouth is dried up like a potsherd: and my tongue
clings to my gums.

(22.1-15)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

God's word is living, active, and sharper than any
two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it
separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the
marrow. It's able to judge the heart's thoughts and
intentions. No creature is hidden from it, but rather
everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one
to whom we have to give an answer.

Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a
great high priest who passed through the heavens, who
is Jesus, God's Son; because we don't have a high
priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but
instead one who was tempted in every way that we are,
except without sin.

Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favour with
confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace
when we need help.

(4.12-16; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

As Jesus continued down the road, a man ran up,
knelt before him, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must
I do to obtain eternal life?"

Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good? No one is
good except the one God. You know the
commandments: *Don't commit murder. Don't commit
adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony.* Don't
cheat. *Honour your father and mother.*"

"Teacher," he responded, "I've kept all of these
things since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him carefully and loved him. He
said, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you
own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will
have treasure in heaven. And come, follow me." But the
man was dismayed at this statement and went away
saddened, because he had many possessions.

Looking around, Jesus said to his disciples, "It will
be very hard for the wealthy to enter God's kingdom!"
His words startled the disciples, so Jesus told them
again, "Children, it's difficult to enter God's kingdom!
It's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a
needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom."

They were shocked even more and said to each other, “Then who can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them carefully and said, “It’s impossible with human beings, but not with God. All things are possible for God.”

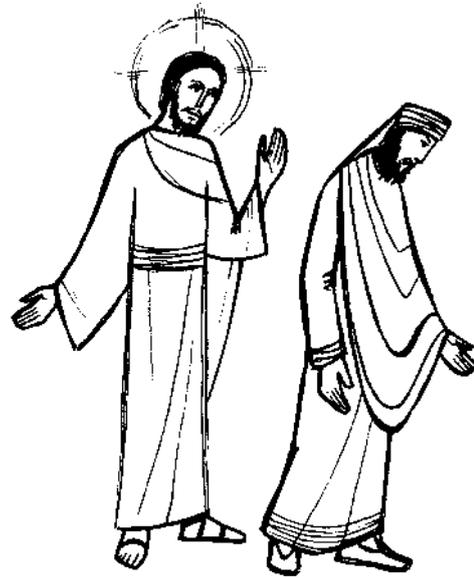
Peter said to him, “Look, we’ve left everything and followed you.”

Jesus said, “I assure you that anyone who has left house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or farms because of me and because of the good news will receive one hundred times as much now in this life—houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and farms (with harassment)—and in the coming age, eternal life. But many who are first will be last. And many who are last will be first.”

(10.17-31; 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

Blessing of Animals!

Last Sunday afternoon we marked Saint Francis’ Day with some online festivities and a blessing of animals! Thanks to all who joined in on Zoom and introduced us to a great variety of furry and feathered friends.

Welcome

To Nils von Kalm from Anglican Overseas Aid, who joins us as guest preacher today. Our parish supports AOA through our mission giving: you can find more details on their website at anglicanoverseasaid.org.au

Ordination of priests

Archbishop Philip has indicated his intention to ordain our assistant curate, the Rev’d Kathryn Bellhouse, to the office of priest, on Saturday 27 November (exact arrangements to be confirmed depending on restrictions). This will be a wonderful and significant moment in her ministry—our congratulations and prayers are with you, Kathryn!

As a parish we will be making a presentation to Rev’d Kathryn on this occasion, and you are invited to contribute generously towards this gift. Contributions can be made by direct deposit, with the reference “ordination gift”.

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 is about to 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, and return it by Wednesday 13 October.
- 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 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: 17th October (Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

Job 38.1-7; Psalm 104.1-10, 26; Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45

For our prayers:

The world and nation: For all those suffering from COVID-19, especially where vaccines have yet to be widely distributed.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the church in Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Bathurst (Bp Mark Calder, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; St Paul's, Inverleigh w. St John's, Bannockburn and Church of the Epiphany, Meredith (Tim Smith). For our diocesan Synod meeting, this week.

Our parish & community: For those looking for work and those looking for housing.

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglican Overseas Aid: for partnerships with the Anglican Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

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

The communion of saints:

Those who have died recently: Nancy Winder.

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
- ⇒ Visit 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

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

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This week in our parish:

Sunday 10th October

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday 11th

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

Tuesday 12th

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

Wednesday 13th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

5:30pm Evening Prayer, streamed on Facebook

7:00 pm Point Cook Small Group, on Zoom

Thursday 14th

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

Friday 15th

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

Sunday 17th October

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

8am Morning Prayer, streamed on Facebook
9:30am Service of Scripture and Prayer, on Zoom
7pm Parish Council, on Zoom

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Services on Zoom can be accessed at zoom.us/j/9726172254 (passcode 93981005)

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