



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*

17th October 2021 TWENTY-FIRST 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 COVID restrictions ease in coming weeks, 'hospitality venues' are among those that will begin to reopen. We too can look forward to reopening our church buildings... but I wonder how much we imagine these to be places of *hospitality*? How might we experience and share the hospitality of God in the life of our parish?

Over the last three years, we've been part of the diocesan Parish Renewal Program, and this has included a number of workshops with other parishes, helping us to think about how we reach out to people and offer a pathway towards Christian faith and belonging. The next one of these workshops, on Saturday 13 November, is on the topic of hospitality – and because this is so important to each of our ministries and activities, it will be open to others to join (in addition to our ongoing Mission Action Team).

Re-opening our church doors after this long lockdown is probably a very appropriate time to be exploring the topic of hospitality. As we prepare to resume some services and activities, how might we refresh and renew our practices of hospitality? How can we offer the kind of welcome and care that will make people feel valued and loved, pointing to the God who values and loves us all? What do we do well? Where can we learn and do better?



Please do let me know if you would like to join our Mission Action Team for this workshop with people from other parishes on 13 November. It runs from 10am to 2:30pm, at St Aidan's Church in Parkdale – so some travel time needs to be factored in too!

Meanwhile, our long-awaited reopening is drawing steadily closer. It looks like by early November we should be able to hold in-person services once again, perhaps with some small outdoor services in the week or two prior to that. There will of course still be various COVID-related restrictions and requirements, which we will seek to implement while still being hospitable to each other and to all who may join us! It will be such a blessing to gather together once again.

With my prayers for each of you,
Chris

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

God of unchangeable power, when the heaven and earth were made, the morning stars sang together, and the host of heaven shouted for joy: open our eyes to the wonders of creation, and teach us to use all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Job

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
Who is this darkening counsel
with words lacking knowledge?
Prepare yourself like a man;
I will interrogate you, and you will respond to me.
Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations?
Tell me if you know.
Who set its measurements? Surely you know.
Who stretched a measuring tape on it?
On what were its footings sunk;
who laid its cornerstone,
while the morning stars sang in unison
and all the divine beings shouted?
Can you issue an order to the clouds
so their abundant waters cover you?
Can you send lightning so that it goes
and then says to you, "I'm here"?
Who put wisdom in remote places,
or who gave understanding to a rooster?
Who is wise enough to count the clouds,
and who can tilt heaven's water containers
so that dust becomes mud
and clods of dirt adhere?
Can you hunt prey for the lion
or fill the cravings of lion cubs?
They lie in their den,
lie in ambush in their lair.
Who provides food for the raven
when its young cry to God,
and move about without food?

(38.1-7, 34-41; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, how great you are!

Clothed with majesty and honour: wrapped in light as in a garment.

You have stretched out the heavens like a tent-cloth:
and laid the beams of your dwelling upon their waters;

You make the clouds your chariot: and ride upon the winds of the wind;

You make the winds your messengers: and flames of fire your ministers;

You have set the earth on its foundations: so that it shall never be moved.

The deep covered it as with a mantle: the waters stood above the hills.

At your rebuke they fled: at the voice of your thunder they hurried away;

They went up to the mountains, they went down by the valleys: to the place which you had appointed for them.

You fixed a limit which they may not pass: they shall not return again to cover the earth.

Lord, how various are your works: in wisdom you have made them all, and the earth is full of your creatures.

(104.1-10, 26)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest is taken from the people and put in charge of things that relate to God for their sake, in order to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. The high priest is able to deal gently with the ignorant and those who are misled since he himself is prone to weakness. Because of his weakness, he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for the people. No one takes this honour for themselves but takes it only when they are called by God, just like Aaron.

In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

You are my Son.

Today I have become your Father,

as he also says in another place,

You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek.

During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

(5.1-10; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came to Jesus and said, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They said, "Allow one of us to sit on your right and the other on your left when you enter your glory."

Jesus replied, "You don't know what you're asking! Can you drink the cup I drink or receive the baptism I receive?"

"We can," they answered.

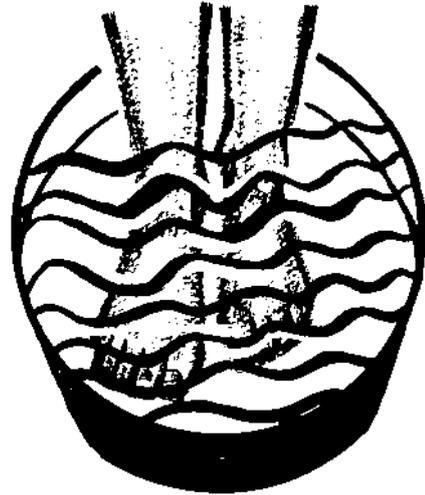
Jesus said, “You will drink the cup I drink and receive the baptism I receive, but to sit at my right or left hand isn’t mine to give. It belongs to those for whom it has been prepared.”

Now when the other ten disciples heard about this, they became angry with James and John. Jesus called them over and said, “You know that the ones who are considered the rulers by 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 the slave of all, for the Human One didn’t come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people.”

(10.35-45; 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

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”.

Youth group

Youth group meets this Friday evening, 5pm on Zoom. Still no pizza to share, unfortunately—but it will be good to be together online! Anyone in years 5-12 is welcome to join—contact Rev’d Kathryn for more details.

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. (NB Today—Sunday 17th—is the last day for orders through the parish.)

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.

- Documents relating to the Annual Meeting are steadily being added to [this page](#) on our website. 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.
- Apologies for the Annual Meeting should be conveyed by email to parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au or by phone to the parish office.

Looking ahead: dates for the diary

31 October

Annual Parish Meeting: 10:30am on Zoom

7 November

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

Readings for next Sunday: 24th October (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

Job 42.1-6, 10-17; Ps 34.1-8; Hebrews 7.21-28; Mark 10.46-52

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 peace and justice in Afghanistan, especially for persecuted minority groups.

The Church:

World Council of Churches: For the church in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; All Saints' Kooyong (Kuncoro Rusman, Lachlan Thompson).

Our parish & community: For school students and staff as some on-site classes resume.

Agencies supported by our parish: Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

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

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Sidney Jones (7), Amy Lambert (18), Winifred Sculley (18), Alma Thornton (18), Myra Hawthorne (20), Eric Starbrook (21), Marion Petersen (21), Melva Hansen (22), Shane Barnes (23).

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 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

Monday 18th

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

Tuesday 19th

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

Wednesday 20th

9am Morning Prayer, on Zoom

5:30pm Evening Prayer, streamed on Facebook

7:00 pm Point Cook Small Group, on Zoom

Thursday 21st

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

Friday 22nd

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

Sunday 24th October

Twenty-Second 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

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 #.)