

# ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona  
St Clement's Altona Meadows  
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

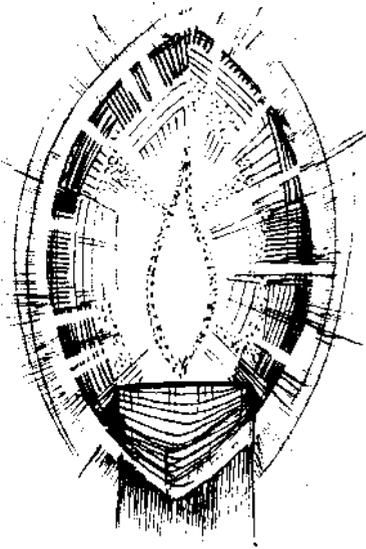


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:  
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

## 5th December 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

*Wominjeka :: Haere mai*  
*Welcome*



A warm welcome to our worship today, especially if you are with us for the first time or visiting from elsewhere.

This booklet contains the full order of service: please join in the parts printed in bold type.

During these times we are all asked to take responsibility for COVID-safe precautions:

- ◆ If you have any symptoms of illness, you should be remaining at home.
- ◆ Please use hand sanitiser on arriving and leaving, check in by the QR system, and maintain physical distancing where possible.
- ◆ Masks need to be worn at services where proof of vaccination is not required.

*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).*

## ADVENT

The season of Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas) is a time of preparation and prayer. It is a wilderness time, perhaps best represented by the figure of John the Baptist who announced the coming of the Holy One, and who called upon God's people to repent. As Christmas draws closer, our attention is also drawn to Mary, who followed God's call to a vital role in the Word becoming flesh.

There are two horizons to the waiting and longing which are characteristic of Advent (which simply means 'coming'). Most obviously, we look towards Christmas and the coming of the Christ Child at Bethlehem. But we also look towards Jesus' future coming in glory, the time when all things will be gathered into God's kingdom of love, justice and peace.

The liturgical colour of Advent is purple, reflecting the note of expectancy. We are invited to a deeper awareness of our dependence on God for the healing and redemption of all nations and the whole creation. The fundamental Advent prayer is expressed in the Aramaic word *Maranatha* — 'Our Lord, come'.

The tradition of lighting candles on an Advent wreath, week by week, originated in northern Europe in the nineteenth century and has been widely adopted by Christian churches around the world. In the northern hemisphere, Advent falls at the darkest time of year and so the symbolism of light in darkness has a particular resonance. In Australia, the season of Advent leads us towards the longest, brightest days of the year, a different but equally powerful image.

Lord Jesus, come!

As the days grow longer  
and the sun's heat increases,  
increase our faith,  
and bring us to worship you  
by your cradle,  
at your cross,  
in your resurrection,  
and at your glorious coming again  
with judgement and with mercy. Amen.

*(Prayer from  
Anglican Church of Australia Liturgical Commission)*

# Gathering in God's name

*We meet in God's name, as God's people – children of God in all our rich diversity, with all that we carry from the complexity of our lives.*

*We turn to God in praise and prayer; this includes recalling all that has separated us from God, and claiming the love and forgiveness that is always held out to us.*

*The Collect then 'collects' these prayers and turns our attention towards the Bible readings which will follow.*

HYMN 270 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
*(at 8:45 and 10:30: the red hymn book Together in Song is found in the pew in front of you)*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND PREPARATION

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Heavenly Father, you call us to repent of our sins:  
soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God:  
teach us to forgive one another.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth:  
direct us in your way of righteousness.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest says*

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The second candle is lit on the Advent wreath.*

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

God of our salvation,  
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts  
and smooth the paths made rough by sin:  
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,  
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.  
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose Day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## Opening the Scriptures

*The readings come from different parts of the Bible: different perspectives on the great story of God's presence and purpose among us. In the psalm we respond with the ancient words of prayer of God's people.*

*The sermon adds to our own reflections on the readings, and then we respond by affirming the faith as handed to us from previous generations.*

*We bring our prayers for the world and the Church, trusting that all things and all people are in God's hands.*

*At the greeting of peace, we recognise that God's gift of peace constantly renews our human relationships and forms us as the Body of Christ.*

### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me;  
suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple.  
The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight is coming,  
says the LORD of heavenly forces.  
Who can endure the day of his coming?  
Who can withstand his appearance?  
He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap.  
He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver.  
He will purify the Levites  
and refine them like gold and silver.  
They will belong to the LORD,  
presenting a righteous offering.  
The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD  
as in ancient days and in former years.

(3.1-4; CEB)

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

FOR THE PSALM: ZECHARIAH'S SONG

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel: you have come to your people and set them free.

**You have raised up for us a mighty Saviour: born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old: to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us,

**To show mercy to our forebears: and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**Free to worship you without fear: holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High: for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**To give God's people knowledge of salvation: by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God: the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness, and the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

(Luke 1.68-79)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

From Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus.

To all those in Philippi who are God's people in Christ Jesus, along with your supervisors and servants.

May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defence and support of the gospel. God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and blameless on the day of Christ. I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

(1.1-11; CEB)

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 271 The advent of our God  
(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In the fifteenth year of the rule of the emperor Tiberius—when Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea and Herod was ruler over Galilee, his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was ruler over Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—God’s word came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. John went throughout the region of the Jordan River, calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

*A voice crying out in the wilderness:*

*“Prepare the way for the Lord;  
make his paths straight.*

*Every valley will be filled,  
and every mountain and hill will be levelled.*

*The crooked will be made straight  
and the rough places made smooth.*

*All humanity will see God’s salvation.”*

(3.1-6; CEB)

For the Gospel of the Lord:

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON



## NICENE CREED

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

*The response to the prayers is*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with our Parish Prayer*

**God of this ancient land,  
holy beyond time and place,  
you search us out  
and name us your beloved children.  
Work in us to fulfil your longing  
and compassion for every person.  
Send your Spirit to renew our life,  
and give us courage  
to rise and follow where Jesus calls. Amen.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Everyone is invited to turn to those around, and offer a greeting of peace from where you stand.*

*Offerings of money or groceries can be placed in the basket/box provided.*



# Celebrating at the Lord's table

*Our offerings of money and groceries remind us that we are called to participate with our lives and livelihoods in the coming of God's kingdom of justice, healing and peace.*

*In the Great Thanksgiving, the priest voices the prayer of the whole assembly, recalling the mighty acts of God, Jesus' saving death and resurrection, and his last meal with his friends. The prayer calls on the Holy Spirit to make Christ present in our sharing of bread and wine, and to remake us as Christ's body in the world. We respond with the Lord's Prayer, as the crucified and risen Jesus prays anew through us.*

*Our sharing is a gift of grace, a communion with Jesus and with each other. There is a place here for each and every person.*

HYMN 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky  
(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour,  
and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The priest prays on behalf of all, praising God for God's mighty acts. All respond:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Last Supper is recalled, including Jesus' command to continue sharing bread and wine: in memory of him, and proclaiming his death and resurrection. All respond:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer calls on God's blessing and looks to the fulfilling of all things within the goodness of God. All join in affirming:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom  
in the words that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*The priest breaks the bread and says*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
**for we all share in the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in  
remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with  
thanksgiving.

This is the Lord's table. All who seek God's mercy are welcome.

*Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing: please come forward as indicated and stand at one of the places marked in white. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion, please indicate when the minister comes to you.*

*While communion is being shared, we sing:*

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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# Going into the world

*The Eucharist is food for the journey of faith, whatever awaits us as we go out to the rest of our lives. We have been renewed, transformed, and blessed: now we take that blessing to share with others, in our words and actions, our hearts and lives.*

*'The Eucharist never ends – it must be lived.'*

## NOTICES

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God for whom we wait,  
we thank you that you have fed us  
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.  
As we joyfully await your Son,  
keep us ever watchful  
that we may be ready to stand before him  
on the day of his coming.

**Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

## BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**HYMN 265** O come, O come Emmanuel  
*(at 8:45 and 10:30, found in the red hymn book Together in Song;  
the final two verses of this hymn are sung unaccompanied)*

## DISMISSAL

As we await our coming Saviour,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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# WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEEK

Praying together and at home

## READINGS

*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?*

## Readings for midweek Eucharists: 8th & 9th December

Isaiah 11.1-5; Psalm 97; John 3.16-21

## Readings for next Sunday: 12th December (Third Sunday of Advent)

Zephaniah 3.14-20a; Song of Isaiah; Philippians 4.4-7; Luke 3.7-18

## DAILY PRAYER

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are shared at Eanswythe's through the week: see the back page for times this week.

### For our prayers:

The world and nation: For those who are waiting for access to COVID vaccination.

#### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:* For the Church in Myanmar and Thailand. For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

*Anglican Church of Australia:* Theological colleges, church schools & church kindergartens.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* Archbishop Philip and Bishop Kate; Church of the Ascension, Springvale (Inpa Eliezer).

#### Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Board of Mission— supporting First Nations' ministry and education.

Our parish & community: For those waiting for the opportunity to travel to loved ones.

For those weighed down by stress and exhaustion.

*Preparing for baptism:* Spencer Hospet.

#### Those with particular needs at this time:

Vivienne, Nalani, Sash.

#### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Marjorie Sculley (6), George Grant (7), William Grant (7), Emma Bingley (10), Jessie Grant (11).

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

*If you have a prayer request to be included as we gather regularly for prayer throughout the week, please find the prayer box near the church entrance and fill out a card, or contact one of the clergy.*



# SHARING THE PATH OF FAITH

reflections from the clergy and our parish community

Dear friends,

One of the riches of our liturgical tradition is that we share in words and patterns which have been used for Christian worship over many centuries. Many of these are connected to particular seasons in the church's year, a pattern which itself dates back to the earliest days of Christianity (and indeed back into its Jewish origins—so for example Pentecost is a Jewish feast, and the date of Easter is closely related to the date of Passover).

By the eighth century, it was an established Advent tradition in the seven days before Christmas to sing the "O Antiphons": a set of seven texts, all beginning "O ...", which address the promised one of God in phrases and images drawn from the Hebrew scriptures:

*O Wisdom*

*O Adonai* (one of the Hebrew titles for God)

*O Root of Jesse*

*O Key of David*

*O Morning Star*

*O King of the nations*

*O Emmanuel* (Hebrew for "God with us")

These texts are best known to many English-speaking Christians in the hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*, which is a translation from Latin of five of the verses.

As we sing this hymn on each Sunday of Advent, we worship and wait for God in company with saints from the last thousand years and more, who have also worshipped and waited with these words. Indeed, we worship and wait with God's ancient people of Israel—as they endured slavery, invasion, exile, imperial occupation and other sufferings, they continued to trust in the God who would come to make all things new.

Like every part of our liturgical year, Advent is more than just a set of distinctive traditions and habits, however striking and evocative they may be. The purpose of these traditions and habits is to change us, to shape us and form us as people of faith and followers of Jesus. Advent invites to a deep, visceral longing for the coming of Christ, and for the renewal of all things as God's peace and justice (*shalom*) come to govern all people and the whole creation.

So how will this Advent season change us? In what area or direction will we be led to a deeper longing for the coming of Jesus, so that this longing might find expression in our praying and our living?

With Advent blessings, Chris

# NOTES AND NEWS

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

## ***Service arrangements in Advent***

During Advent, Sunday morning services at each centre are alternating between vaccinated only and open to all, as we seek to be intentional in welcoming all who may wish to share in our worship.

*At services where vaccination is required*, those over 12 will be asked to show this proof when arriving. Masks are not required (although still recommended eg when less than 1.5m from others), and we can freely share refreshments.

*At services that are open to all*, no proof of vaccination is required, and we need to wear masks indoors; also refreshments need to be shared outdoors rather than indoors.

Further details are on the back page. If you've been vaccinated, you are welcome to come to any service - just bring a mask with you in case it's required.

## ***Empty Christmas tree***

Gifts of non perishable food and unwrapped new toys may be placed under the tree at both Churches by Sunday 12th, for distribution before Christmas. Further details from Fred & Alta McAnda (St E) and Sandra Hansen (St C). Thank you.

## ***Ping Pong-a-thon***

*Did you know: there are 40.3 million slaves in the world, more than at any other time in history.* Grace from St Clement's is inviting our support for a ping pong-a-thon, raising funds to support the work of several amazing organisations committed to protecting and caring for young people impacted by modern day slavery. You can sponsor Grace at <https://pingpongathon.com/gracecroft>, or register to come along and play yourself on Sunday 12 December.

**Second Sunday of Advent**



**Bringing Peace to children in Gaza**

The recent bombing of Gaza and the escalation of tensions between Israel and Palestine can make peace feel more distant than ever, especially for children. Through the Christmas Bowl, you are helping our local partner run three health clinics across Gaza. They provide medical care and psychosocial support, including counselling and a place where children can play and feel safe. Your support gives children in Gaza a chance at the childhood they deserve. **Please give today.**

**CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: [actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl](http://actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl)**

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



**Christmas Bowl**

# COME LORD JESUS

## *Praying together in Advent*

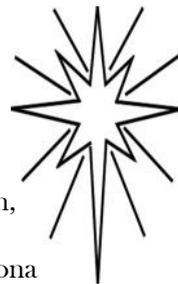
Wednesday evenings in Advent, for half an hour:

**8 December, 7-7:30pm** (v): Trinity Uniting Church, Altona

**15 December, 7-7:30pm** (v): Mary, Help of Christians Catholic Church,  
Altona

**22 December, 7-7:30pm** (o): Salvation Army Hobsons Bay Corps, Altona

(o)=open to all (masks required); (v)=proof of vaccination required



What's more...

## CHRISTMAS WEEK SERVICES

Sun 19th	7:30pm	Service of Lessons and Carols, St Eanswythe's (V)
Tue 21st	6pm	Nativity service for all ages, St Eanswythe's (V)
Fri 24th (Christmas Eve)	5pm	Nativity service for all ages, outdoors at St Clement's—bring a rug or chair (V)
	9pm	Christmas Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)
	11:30pm	Christmas Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (O)
Sat 25th (Christmas Day)	8am	Christmas Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (O)
	9:30am	Christmas Eucharist, St Clement's (V)
Sun 26th (Boxing Day)	9:30am	Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V) (NB There is just one service in the parish for this Sunday.)

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### Keeping in touch...

- ⇒ Please take this pew sheet with you, for your reference and prayers during the week.
- ⇒ If you are or have been away for a Sunday, you can see recent pew sheets on our website at [www.anglicanaltlv.org.au/pew-sheets](http://www.anglicanaltlv.org.au/pew-sheets)
- ⇒ Visit [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlv](http://www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlv) for photos, links, news and 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@anglicanaltlv.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlv.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 [anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving](http://anglicanaltlv.org.au/giving)

Please send all material for the pew sheet to [parish@anglicanaltlv.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlv.org.au)

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The Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse

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## This week in our parish:

### Sunday 5th December

#### Second Sunday of Advent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)  
8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's (V)  
10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (O)

**Tues-Fri:** Op Shop open 10:30am-2:30pm

### Tuesday 7th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
10am Tiddlers playgroup, St Eanswythe's  
7:30pm Reflective Bible study, Vicarage

### Wednesday 8th

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's (O)  
11am Nursing home service, St George's  
5pm Evening Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
7pm Point Cook Small Group  
7pm Advent ecumenical prayers, Trinity  
Uniting Church, Altona (V)

### Thursday 9th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)

### Friday 10th

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Clementines playgroup, St Clement's

### Sunday 12th December

#### Third Sunday of Advent

7:45am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (O)  
8:45am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's (O)  
10:30am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's (V)  
7pm Parish Council, on Zoom

(O)=open to all, masks required

(V)=proof of vaccination required

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:45am St Clement's and 10:30am St Eanswythe's

Groups meeting regularly in the parish:

**Youth Group:** Fridays fortnightly in term time, at St Clement's or online. Contact Rev'd Kathryn Bellhouse.

**Altona Tiddlers Playgroup:** Tuesdays in term time, 10am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993)

**Clementines Playgroup:** Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise (9395 5472)

**Reflective Bible Study:** monthly at the Vicarage, first Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.

**Mothers' Union:** monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661)

**Caritas:** monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)