

# 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 September 2023** **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

8:30am St Clement's :: 10:30am St Eanswythe's  
1:00pm Te Wairua Tapu St Eanswythe's :: 5:00pm St Clement'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.

Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service.

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

*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).*

# 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.*

INTROIT HYMN      233 I will sing the wondrous story  
OPENING HYMN    693 Come as you are (5:00pm)  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

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.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.  
**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ Jesus said: ‘This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

#### PRAISE

To be selected on Sunday (5:00pm)  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

O God,  
you know us to be set in the midst  
of so many and so great dangers  
that by reason of the frailty of our nature  
we cannot always stand upright:  
grant to us such strength and protection  
as may support us in all dangers  
and carry us through all temptations;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Opening the Scriptures

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus (12.1-14)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD . For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the LORD . The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD ; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance .

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

PSALM: (149)

O praise the Lord, and sing to the Lord a new song: O praise him in the assembly of the faithful.

**Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their king.**

Let them praise him in the dance: let them sing his praise with timbrel and with harp.

**For the Lord takes delight in his people: he adorns the meek with his salvation.**

Let his faithful ones exult in his glory: let them sing for joy upon their beds.

**Let the high praises of God be in their mouths: and a two-edged sword in their hands,**

To execute vengeance on the nations: and chastisement upon the peoples,

**To bind their kings in chains: and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

To visit upon them the judgement that is decreed: such honour belongs to all his faithful servants. Praise the Lord.

SUNG RESPONSE To be selected on Sunday (5:00pm)  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (13.1-10)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgement. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due. Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

GRADUAL HYMN 131 Father of heaven, whose love profound  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL:

Alleluia. **Alleluia**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

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

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (18.10-20)

‘Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

For the Gospel of the Lord:

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

SERMON



*where two or  
three are  
gathered in my  
name, I am  
there among  
them*

## NICENE CREED

**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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he 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 prayers may include this or another response:*

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

God has made us one in Christ.  
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN 462 Now we come, our heavenly Father  
To be selected on Sunday (5:00pm)  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;  
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### 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:*

...to proclaim the glory of your name, for ever praising you and saying:  
**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:*

...we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:  
**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, and concludes:*

...all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**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 LORD'S PRAYER

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki, ka inoi tātou

**E tō mātou Matua i te rangi**

**Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.**

**Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.**

**Kia meatia tāu e pai ai**

**ki runga ki te whenua, kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.**

**Hōmai ki a mātou āiane**

**he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.**

**Murua ō mātou hara,**

**Me mātou hoki e muru nei**

**i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.**

**Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;**

**Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:**

**Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te korōria,**

**Āke āke āke. Āmine.**

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

*The priest breaks the bread and says*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus

in the breaking of the bread.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

The bread which we break, alleluia,

is the communion of the body of Christ.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

We are one body, alleluia,

for though many, we share one bread.

**Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Come, let us celebrate the feast. Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

**Alleluia!**

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

*Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing. Children who have been baptised are welcome to share communion. If you would prefer not to share communion but to receive a personal blessing, please indicate when the minister comes to you.*

*While communion is being shared, we sing:*

**God is forgiveness.  
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.  
God is forgiveness.  
Trust and do not fear.**

*Words: Taizé Community*

## **Going into the world**

*The Eucharist offers us a way to be 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.'***

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Giver of life and love,  
we thank you that in this heavenly banquet  
you invigorate and renew us.  
Living in the unity of the Spirit,  
may we boldly use your gifts  
to continue your work in the world.

**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.**

## Notices

**Planned Giving 2024/25:** Pat Baines has decided that this year is her last as co-ordinator of the Planned Giving Programme. We are asking for any interested parishioners to speak to Pat on 9315 7838 or one of the Wardens who would like to take the opportunity to help undertake this important and vital role. You can also email the parish office on [parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au](mailto:parish@anglicanaltlav.org.au).

**Reflective Bible Study for 2023:** First Tuesday of the month for the remainder of the year at St Eanswythe's meeting room at 7.30 pm. Next one is Tuesday 3 October.

**Mothers Union meeting on Thursday 14 September at 11.00 am:** Please bring along your contributions to the Dignity Handbags. This is a project to help women who have had to leave their homes due to domestic violence. Toiletries, shampoo, conditioner brushes combs etc. are required and parishioners who would like to help in this way can speak to Sandra Hansen (St. Clement's) or Beryl Brown (St. Eanswythe's).

**Sunday 17/09/2023 is the date of St Eanswythe's Patronal celebration:** A combined service commencing at 10.30am is being planned. This will be followed by a chicken and champagne brunch! We shall put a plan up at St Eanswythe's and St Clement's so people can nominate to bring either a desert or a salad or both! Or let Dave Thompson know. To assist in the brunch luncheon on 17 September, there will be a few people gathering to set up tables on Saturday 16 September. Can you help?

**B.C.A Boxes:** Beryl Brown will be collecting and clearing B.C.A boxes during September

**Annual Parish Meeting:** The 22/10/2023 is the date set for the Annual Parish Meeting (previously: A.G.M.) Halleluia! This will follow a combined service at St Clement's. The time to start is 9.30am. More info to follow! Start getting those reports ready!

**Sunday 26/11/2023 we are celebrating St Clement's Patronal celebration:** This will be a combined service at St Clement's commencing at 9.30am. More info to follow.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 147 To God be the glory, great things he has done

CLOSING HYMN 665 Jesus Christ is waiting Vs 1,4 & 5 (5:00pm)

*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

### BLESSING AND SENDING OUT

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever you may be; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## *A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson*

Issues of trust and the joy that trust can bring are at the heart of today's readings! Whom can I trust is quite a common quest in today's world. For the Christian community we now ask how the faithfulness of the person who elicits trust may differ from maybe someone else and we wonder how can the difference be recognised? For the people in our Exodus account Yahweh, God is the one the people can trust because God defends those who seek God's shelter. In the end the people stand liberated not just from Pharaoh and his brickworks, but from false gods as well: they stand liberated from false loyalties and allegiances as their allegiance is to God alone. This is lived out in the community as they recognised God above all. Paul goes to some lengths to address the tensions that exist between God's historical family with those who have been recently admitted. Because in Christ and having faith in Christ makes a difference to how we relate to each other....'love your neighbour as yourself' we utter each week! It makes a huge difference to live this back then and so much more urgently in our world today. And so Matthew urges the issue of trustworthiness in the life of the community and we must take measures to restore trust when issues or conflict and dispute damage it. Restoration of relationships is at the heart of the Matthews' message for the community was facing huge opposition and is "turning on" itself....and so Matthew sites the Lord asking us to once again build trust within our community as we are Christ's family as this is an important expression, this trust as it characterises the Kingdom of Heaven. Our reflection concludes with one of my personal favourites, an incredible image, many Icons and pictures are dedicated to the image of Jesus carrying the lost sheep...."for God was in Christ" searching out the lost sheep and rejoicing at their restoration into God's community. We are not destined to live out the despair and brokenness of the world: we are encouraged to mend and restore our relationships and this will set us apart. As it reflects what God has done for us.

*Grace and Blessings to you all! Regards: Dave*

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## *For our Prayers This Week*

### The world and nation:

For the people who have died, are missing or are suffering in the floods across Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria & Brazil.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*  
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 Adelaide (Abp Geoff Smith, Asst Bps Denise Ferguson, Timothy Harris, Christopher McLeod; Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* St Barnabas' Anglican Church Glen Waverley (Phillip Meulman, Bradley Jackson, Ming Li).

### Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in the

Solomon Islands, Mozambique and Sri Lanka.

Our parish & community: For God's guidance, love and care of our people. Holding our incumbency committee in our prayers as they pray and meditate about our future parish needs.

Those with particular needs at this time:  
Denise, Stuart, Anthony, Carol, Toby, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Jeanette, Shane, Michael.

### The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:* Win Lovelock (12), Tom (Harry) Marshall (13), Elsie Oatway (13).

*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 the clergy or parish office.*



## *Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish*

**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 Matthey (0415 853 892).

**Reflective Bible Study:** Monthly in the meeting room at St Eanswythe's the Vicarage, first Tuesday of the month 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 (0416 264 840).

**Sunday School:** Every Sunday in term time at 10:30am St Eanswythe's and 5pm St Clement's.

## *This Week in our Parish*

### **Sunday 10 September: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's  
5pm Evening Prayer, St Clement's

### **Tuesday - Friday**

10:30am-2:30pm Op Shop open

### **Tuesday 12 September**

10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's\*

### **Wednesday 13 September**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 14 September**

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
11am Mothers Union meeting,  
St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 15 September**

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,  
St Clement's\*

### **Sunday 17 September: St Eanswythe's Patronal Celebration**

10:30am Combined Parish Eucharist,  
St Eanswythe's - followed by  
Chicken and Champagne brunch

*\* During school term*

## *Eucharist Readings for this Week*

*Take some time to prepare for worship together by exploring the readings for this week.*

### **Readings for Wednesday 13 September**

Colossians 3.1-11; Psalm 145.1-7; Luke 6.20-26

### **Readings for Thursday 14 September**

Colossians 3.12-17; Psalm 150; Luke 6.27-38

### **Readings for Sunday 17 September: St Eanswythe's Patronal Celebration**

Exodus 14.19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14.1-14; Matthew 6.24-33

### **MORNING PRAYER**

Morning Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe's on Friday morning.  
Everyone is welcome.



## *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.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 livestreamed services.
- ⇒ If you don't already receive our weekly email including news, changes of service times, and other updates, you can sign up at **[anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)**

