# 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 \$\psi\$ serving others \$\psi\$ nurturing a common life

# 29th October 2023 Twenty-Second 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 153 God is love, let heav'n adore him

OPENING HYMN 477 Jesus calls us here to meet him - Tune 590 (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, vou alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

O God,

whose Son has taught us that love is the fulfilment of your law: stir up within us the fire of your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts your greatest gift of love, so that we may love you with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# **Opening the Scriptures**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (34.1-12)

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD's command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (90.1-6, 13-17)

Lord, you have been our refuge: from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were born or the earth and the world were brought to be: from eternity to eternity you are God.

You turn us back into dust: saying 'Return to dust, O children of Adam.'

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday passing: or like one watch of the night.

You cut them short like a dream: like the fresh grass of the morning;

In the morning it is green and flourishes: at evening it is withered and dried up.

Relent, O Lord; how long will you be angry?: take pity on your servants.

O satisfy us early with your mercy: that all our days we may rejoice and sing.

Give us joy for all the days you have afflicted us: for the years we have suffered adversity.

Show your servants your work: and let their children see your glory.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper the work of our hands, O prosper the work of our hands!

#### SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (2.1-13)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Hear the word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God

#### GRADUAL HYMN

699 A new commandment I give unto you

(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. Alleluia

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my Father.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew (22.34-46)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?'

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.'

He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' "?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?'

No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions '

For the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON



#### 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 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 538 Feed us now, Bread of life 544 Since the world was young (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 āianei
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:

8:30am St Clement's
Create in us a clean heart, O God.
Renew within us a right spirit.
Cast us not away from your presence, O Lord, and take not your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us fullness of joy, the joy that springs from your salvation.
Lighten our minds, shelter our lives with your Spirit free.

(Hymn 712) Words: Digby Hannah

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10:30am St Eanswythe's Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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# 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**

**Dignity Bags for Women:** Following our Annual Parish Meeting, MU members packed 38 dignity bags for women in need due to family violence. Contributions came from parishioners, friends and MU members. Many thanks to all who gave so generously. Regards, Beryl.

**Tearfund Gift Shop:** By buying and giving gifts from Tearfund's Useful Gifts catalogue, we can help to create change that lasts. As from 19 November at St Eanswythe's gifts will be available after mass until 17 December. On Sunday 26 November gifts will be available at St Clement's after the combined service. They will also be available after the 5pm service at St Clements on 3 & 10 December. Please see Phillis or call 0417 869 595.

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.

**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 due on Tuesday 7 November. It may be subject to change due to Melbourne Cup public holiday.

**Year 12 Students:** As our year 12 students face their final term and exams please pray for God's peace and success on them all, especially Neona & Grace. Thanks!

**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 105 Let all world in every corner sing
CLOSING HYMN 418 She sits like a bird, brooding on the waters (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. Thanks be to God.



# A Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Greetings to you all! The Annual Parish Meeting (A.P.M.) was held on Sunday the 22nd of October. Thank you for your attendance. I once again thank the office bearers, department leaders, volunteers etc for their reports outlining the extensive ongoing activities of our parish. There continues to be enormous and energetic activity serving our Lord and the community. When you see it in one report, it is simply incredible. Thank you to all of you. We could not receive the Auditors report. I apologised for this at the commencement of the A.P.M. This therefore, in reality leaves the A.P.M. in recession, it is not closed. We therefore have 30 days to finalise this. We are reliant upon other professional services here. If this doesn't arrive within that period, I will call for another meeting following our Sunday services to field the report to the parish. I therefore give notice of this intention. (Just in case!) There was some difficulty in my tabling the nominations for office bearers due to a number of complexities. I explained this to the parish and offered my apologies. The Parish Governance Act however outlines that I have 30 days following the A.P.M. to sort -out the parish office bearers' positions of wardens and parish council members. Therefore, by the next convenient Sunday I will have placed the nominees for elections to be held for the wardens positions. The parish council will not require elections...as we have more positions than nominations. This also means that I have authority to 'speak' with possible other candidates whom as acting vicar I can consider. I am currently taking advice from interested parties about this. I hereby give notice to the parish that this will take a couple of weeks to sort, however, I will notify the parish of the outcome within the 30 day period as required.

The nominations for wardens. The Parish Governance Act informs us that we should elect one warden from each worship centre: plus one warden that the acting vicar selects. This will be our process. I will advise you all as we make progress with this. There was a great spirit of discussion during the A.P.M. I thank all those who gladly took the opportunity to speak freely. Some issues were clarified others are still standing and will be addressed. Some questions were passed on to me personally, which could have been brought to the 'floor' of the meeting. In the spirit of being a faith community I have taken these on board and have discussed some issues at length with our local Bishop. In one case referring to the acting vicar making a choice of office bearers, the Bishop has clarified that the acting vicar has been given all the requisite authorities as the Priest in Charge/Vicar. These are noted on the acting vicar's licence from the Archbishop and affirmed in the Governance Act. These selections will stand even though the acting vicar is operating within the Interregnum period. The new vicar will obviously accept this and these office bearers remain in place until the next A.P.M. My friends, the Interregnum period is a time of transition for the parish. It provides an opportunity to reflect upon our past, present needs, community and ministry and these provides opportunity to think about how the community of faith forms itself under the guidance of the vicar. We indeed have a long and proud history and this will continue into the Lord's future. It is and remains a privilege to be serving here with you. However, noting that we have a large active community of faith and some things I cannot resolve in the time I have; some things have to be considered further and these will be put into what we call 'handover' notes that I and the bishop will give to the new incumbent. I will raise them with our parish council in the meantime. The office bearers will continue to work closely with your elected wardens and parish council members. I therefore encourage you all to discuss with each other and with your office bearers what your concerns are and how we can best achieve being the community of faith in Christ. I thank you all. Grace & Blessings to you.

Regards: Dave T

## For our Prayers This Week

## The world and nation:

We continue to pray for peace and humanity for all the people especially the children in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict

### The Church:

World Council of Churches: Canada & United States of America.

For Christians who are facing persecution and martyrdom, and for those who pray and grieve for them.

Anglican Church of Australia: The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: St James the Less Anglican Church Mount Eliza (Tanya Cummings).

Agencies supported by our parish:
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre—
providing material support, advocacy and employment for refugees and asylum seekers.

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.

As our year 12 students face their final term and exams please pray for God's peace and success on them all, especially Neona & Grace. Thanks.

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

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: James Milway (1/11), Claudia Irvine (4/11).



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 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 Mattey (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 29 October: Twenty-Second 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 31 October**

9am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's 10am Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's\*

### Wednesday 1 November: All Saints Minor

9am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

## **Thursday 2 November: All Souls**

10am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

#### Friday 3 November

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

### Sunday 5 November: All Saints

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

> \* During school term 2 Oct—20 Dec

# Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

## Readings for Wednesday 1 November: All Saints Minor

Romans 8.26-30; Psalm 13; Luke 13.22-30 Readings for Thursday 2 November: All Souls

Romans 3.21-29; Psalm 130; Luke 11.47-54 Readings for Sunday 5 November: All Saints

Revelation 7.9-17; Psalm 34.1-10,22; 1 John 3.1-3; Matthew 5.1-12

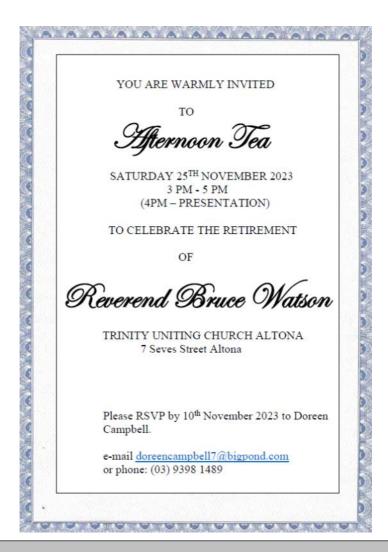
#### MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer is shared at St Eanswythe's on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9am. 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
- ⇒ Visit **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**



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