

# 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*

## **7th January 2024** **The Baptism Of Our Lord**

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
1pm Te Hakari Tapu, 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. Please do stay to share refreshments at the end of the service.

*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.*

INTROIT HYMN      314 As with gladness men of old  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Eternal God,  
at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son,  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that all who are baptised into his name  
may keep the covenant they have made,  
and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis (1.1-5)

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (29)

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven: ascribe to the Lord glory and might.  
**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name: O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

**The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation: the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees: the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of

Lebanon.

**He makes them skip like a calf: Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash: the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert, the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.

**The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees, and strips bare the forests: in his temple all cry ‘Glory.’**

The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood: the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

**The Lord will give strength to his people: the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (19.1-7)

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?’ They replied, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.’ Then he said, ‘Into what then were you baptized?’ They answered, ‘Into John’s baptism.’ Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 250 Christ for us you were baptized  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased. **Alleluia.**

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

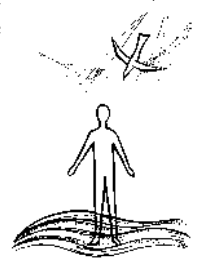
A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark (1.4-11)

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

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a

leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.' In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

For the Gospel of the Lord:  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



SERMON

## **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 447 Lord, your almighty word  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

*Everyone is invited to share communion or receive a blessing. Children who have been baptized 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:*

**He became poor that we may be rich,  
loving the world and leaving his throne;  
King of all kings, and Lord of all lords,  
flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.**

*(Hymn 721)*

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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.'***

RECESSIONAL HYMN 650 Brother sister let me serve you  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## *Notices*

**Appointment of Reverend Kerry Davis:** On behalf of the Wardens Denis Lee, Soon Ghee Yap and Lily Griffin, we have been informed that the Archbishop Philip has appointed; Reverend Kerry Davis as our Vicar. Rev'd Kerry and with his wife Vaoa will be joining us in May 2024 we are so pleased to make this announcement and thank you for your pray-full support for the Parish Nomination Committee.

**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).

**Church Warden:** If any parishioner is interested in becoming a Church Warden please contact Lily as she will be stepping down at the end of October 2024 after serving 7 years.

**Treasurer:** Gary, our Treasurer has decided that following the Annual Parish Meeting at the end of October this year, he will be stepping down from his role. We are looking for someone who would be willing to replace him allowing plenty of time for handover.

**Op Shop:** We look forward to the Op Shop re-opening on Tuesday 23 January 2024.

**Tiddlers Playgroup, St Eanswythe's:** Re-commencing Tuesday 6 February 2024.

**Clementines Playgroup, St Clement's:** Re-commencing Friday 2 February 2024.

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## *For our Prayers This Week*

The world and nation: For the people of Queensland who have lost their homes and are facing a tough stretch of days without power due to severe storms and flooding.

The Church: *World Council of Churches:* Iran, Iraq & Syria.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:* The Diocese of Gippsland (Bp Richard Treloar, Clergy & People.

*Diocese of Melbourne:* St Michael & All Angels' Anglican Church Beaumaris (Wayne Walters).

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglican Overseas Aid, for work with partners and communities in the Solomon Islands, Mozambique & 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, Lewis, Christopher, Maria, Kay, Shane, Michael, Anna, Toby, John, Margaret.

We pray for Doris LeRoy who is in hospital with severe peritonitis. As she is most unwell she has requested no visitors at this time.

The communion of saints:  
*Year's mind:* Elsie Sinclair (10), Richard Henshall (11), Ron Duckmanton (12), Robin Bingley (13), Cheryl Smith (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.*



## *Eucharist Readings for next Sunday*

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

### **Readings for Sunday 14 January, Second Sunday After Epiphany**

1 Samuel 3.1-10 (11-20); Ps 139.1-5, 12-18; 1 Corinthians 6.12-20; John 1.43-51



## *Prayer of the Week*

Almighty God,  
who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit  
and revealed him as your beloved Son:  
inspire us, your children,  
who are born again of water and the Spirit,  
to surrender our lives to your service,  
that we may rejoice to be called your children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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 [anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)
- ⇒ Visit [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav](https://www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav) 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@anglicanaltlav.org.au](mailto: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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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## *Sunday Summer Services in January*

**Sunday 14 January**  
9:30am, St Eanswythe's

**Sunday 21 January**  
9:30am, St Clement's  
1pm, St Eanswythe's (Maori service)

## *Sunday 28 January, Normal Service Times Resume*

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

## *Wednesday & Thursday Holy Eucharist Resumes*

**Wednesday 31 January**  
9am, St Clement's

**Thursday 1 February**  
10am, St Eanswythe's

