

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*

14th January 2024 Second Sunday After Epiphany

9:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's



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 626 Lord of creation, to you be all praise
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Eternal God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all,
and pours out his gifts upon the Church:
grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give,
keep us in the bond of peace,
and bring all creation to worship before your throne;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel (3.1-20)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I

have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.' As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (139.1-5, 12-18)

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me: you know when I sit or when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.

You discern my path and the places where I rest: you are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word on my tongue: but you, Lord, know it altogether.

You have encompassed me behind and before: and have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me: so high that I cannot endure it.

For you have created my inward parts: you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will praise you, for you are to be feared: fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you: when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect: and in your book were all my members written;

Day by day they were fashioned: and not one was late in growing.

How deep are your thoughts to me, O God: and how great is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand: were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (6.12-20)

'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God

raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, ‘The two shall be one flesh.’ But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 448 Blest are the pure in heart
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (1.43-51)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, ‘Follow me.’ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.’ Nathanael said to him, ‘Can anything good come out of Nazareth?’ Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’



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 563 Let him to whom we now belong
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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:

**Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart knows how to say to you:
Holy are you, Lord.**

*(Hymn 723)
Words: Anon (from Argentina).*

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 309 Angels, from the realms of glory
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

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
- ⇒ Visit 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

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

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.

Church Warden: Any parishioner 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 Victoria on high alert for flooding as swollen rivers reach their peak and threaten or damage their homes.

The Church: *World Council of Churches:* Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates & Yemen.

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 Alfred's Anglican Church Blackburn North (Peter MacPherson, Mark Simon, Elizabeth Bolton, Nicolas Curtis, Rene Pfitzner).

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

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, Doris.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind: Allan Nolan (15), Alick Brown (16), John Hansen (16), Jack Sinclair (17), Ron Underhay (18), Marilyn Hocking (18).

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 21 January, Third Sunday After Epiphany

Jonah 3.1-10; Ps 62.5-12; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20



Prayer of the Week



Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sunday Summer Services in January

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



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