

# 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*

## **21st January 2024** **Third Sunday After Epiphany**

9:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
1:00pm 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      643 I want to walk as a child of the light  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Bountiful God,  
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,  
to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom:  
teach us, like Christ's first apostles,  
to hear the call to discipleship,  
and, forsaking old ways,  
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Jonah (3.1-10)

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.' When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (62.5-12)

Nevertheless, my soul, wait in silence for God: for from him comes my hope.

**He only is my rock and my salvation: my strong tower, so that I shall not be moved.**

In God is my deliverance and my glory: God is my strong rock and my shelter.

**Trust in him at all times, O my people: pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.**

The children of Adam are but breath, the children of earth are a lie: place them in the scales and they fly upward, they are as light as air.

**Put no trust in extortion, do not grow worthless by robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.**

God has spoken once, twice have I heard him say: that power belongs to God,

**That to the Lord belongs a constant goodness: for you reward each one of us according to our works.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (7.29-31)

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 164 The great love of God  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

**Alleluia.**

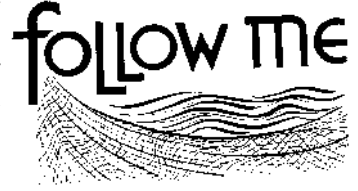
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark (1.14-20)

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

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;

repent, and believe in the good news.’ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.



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 598 Dear Father, Lord of humankind  
*(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:*

**O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer: when I call answer me.  
O Lord hear my prayer,  
O Lord hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.**

*(Hymn 741)  
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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 154 Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## *Notices*

**Ash Wednesday 14 February:** Sunday 11th of February is the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday; which is February 14th. Can parishioners bring in their 'reed' crosses that we had from last years' Easter Sunday service which will be burnt and used for our service on Ash Wednesday. There will be baskets in each place of worship. It would be appreciated if you could place them in these baskets. Thank you.

**Volunteers needed this Sunday 21 January:** We are chopping down the dead tree in the Vicarage backyard this week and are looking for volunteers to help with the removal around 11:30am. Remember many hands make light work! Tea and coffee will be provided.

**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 prayer-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:** Any parishioner interested in becoming a Church Warden please contact Lily as she will be stepping down from her role 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 this Tuesday 23 January 2024 and thank all the volunteers who are generous with their time, help people in need and make it a most welcoming and friendly place to shop and chat.

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

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

## *Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson*

Hello to you all!

Happy New Year and all that. I hope and pray that this year brings Blessing and Grace to you from our Lord. A new Year brings new challenges and new hope...but for many, lingering pain remains their reality. I hope and pray that the Light of Christ can penetrate through people's darkness and they can experience anew hope and a new opportunity to live Blessed lives. God has made Himself known in marvellous ways, as for us in the birth of Jesus the Christ....nothing can be the same.....newness abounds; hope is restored in wonderful and surprising ways ..sometimes confounding even perplexing in its existential grasp. I find myself mesmerised by new life, confounded by the unexpected....I must let go of the old and grasp hold of this newly arrived light...in its' bright glaze I perceive that I have the confidence to change the world ...by changing me. Jesus walking along the Sea of Galilee calls to Simon and Andrew James and John and I am confounded...they move away from certainty of their work and lifestyle and followed the call of Jesus. They didn't know what was to come....they weren't given a contract or any guarantee but in Him they found what they and all search: light and therefore hope. They allowed themselves to be changed, rebuilt, remade with new names, new purpose and new life....they became .....as Martin Buber wrote: "less of me, more of Thee". Drawn out of themselves by the powerful and provocative spirit in this Jesus....a spirit of hope..... they recognised it instantly and they followed! In Jesus they knew; God was with them. Nothing would be the same.....How utterly amazing....

*God Bless you all! Dave T*

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## For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For peace, an end to the fighting and the people around the world especially in Israel, Palestine, Yemen and Papua New Guinea.

The Church: *World Council of Churches:* Cyprus, Greece & Türkiye.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:* The Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* St John Chrysostom Anglican Church Brunswick West (Michael Flynn).

Agencies supported by our parish: Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Our parish & community: For God's guidance, love and care of our people. We also pray for the safe arrival of our new Vicar Rev'd Kerrie and his family.

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

The communion of saints:  
*Year's mind:* Win Lewis (21), Myra Muir (23), Judith Morgan (26).

*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.*



## 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 28 January, Normal Service Times Resume*



8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's  
10:30am Sung Eucharist, St Eanswythe's  
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's  
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

## *Wednesday & Thursday Holy Eucharist Resumes*

### **Wednesday 31 January**

9:00am, St Clement's

### **Thursday 1 February**

10:00am, St Eanswythe's

## *Morning Prayer*

Morning prayer meetings will commence the first week of February.

## *Eucharist Readings for this Week*

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

### **Readings for Wednesday 24 January**

2 Samuel 7.14-17; Ps 89.19-27; Mark 4.1-20

### **Readings for Thursday 25 January**

2 Samuel 7.18-19 (20-29); Ps 132.13-18, Mark 4.21-25

### **Readings for Sunday 28 January, Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Ps 111; 1 Corinthians 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28

