

# 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*

## **28th January 2024** **Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

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

*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      291 Earth has many a noble city  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of compassion,  
you have shown us in Christ  
that your love is never ending:  
enable us both to love you with all our heart  
and to love one another as Christ loved us.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (18.15-20)

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (111)

O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart: in the company of the upright and among the congregation.

**The works of the Lord are great: and studied by all who take delight in them.**

His deeds are majestic and glorious: and his righteousness stands for ever.

**His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered: the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He gives food to those that fear him: he remembers his covenant for ever.

**He showed his people the power of his acts: in giving them the heritage of the heathen.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just: and all his commandments are sure;

**They stand firm for ever and ever: they are done in faithfulness and in truth.**

He sent redemption to his people, he ordained his covenant for ever: holy is his name and worthy to be feared.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and of good understanding are those that keep his commandments: his praise shall endure for ever.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (8.1-13)

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 402 Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

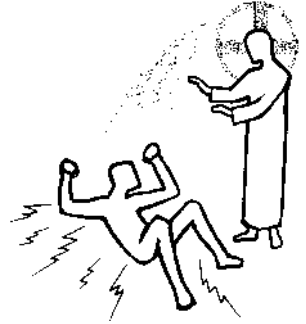
A people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark (1.21-28)

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

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



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 497 Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
*(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:*

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;  
those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten;  
God alone fills us.**

*(Hymn 739)*

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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 590 What a friend we have in Jesus  
*(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.

**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.

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

## *Prayer of the Week*

O Lord,  
you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are worth nothing:  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you;  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.  
Amen.

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## *Eucharist Readings for this Week*

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

### **Readings for Wednesday 31 January**

2 Samuel 24.2 (3-8) 9-17; Ps 32.1-7; Mark 6.1-6

### **Readings for Thursday 1 February**

1 Kings 2.1-4 (5-9) 10-12; Ps 144.1-4; Mark 6.7-13

### **Readings for Sunday 4 February, Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

Isaiah 40.21-31; Ps 147.1-11; 1 Corinthians 9.16-23; Mark 1.29-39



**Morning Prayer:** Shared on Tuesday and Friday morning at 9:00am at St Eanswythe.  
Everyone is welcome.

## *For our Prayers This Week*

The world and nation: For peace, an end to the fighting and the people suffering around the world especially in Israel, Palestine, Russia and Ukraine.

The Church: World Council of Churches: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara & Tunisia.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:* The Anglican Church of Australia (Geoffrey Smith, Anne Hywood, the General Synod & the Standing Committee).

*Diocese of Melbourne:* St Mark's Anglican Church Camberwell (Vaughn Spring, Stephen Hale, Locum, Angus Monro, David Shannon).

Agencies supported by our parish: Welcome West Wagon – providing support to asylum seekers in the western suburbs.

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 Kerry 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:*

Lindsay Hansen (28),  
Kath Morris (29),  
Linda Court (29),  
Jack Pell (31).



*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.*

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## *This Week in our Parish*

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1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's  
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### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Wednesday 31 January**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 1 February**

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 2 February**

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's  
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,  
St Clement's

### **Sunday 4 February:**

#### **Fifth Sunday of Advent**

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

## *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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