

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*

11th February 2024

Last Sunday After Epiphany - Transfiguration

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 Evening Prayer, 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 234 How good, Lord, to be here
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Almighty God,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us faith to perceive his glory,
that being strengthened by his grace
we may be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Kings (2.1-12)

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have

asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (50.1-6)

The Lord our God, the Mighty One, has spoken: and summoned the earth, from the rising of the sun to its setting in the west.

From Zion, perfect in beauty: God has shone out in glory.

Our God is coming, he will not keep silent: before him is devouring fire, and tempest whirls about him.

He calls to the heavens above: and to the earth, so he may judge his people.

‘Gather to me my faithful ones: those who by sacrifice made a covenant with me.’

The heavens shall proclaim his righteousness: for God himself is judge.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians (4.3-12)

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 409 O breath of life, come sweeping through us
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (9.2-9)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.



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 143 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
(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 212 Christ, whose glory fills the skies
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)



Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday 14 February: Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17; Ps 51.1-17; 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10; Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Readings for Thursday 15 February

Deuteronomy 30.15-20; Ps 1; Luke 9.22-25

Readings for Sunday 18 February: First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9.8-17; Ps 25.1-10; 1 Peter 3.18-22; Mark 1.9-15



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

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Notices

Shrove Tuesday 13 February: Pancake Tuesday 13 February at St Eanswythe's at 6:00pm. It would be appreciated if anyone could help with making pancakes or bring some along. Come and join in the fun!! Any queries phone Sandra Hansen 0410 040 661.



Ash Wednesday Liturgy: Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday 14th February at St Eanswythe's at 7:00pm.

Sunday 11 February & 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.



Te Hakari Tapu Annual High Tea, Saturday 16 March 2024: Cindy & Rev'd Danny McRoberts would like to announce the Maori Church, Te Hakari Tapu annual High Tea! This is on 16 March at 1:30pm at St Eanswythe's. We are all invited. The cost is \$25.00 per person, there is a \$5.00 raffle plus door prices! There are sheets on the notice board of St Clement's and St Eanswythe's to notify of your attendance. Please come and enjoy! If you have any questions, please call Cindy on 0418107764.

Appointment of Reverend Kerry Davis: 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.

Planned Giving 2024/25: 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 the role of Planned Giving Programme Co-ordinator. 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 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.

Caritas Meetings: Held 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at St Eanswythe's.

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the many people who have died and are missing in the devastating wildfires sweeping through Chile, the country's deadliest on record.

The Church: *World Council of Churches:* Austria, Liechtenstein & Switzerland.

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

Anglican Church of Australia: Ministry with the Torres Strait Islander people of Australia (Torres Strait Islander Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne: Redemption Church Craigieburn.

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. 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:

George Nevitt (13),
Barbara Darling, bishop (15),
Alan Grant (16),
Alice Kane (16).

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.



Prayer of the Week

Almighty God,
you have given your only Son
to be for us both a sacrifice for sin,
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace that we may always thankfully receive
the benefits of his sacrifice,
and also daily endeavour to follow
the blessed steps of his most holy life;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



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This Week in our Parish

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Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 13 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancakes,
St Eanswythe's

Wednesday 14 February

9:00am Ash Wednesday Liturgy,
St Clement's
7:00pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy,
St Eanswythe's

Thursday 15 February

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**During school term*

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

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