

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*

18th February 2024 **First Sunday in Lent**

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 591 Forty days and forty nights
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of the new and eternal covenant,
as the forty days of the great flood
swept away the world's corruption
and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life:
grant to us, who are washed clean and born again
in the saving flood of baptism, the wellspring of your grace,
that your gift of new life may flourish once again;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PARISH PRAYER

God of this ancient land, holy beyond time and place,
you search us out and name us your beloved children.
Work in us to fulfil your longing and compassion for every person.
Send your Spirit to renew our life,
and give us courage to rise and follow where Jesus calls. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis (9.8-17)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every

living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.’ God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (25.1-10)

In you, O Lord my God, have I put my hope: in you have I trusted, let me not be ashamed, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who wait for you be put to shame: but let those that break faith be confounded and gain nothing.

Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths.

Lead me in the ways of your truth, and teach me: for you are the God of my salvation.

In you have I hoped all the day long: because of your goodness, O Lord.

Call to mind your compassion and your loving-kindness: for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: but according to your mercy think on me.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he direct sinners in the way.

The meek he will guide in the path of justice: and teach the humble his ways.

All the paths of the Lord are faithful and true: for those who keep his covenant and his commandments.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Peter (3.18-22)

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (1.9-15)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 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.'

believe in the good news

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 684 Love will be our Lenten calling
(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:

**Father, we adore you;
lay our lives before you;
how we love you.
Jesus, we adore you...
Spirit, we adore you...**

(Hymn 716)

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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 580 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
(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 21 February

Jonah 3.1-10; Ps 51.6-9; Luke 11.29-32

Readings for Thursday 22 February

Addns to Esther 14.3-14; Ps 138.1-3; Matthew 7.7-12

Readings for Sunday 25 February: Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Ps 22.24-32; Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38



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

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Notices

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.

Sunday School: Held at St Eanswythe's at 10:30am each Sunday (except December school holidays). All children and students (pre-school, primary & high-school) are warmly welcomed to attend.

Good Friday: Ecumenical Walk of Witness Friday 29 March 2024 at 11:00am, Cherry Lake, Fresno St Altona.



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 streamed services, 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

For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the many children around the world suffering and hurt in war-torn countries.

The Church: *World Council of Churches:* France, Germany and Monaco.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:
The Diocese of Tasmania (Bp Richard Condie, Missioner Bp Chris Jones, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:
St Columb's Hawthorn – pastoral visit (Bp Genieve Blackwell).

Agencies supported by our parish:
Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in Vanuatu, India and Kenya.

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:

Rod Tyrell (18), Johnny Geering (19), Hilda Rodden (19), Bruce Stapleton (21), Clive Whiteley (23), Ron Briscoe (24),



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.

This Week in our Parish

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5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 20 February

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*

Wednesday 21 February

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 22 February

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
7:00pm Lent Bible Study, Salvation Army,
108 Queen St, Altona

Friday 23 February

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

Sunday 25 February:

Second Sunday in Lent

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

**During school term*

Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

Hi everyone.

It is now the season of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season observed by many Christians. It begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes at sundown on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday was celebrated on Wednesday the 14th with many of us observing the tradition of marking our forehead with ashes which dates back to the 11th century. It symbolizes penance and the recognition of our mortality. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and giving. It's a period of preparation leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter.

There's many things we can practice during Lent:-

Prayer: We seek the Lord through Sacred Scripture; deep prayer, sitting in garden space perceiving God's Spirit.

Fasting: We practice self-control, which may involve fasting from food or other things.

Almsgiving: We serve by giving to others.

Opportunities for Commitment: Lent provides an opportunity to recommit to things we know we need to do. Whether it's prayer, meditation, fasting, or acts of kindness,

Lent encourages us to take 40 days to focus on these commitments.

And you know what? Below is something I often discover during the season of Lent:-



I say this over and over again during Lent in my morning prayers and well, anytime I turn my attention to God. N.T. Wright stated: "Lent is a time for discipline, for confession, for honesty, not because God is mean or fault-finding, but because He wants us to know the joy of being cleaned out, ready for all the good things He now has in store". A direct, down to earth open and honest relationship with God! So get the candles out, create a quiet reserved space, get the prayer books, meditation guides, Desert Father statements & quotes...light some incense and concentrate on your breath...sit with it, don't punish yourself when your mind goes wandering bring it back...by listening to your breath and say these words to yourself: Jesus, Son of God, Have mercy on me. Always finish with the quote from Lamentations. Amen.

Regards: Dave