

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*

25th February 2024 **Second 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 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 684 Love will be our Lenten calling
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

God of all times and places,
in Jesus Christ, who was lifted up on the cross,
you opened for us the path to eternal life:
grant that we,
being born again of water and the Spirit,
may joyfully serve you in newness of life
and faithfully walk in your holy ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for 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 *(17.1-7, 15-16)*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.[...] God said to

Abraham, ‘As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (22.24-32)

O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery: nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.

From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you;

The meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him—may their hearts rejoice for ever!

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord: and let all the families of the nations worship before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord’s: and he shall be ruler over the nations.

How can those who sleep in the earth do him homage: or those that descend to the dust bow down before him?

But he has saved my life for himself: and my posterity shall serve him.

This shall be told of my Lord to a future generation: and his righteousness declared to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (4.13-25)

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not

for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 583 Take up your cross, the Saviour said
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
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Take up your Cross and Follow me says the Lord, for those who want to save their life will lose their life for my sake.

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 (8.31-38)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 658 I, the Lord of sea and sky
(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.

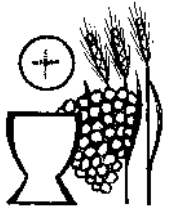
While communion is being shared, we sing:

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.**

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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 155 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
(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 28 February

Jeremiah 18.18-20; Ps 31.1-5; Matthew 20.17-28

Readings for Thursday 29 February

Jeremiah 17.5-10; Ps 1; Luke 16.19-31

Readings for Sunday 3 March: Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20.1-17; Ps 19; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22



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

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: Two years on, we pray for the people of Russia and Ukraine as the war continues to destroy their lives and livelihood.

The Church: World Council of Churches: Belgium, Luxembourg, and Netherlands.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:
Theological Colleges, Church Schools & Church Kindergartens.

Diocese of Melbourne:
St Mark's Anglican Church Emerald (Andrew Bowles).

Agencies supported by our parish:
Anglican Overseas Aid – supporting health care and education in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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:

Ruth Hodgson (25),
Rosa Nicholas (25),
Russell Milway (26),
Gertrude Jones (26),
Wilma Tudhope (27),
Mary Little (1/3),
Harold Petersen (2/3).



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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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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 27 February

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

Wednesday 28 February

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 29 February

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

Friday 1 March

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

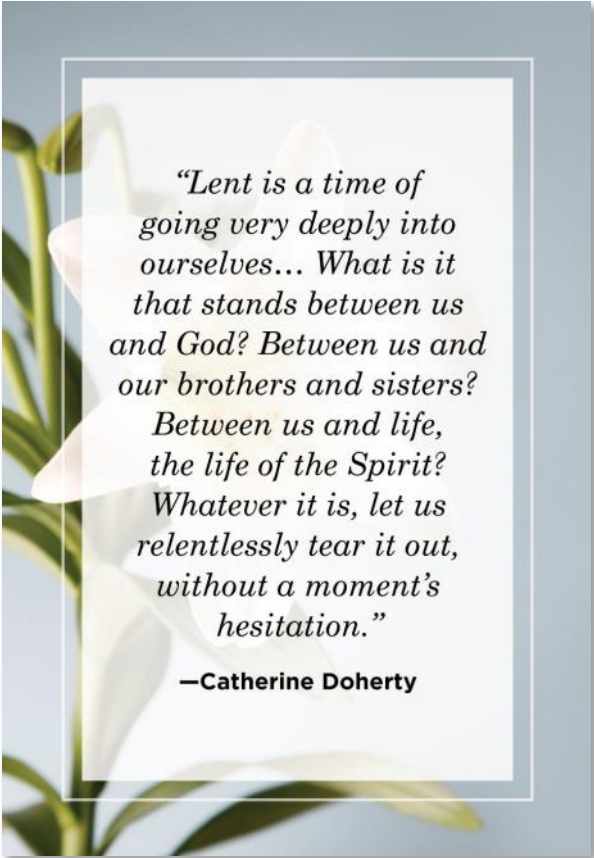
Sunday 3 March:

Third 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 Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

**During school term*

Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson



*“Lent is a time of
going very deeply into
ourselves... What is it
that stands between us
and God? Between us and
our brothers and sisters?
Between us and life,
the life of the Spirit?
Whatever it is, let us
relentlessly tear it out,
without a moment’s
hesitation.”*

—Catherine Doherty

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