

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ALTONA/LAVERTON



St Eanswythe's Altona
St Clement's Altona Meadows
O Te Wairua Tapu Ki Poipiripi

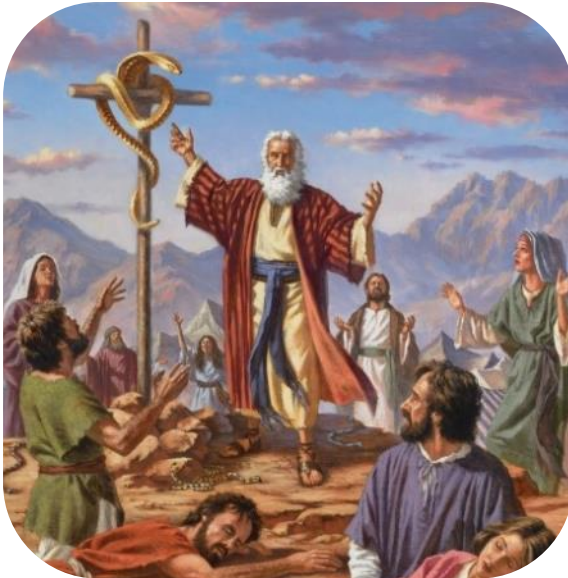


*To proclaim God's love and life in Christ:
growing in faith † serving others † nurturing a common life*

10th March 2024 **Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year B)**

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 351 Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Everlasting God
in whom we live and move and have our being,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you:
give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,
that no selfish passion may hinder us
from knowing your will,
no weakness prevent us from doing it;
that in your light we may see light,
and in your service find perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and 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 Numbers (21.4-9)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away

the serpents from us.’ So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.’ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (107.1-3, 17-22)

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his loving mercy is for ever.

Let the Lord’s redeemed say so: whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

And gathered in from every land, from the east and from the west: from the north and from the south. [...]

Fools were far gone in transgression: and because of their sins were afflicted.

They sickened at any food: and had come to the gates of death.

Then they cried to the Lord in their distress: and he took them out of their trouble.

He sent his word and healed them: and saved their life from the Pit.

Let them thank the Lord for his goodness: and for the wonders that he does for the children of Adam;

Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving: and tell what he has done with shouts of joy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians (2.1-10)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.
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 John (3.14-21)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.’



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 160 Father all-loving and ruling in majesty
(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.

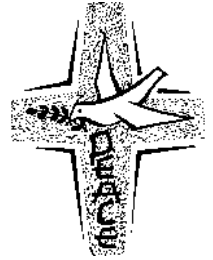
While communion is being shared, we sing:

**He became poor that we may be rich,
loving the world and leaving his throne;
King of all kings, and Lord of all lords,
flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone.**

Hymn 721
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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 201 King of glory, King of peace
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 10 March:

Fourth 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 12 March

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

Wednesday 13 March

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 14 March

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
11:00am Mothers Union Meeting, St
Eanswythe's

Thursday 14 March, cont.

7:00pm Lent Bible Study, Salvation Army,
108 Queen St, Altona

Friday 15 March

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

Saturday 16 March

1:30pm Te Hakari Tapu High Tea,
St Eanswythe's

Sunday 17 March:

Fourth 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

Notices

Mothers Union Meeting: MU members will be meeting on Thursday 14 March at 11:00am. Annual Subs of \$45.00 are due at this meeting.

We may have many demands upon us which lead to our feeling drained and depleted. Reflect on the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10. Then determine to connect purposefully with God in even the simplest of daily tasks, breathing God's love into each thought and action. At the end of each day rest in God's presence, in thanks for how he has led you. ~ Beryl

BCA Boxes: Beryl Brown will be collecting BCA boxes this month.

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.

Rev'd Kerry Davis: Vicar Rev'd Kerry Davis 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.

Churchwarden: Any parishioner interested in becoming a Churchwarden please contact Lily as she will be stepping down from her role at the end of October 2024.

Treasurer: Gary, our Treasurer will be stepping down after the Annual Parish Meeting at the end of October this year. 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.

Looking Ahead to Easter

Palm Cross Workshop, Friday 22 March 2024:

Come and help make palm crosses in preparation for Palm Sunday at St Eanswythe's from 10:00am to 11:00am. All welcome.

No prior experience necessary.

Good Friday, Friday 29 March 2024:

Ecumenical Walk of Witness, 11:00am, Cherry Lake, Fresno St Altona.



For our Prayers This Week

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

The Church: *World Council of Churches:* Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:
The Diocese of Central Queensland
(Bp Peter Grice, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:
St Paul's Geelong (Vacant incumbency).

Agencies supported by our parish:
Newport Outlets—a local cooperative offering adult education and social support programs.

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:
Ryan Morgan (14), John Millichip (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.



Eucharist Readings for this Week

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

Readings for Wednesday 13 March

Isaiah 49.8-15; Ps 145.8-13; John 5.17-30

Readings for Thursday 14 March

Exodus 32.7-14; Ps 106.20-24; John 5.31-47

Readings for Sunday 17 March: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31.31-34; Ps 119.9-16; Hebrews 5.5-14; John 12.20-33



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

Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson

Lent Prayer For Renewal

Precious Lord,
Thank you for your guidance and protection
Thank you for giving me the strength to go
through this Lenten season
I pray that by the end of this lent period, I
will be made anew in you
Help me not to be the same person I was
before the season began
Renew my mind and my heart, Lord, teach
me your ways
Help me understand your word
My soul yearns for you, dear Lord, fill me
with your spirit
and draw me closer to you
Strengthen me when I'm weak, fill me when
I feel empty
Renew my body and grant me the grace to
do everything I do

Amen

.... The Graceful Chapter

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