

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*

17th March 2024 **Fifth 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 595 O Jesus, I have promised (Tune 572 ii)
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

O God, our Redeemer,
in our weakness we have failed
to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope:
renew us by your Holy Spirit,
that we may follow your commands
and proclaim your reign of love;
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 Jeremiah (31.31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know

me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD ; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (119.9-16)

How shall the young keep their path pure: unless they hold to your word?

I have sought you with my whole heart: let me not stray from your commandments.

I have treasured your words in my heart: that I might not sin against you.

Blessed are you, Lord God: O teach me your statutes.

With my lips I have been telling: all the judgements of your mouth;

And I find more joy in the way of your commands: than in all manner of riches.

I will meditate on your precepts: and give heed to your ways;

For my delight is wholly in your statutes: and I will not forget your word.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (5.5-14)

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. About this we have much to say that is hard to explain, since you have become dull in understanding. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic elements of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food; for everyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is unskilled in the word of righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, for those whose faculties have been trained by practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 693 Come as you are
(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.

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given.
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 (12.20-33)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be



glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour. ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for

your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 600 O my Saviour, lifted (Tune ii)
(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:

**God is forgiveness.
Dare to forgive and God will be with you.
God is forgiveness.
Trust and do not fear.**

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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 684 Love will be our Lenten calling
(found in the red hymn book *Together in Song*)



This Week in our Parish

Sunday 17 March:

Fifth 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 19 March

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

Wednesday 20 March

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 21 March

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

Friday 22 March

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
9:30am Clementines Playgroup,
St Clement's*
10:00am Palm Cross Workshop,
St Eanswythe's

Sunday 24 March:

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Procession of Palms and
Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

*During school term

Notices

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

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.

Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday), Sunday 24 March 2024:

8:30am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's
10:30am Procession of Palms and Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's
1:00pm Te Hakari Tapu, St Eanswythe's
5:00pm Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Maundy Thursday, Thursday 28 March 2024:

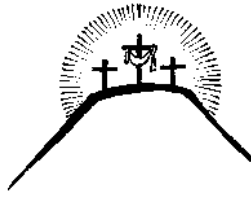
We are looking at a lay Maundy Thursday service at St Clement's. Please register your interest.

Good Friday, Friday 29 March 2024:

9:30am Good Friday Service, St Clement's
11:00am Ecumenical Walk of Witness,
Cherry Lake, Fresno St Altona
1:00pm Good Friday Liturgy, St Eanswythe's

Easter Day, Sunday 31 March 2024:

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



For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For all the babies, children and young people that are hungry and thirsty around the world.

The Church: *World Council of Churches:* Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Newcastle (Bp Peter Stuart, Asst Bps Charlie Murry, Sonia Roulston, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

All Saints' Greensborough
(Julie Blinco-Smith).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Overseas Aid – for work with partners and communities in the Solomon Islands, Mozambique and Sri Lanka.

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:

Vera McAllister (18), Ron Atkins (20), Shirley King (22).

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 20 March:

Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, bishop & missionary (d.687)

Dan 3.14-20 (21-23) 24-28; Song of 3YM (APBA p.399) ; John 8.31-42

Readings for Thursday 21 March:

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr & liturgist (d.1556)

Genesis 17.3-9; Ps 105.7-11; John 8.51-59

Readings for Sunday 24 March: Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Isaiah 50.4-9a; Ps 31.9-18; Philipians 2.5-11; Mark 11.1-11/Luke 22.14-23.56

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



Message from Rev'd Dave Thompson



St. Jude Prayer for Lent

St. Jude, walk with me this Lent. Open my heart to the wisdom of God in His Word, and give me the strength to share that wisdom with others. Through this time of reflection, may I arrive at Easter energized to celebrate Christ's Resurrection and more ready than ever to receive God's love.
Amen.



#StJudePrayforUs
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