

# 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*

## **7th April 2024** **Second Sunday of Easter (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      596 Fill my whole life, O Lord my God  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Risen Christ,  
whose absence leaves us in despair  
but whose presence is overwhelming:  
breathe on us with your abundant life,  
that where we cannot see  
we may have courage to believe  
that we may be raised with you. **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 Acts (4.32-37)

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the LORD Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Hear the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (133)

Behold how good and how lovely it is: when families live together in unity.

**It is fragrant as oil upon the head, that runs down over the beard: fragrant as oil upon the beard of Aaron, that ran down over the collar of his robe.**

It is like a dew of Hermon: like the dew that falls upon the hill of Zion.

**For there the Lord has commanded his blessing: which is life for evermore.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John (1.1-2.2)

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. [...]

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 407 Breathe on me breath of God  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

## THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

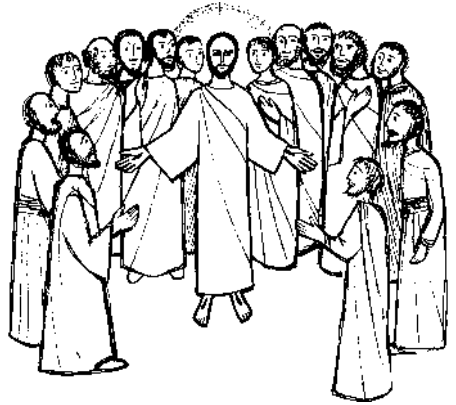
We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20.19-31)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.



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 210 O for a thousand tongues to sing  
*(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:*

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to him and do not be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in him and you will not thirst.**

*(Hymn 714)*

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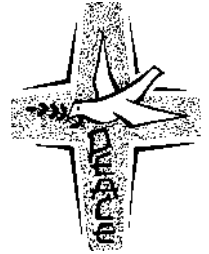
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## Going into the World

*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 393 Christ is alive, with joy we sing  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!  
**In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### *Eucharist Readings for this Week*

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

#### **Readings for Wednesday 10 April:**

Acts 5.17-26; Ps 34.1-8; John 3.16-21

#### **Readings for Thursday 11 April:**

<sup>AAR</sup> **George Augustus Selwyn, first missionary bishop of New Zealand (d.1878)**

Acts 5.27-33; Ps 34.11-18; John 3.31-36

#### **Readings for Sunday 14 April: Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 3.12-20; Ps 4; 1 John 2.15-17, 3.1-6; Luke 24.36b-48

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



## Notices

**Mothers' Union Meeting:** Will be on Thursday 11 April at 11:00am. Look out of a window or go for a walk and take note of three things you see which give you pleasure. Give thanks for the lens of faith and thankfulness through which we can appreciate and enjoy God's gift of abundant life. Many thanks, *Beryl xx*

**Working Bee's:** There will be 2 working bees, Saturday 27 April and Saturday 4 May at 9:00am for the gardens and grounds of the vicarage and church at St Eanswythe's. Please bring your garden and cleaning tools along! Morning tea will be provided. A list of requirements will be provided in the coming weeks.

**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.

## 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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/pew-sheets)
- ⇒ Visit [www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav](http://www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav) for photos, links, news and updates.
- ⇒ **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](http://anglicanaltlav.org.au/giving)

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## For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the 29 workers who have been killed after a fire hit a nightclub in Istanbul, Turkey.

For the aid workers including one Australian who were killed in an Israeli air attack .

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Bendigo (Bp Matt Brain, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

The Parish of St Thomas', Langwarrin w. St Peter's, Pearcedale (James Connor).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Latitude Youth Services, Altona – supporting at-risk young people.

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:

Individual prayers will be said.

The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:*

Kingsford Teagle (8),  
Gwen Durbridge (10),  
Robert Dann, bishop (10),  
Richard Sculley (11).

*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

### **Sunday 7 April:**

#### **Second Sunday of Easter**

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 9 April**

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

### **Wednesday 10 April**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 11 April**

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

### **Friday 12 April**

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

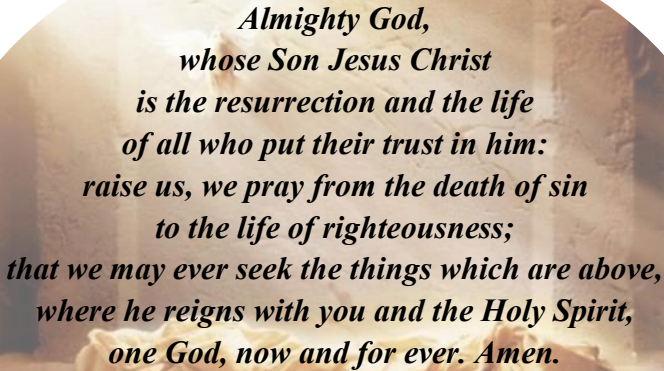
### **Sunday 14 April:**

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

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*

## *Prayer for Second Sunday of Easter*



***Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
is the resurrection and the life  
of all who put their trust in him:  
raise us, we pray from the death of sin  
to the life of righteousness;  
that we may ever seek the things which are above,  
where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

*..A Prayer Book for Australia*

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**Churchwardens:** Lily Griffin, Soon Ghee Yap & Denis Lee

## *Groups Meeting Regularly in the Parish*

**Tiddlers Playgroup:**

Tuesdays in term time, 10:00am at St Eanswythe's. Contact Jan Lee (9398 2993)

**Clementines Playgroup:**

Fridays in term time, 9:30am at St Clement's. Contact Louise (9395 5472)

**Mothers' Union:**

Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Thursday at 11:00am. Contact Sandra Hansen (0410 040 661)

**Caritas:**

Monthly at St Eanswythe's, 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)