

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*

14th April 2024 **Third 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 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 361 The day of resurrection
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Lord of life,
by submitting to death, you conquered the grave;
by being lifted upon the cross, you draw all peoples to you;
by being raised from the dead,
you restore to humanity all that was lost through sin:
be with us in your risen power,
that in word and deed we may proclaim
the marvellous mystery of death and resurrection.
For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. **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 (3.12-20)

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the

prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the LORD, and that he may send the Messiah appointed for you, that is, Jesus.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (4)

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness: when I was hard-pressed you set me free; be gracious to me now and hear my prayer.

Children of earth, how long will you turn my glory to my shame: how long will you love what is worthless and seek after lies?

Know that the Lord has shown me his wonderful kindness: when I call to the Lord he will hear me.

Tremble, and do no sin: commune with your own heart upon your bed and be still.

Offer the sacrifices that are right: and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say ‘Who will show us any good?: the light of your countenance, O Lord, has gone from us.’

Yet you have given my heart more gladness: that they have when their corn, wine and oil increase.

In peace I will lie down and sleep: for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John (2.15-17; 3.1-6)

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever. [...]

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN 607 Make me a channel of your peace
(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (24.36b-48)
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



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 382 Now the green blade rises
(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:

**Glory to god, glory to God,
Glory in the highest!
Glory to god, glory to God,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

(Hymn 773)

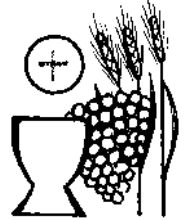
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Going into the World

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 380 Yours be the glory, risen, conquering Son
(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 17 April:

Acts 8.1-8; Ps 66.1-8; John 6.35-40

Readings for Thursday 18 April:

Acts 8.26-40; Ps 66.7-11; John 6.44-51

Readings for Sunday 21 April: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4.5-12; Ps 23; 1 John 3.16-24; John 10.11-18

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



Notices

Reflective Bible Study: The reflective Bible study group is resuming and will be held on the following Tuesdays at 7:30pm:

April 16 (*3rd Tuesday*)

May 21 (*3rd Tuesday*)

June 25 (*4th Tuesday*)

July 23 (*4th Tuesday*)

August 13 (*2nd Tuesday*)

September 10 (*2nd Tuesday*)

October 15 (*3rd Tuesday*)

November 12 (*2nd Tuesday*)

December 10 (*2nd Tuesday*)



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 happy to announce that we have a new volunteer that will be undertaking Pat's role of Planned Giving Programme Co-Ordinator and will work alongside Pat this year.

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
- ⇒ Visit www.facebook.com/anglicanaltlav for streamed services

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For our Prayers This Week

The world and nation: For the hundreds of people still awaiting rescue and those who have died after the most powerful quake hit Taiwan in over 25 years.

The Church:

World Council of Churches:

Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.

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

Anglican Church of Australia:

The Diocese of Grafton (Bp Murray Harvey, Clergy & People).

Diocese of Melbourne:

St George's Malvern – pastoral service (Bp Kate Prowd).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Anglican Board of Mission – supporting ministry among Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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.

Doris has asked to pray for her niece Claire and young friend Kaitlin.

The communion of saints:

Year's mind:

Lewis Lauer (14),
Audrey Holmes (18),
Peggy Griffin (20).



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 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

Tuesday - Friday

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

Tuesday 16 April

9:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's
10:00am Tiddler's Playgroup,
St Eanswythe's*
7:30pm Reflective Bible Study

Wednesday 17 April

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

Thursday 18 April

10:00am Holy Eucharist, St Eanswythe's

Friday 19 April

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

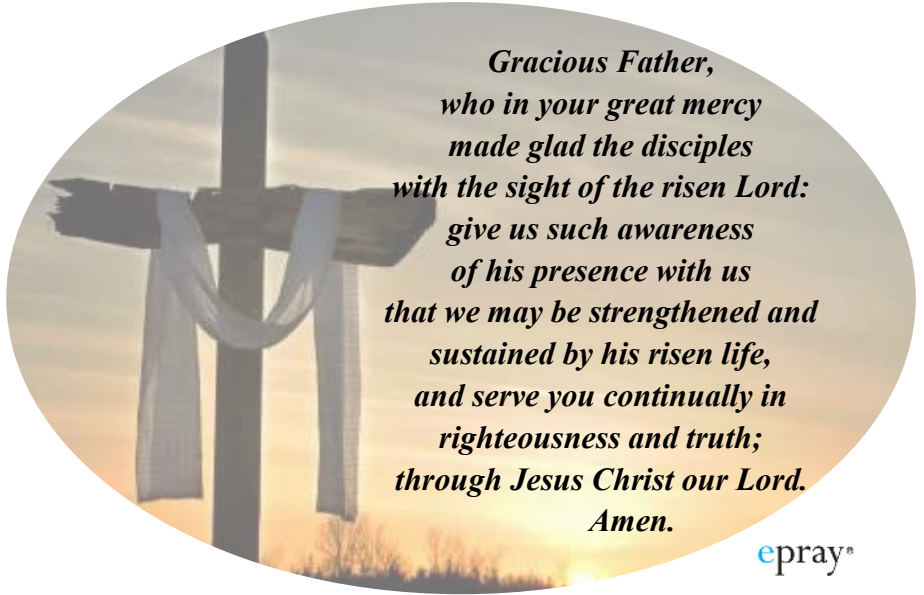
Sunday 21 April:

Fourth 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

**During school term*

Prayer for Third Sunday of Easter



*Gracious Father,
who in your great mercy
made glad the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such awareness
of his presence with us
that we may be strengthened and
sustained by his risen life,
and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

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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)