

# 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*

## **21st April 2024** **Fourth 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      245 We have a gospel to proclaim  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE COLLECT *(prayer of the day)*

Jesus, good shepherd of the sheep,  
by whom the lost are sought  
and guided into the fold:  
feed us and we shall be satisfied,  
heal us and we shall be whole,  
and lead us that we may be with you,  
where you live and reign with the Father 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 Acts of the Apostles (4.5-12)

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM (23)

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

**He will make me lie down in green pastures: and lead me beside still waters.**

He will refresh my soul: and guide me in right pathways for his name’s sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me, your rod and your staff comfort me.**

You spread a table before me in the face of those who trouble me: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

**Surely your goodness and loving-kindness will follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John (3.16-24)

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 420 Holy Spirit, go before us  
*(found in the red hymn book Together in Song)*

THE GOSPEL

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

A people in darkness have seen a great light; a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. **Alleluia.**

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

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (10.11-18)  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.

And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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 145 The king of love my shepherd is  
*(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:*

**Holy, holy, holy.  
My heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart knows how to say to you:  
Holy are you, Lord!**

(Hymn 723)  
*Words: Anon (from Argentina)*

## 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 237 Hail Redeemer, King divine  
*(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 24 April:**

Acts 12.24-13.5; Ps 67; John 12.44-50

### **Morning Prayer on Thursday 25 April: Anzac Day**

### **Readings for Thursday 25 April: Mark, Evangelist and Martyr**

Readings: Isaiah 62.6-12; Ps 89.1-9; Ephesians 4.7-16; Mark 16.1-15

### **Readings for Sunday 28 April: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 8.26-40; Ps 22.26-32; 1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

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



## *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 afternoon at 3:00pm. Contact Joan Meiers (9398 1906)

## Notices

**Anzac Day, Thursday 25 April 2024:** Morning prayer will be held at 10:00am at St Eanswythe's.

**Sunday 19 May 2024:** There will be a combined service at 9:30am at St Eanswythe's to thank Rev'd Dave for his service to our parishes over the last year. The 5:00pm evening holy eucharist will be to thank Rev'd Alan for his service over the last few months. Please join us for these two very special occasions.

**Rosemary Henshall and Judy Greilach:** April is the month for celebrations for two Mothers' Union members namely Rosemary Henshall and Judy Greilach who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries. Congratulations to Rosemary and Alan and Judy and Heinz. May God continue to bless you with good health and happiness. ~ *Beryl*



**Stewardship Sunday 12 May 2024:** At all services. Please let Pat know if your details such as address, telephone, mobile or email have changed on 9315 7838, 0400 051 121, or p.baines@bigpond.com. Thank you.

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

21 May (3rd Tuesday)	10 September (2nd Tuesday)
25 June (4th Tuesday)	15 October (3rd Tuesday)
23 July (4th Tuesday)	12 November (2nd Tuesday)
13 August (2nd Tuesday)	10 December (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 3:00pm 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.

## *For our Prayers This Week*

The world and nation: For the six people, including five women, who have died after a stabbing attack in a busy Sydney shopping centre on Saturday 13 April.

We pray also for all the injured including a nine-month-old baby girl whose mother has died.

### The Church:

*World Council of Churches:*

Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

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

*Anglican Church of Australia:*

The Diocese of Perth (Abp Kay Goldsworthy, David Bassett, Hans Christiansen, Kate Wilmont, Clergy & People).

*Diocese of Melbourne:*

St Luke's Melbourne South (Jonathan Cox, Michele Moorhouse).

Agencies supported by our parish:

Welcome West Wagon – providing support to asylum seekers in the western suburbs.

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:

Please notify Rev'd Dave of prayer requests.

For the next month: Rev'd Dave will ask at each service for people to nominate issues of concern that the parish can pray for.

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

The communion of saints:

*Year's mind:*

Eric Smith (22),  
Margaret Copeland (22),  
Vince Jelinek (22),  
Betty Swift (23),  
Ruby &  
Alister Greason (23),  
Wilma Beales (25),  
Mary Catherine Doloughan (27).



*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.*

### **Prayer:**

Rev'd Dave T is calling to the parish to be consistent with prayer. For as Paul cries to the Thessalonians (5:17); "Pray without ceasing"

"Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." - St. Therese of Lisieux

"Therefore, when you decide to undertake this work of prayer and feel by grace that you are called by God, lift up your heart to God with a meek stirring of Love." - Cloud of Unknowing

"Give me faith, Lord, and let me help others find it." - Leo Tolstoy

In these times of challenge, doubt and uncertainty and for many in difficulty and great pain and struggle, for believers and unbelievers..hold strong in prayer! As a parishioner stated: "it is still God's world".....and I concur: our hope for everything lies in the Lord. *Dave T*

## *This Week in our Parish*

### **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

### **Tuesday - Friday**

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

### **Tuesday 23 April**

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

### **Wednesday 24 April**

9:00am Holy Eucharist, St Clement's

### **Thursday 25 April: Anzac Day**

10:00am Morning Prayer, St Eanswythe's

### **Friday 26 April**

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

### **Sunday 28 April:**

#### **Fifth 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*

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



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**ANZAC DAY**

25 APRIL 2024

"They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them"

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