



· **Father Paul Writes - 22nd of October,**

I welcome you all today and where we are today, during this season of Pentecost remembering the role and giving thanks for the diocesan welfare agency, Anglicare. It will be an opportunity to hear about the work of Anglicare in Adelaide and to hear from The Rev'd Ben Falcon, the Acting Manager, Mission & Anglican Community Development who is our guest preacher at both the 8 am and 10 am services. St Saviour's is a great supporter of the Magdalene Centre in providing food and with the Christmas hampers and so we welcome Ben today.

We also welcome Fr Graeme Kaines will be available today at the 10 am Sunday Eucharist for anyone who may to be prayed for healing. It is an opportunity for anyone who wishes to be prayed for and anointed, either for physical, emotional, or spiritual healing. The sacrament is offered during Holy Communion in the chapel and after the service at the main altar rail. Fr Graeme is also available on Wednesday and Friday mornings at the church between 9 am and midday for anyone who wishes to speak to a priest, for pastoral care and for prayer. Of course, I am available for anyone who wishes to have the ministry of healing on the other Sundays of the month and during the week.

Our Alpha Course concludes this afternoon at 5 pm. The session today is titled "What about the Church?". The topic is aimed at helping all of us rethink our understanding of the church as an organisation and to begin to understand the value of Christian fellowship and how our involvement can have a positive impact on everyone's lives. It will begin with welcome refreshments, a light meal, a video and discussion. If you have not been to an Alpha session before or have been to one, please come along to this final session.

I have been deeply saddened regarding the fatal strike on Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza earlier this week, which has killed hundreds of people. This is an Anglican Hospital which had served as a shelter for thousands of residents who fled their homes in northern Gaza, seeking safety from Israeli airstrikes. We are asked to pray for an immediate ceasefire and for a resolution of the longer-term conflict. We pray also for all those who mourn. The Diocese of Jerusalem has called for what can be given to continue to care for the injured and comfort the grieving. If you are able to donate, ABM AID has an appeal. It is

found at <https://www.abmission.org/.../al-ahli-hospital-emergency.../>
Otherwise, just go to www.abmission.org and go to appeals.

On Tuesday night, there will be a Bushfire Awareness Session with the Country Fire Service in the church at 7.30 pm. The session is open to all of us who wish to know how to be prepared for this coming bushfire season. There are details in the flyer in the pew sheet with registration through a QR code or by going to the website cfs.sa.gov.au/events. If you are unable to do this, please let me know and I will take your registration.

Next weekend, it is Synod for the Diocese of Adelaide. It will begin on Friday night with a Synod Eucharist at St Augustine's, Unley. It will continue on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at St Peter's College. Please pray for Archbishop Geoff Smooth as he chairs Synod, for the Synod and for the Synod representatives from St Saviour's, for myself, Katy Phillips and Sue Bishop.

We are holding our annual memorial service on Sunday the 5th of November at 4.30 pm for those who would like the opportunity to remember a loved one. This may be someone who has died in the past 12 months or in memory of a loved one in years gone by. The service involves a simple liturgy, quiet music, the lighting of candles and prayers. Please let anyone else know of the service, someone who may have lost a loved one whom they wish to remember at this beautiful quiet time. The service will be followed by afternoon tea.

Your friend and priest,

Fr Paul