



· **Father Paul Writes - 29th of October, 2023**

A warm welcome to all our regular parishioners and for anyone visiting today. We hope you enjoy our services and that you stay for morning tea afterwards.

Today's Gospel reminds us of the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbour. Here in a nutshell, we have the whole teaching of the Bible. The love of neighbour arises out of the love of God. Both these commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is new is not the fact that Jesus brought these two commandments together, but that he made them of equal importance. The love of God and neighbour makes up part of our vision statement, in what we do as Christians in helping bring the good news of Jesus Christ to others and the hope it brings to all.

This love of Christ to others and the hope it brings to all has been a major reason for the Christian introduction course, Alpha which concluded last Sunday. The course averaged 10 to 14 people per week. Thank you for all who attended and for the fellowship we shared. The last of our community seminars concluded for the year on Tuesday with about 20 people attending a bushfire awareness presentation by the Country Fire Service. My thanks to Ray Correll and Beth Walton who organised these seminars over the past three months. A local resident who I spoke to at the conclusion of the seminar on Tuesday night praised the church for co-ordinating these seminars and in trying to bring a sense of community in the Glen Osmond area.

Next weekend, St Saviours is holding a community breakfast in association with the Burnside Inter-Church Council. The breakfast starting at 7.30 am is a chance for us to have breakfast with members of other church congregations in our area, to pray for our church communities and for the world. The breakfast finishes at 9 am. Just come along!

Next Sunday at 4.30 pm we are holding our annual Memorial Service. This is an 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.

Our next friendship lunch is being held on Tuesday week the 7th of November at 12.30 pm. It coincides with the Melbourne Cup so dress up accordingly and with a best hat to go with it! There will be the usual two course menu, with at least two sweeps on the day. All being well, the race will be broadcast on a new TV screen. The cost is just \$7.00 for the lunch, so come along and bring your friends as well. For catering purposes, please place your name and any others on the sheet at the back of the church. If unable to do so, contact Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552.

The Synod for the Diocese of Adelaide continues today at St Peter's College. The Synod Eucharist was held at St Augustine's, Unley on Friday night. The Synod met all day yesterday, which also included the AGM of Anglicare. Please pray for me and our Synod representatives, Katy Phillips and Sue Bishop as we continue to meet this weekend.

We continue to pray for an end to the violence and the loss of life in Gaza and Israel. The ABM has launched an emergency appeal for the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which is a missionary activity of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. This hospital was hit by rockets on Saturday night the 17th of October. The hospital had been not only been providing medical support, but its car park and open areas also served as a shelter for thousands of residents who fled their homes in northern Gaza. The death toll was at least 200 people, but more than 500 may have been killed. In spite of the devastation, the hospital remains a beacon of hope said Archbishop Hosam of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, and where the hospital can be able to extend emergency medical services caught in the crossfire. You can give by going to the ABM website www.abmission.org

Your friend and priest,

Paul