



## · **Father Paul Writes - 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023**

Every Christian is meant to be a lamp-carrier – a bearer of the light of Christ to a darkened world. But like the foolish bridesmaids we read about in today’s Gospel, we sometimes allow the precious light of Christ in our lives to grow dim, or even go out altogether. The parable of the 10 bridesmaids from Jesus urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord’s coming. We come today to keep the lamp of faith burning brightly in us and to be prepared, so that when Jesus does come for us, we can enter his kingdom.

Today on this Remembrance Sunday we remember those who have died in conflict in the two World Wars and later conflicts. Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday in November, on the Sunday nearest to the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, Armistice Day. The day also falls in the liturgical period of All Saints tide. It is marked by many ceremonies in Britain, however, it is not as prominent in Australia due to the celebration of Anzac Day. We will mark Remembrance Day with the Ode Reading and the Last Post at the conclusion of the 10 am service.

Another public meeting regarding a road bypass around Adelaide’s eastern suburbs is planned for Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November at St Saviour’s at 7 pm. Our Roads SA has been campaigning for a bypass east of Adelaide. The meeting will provide an update with a current study on the Greater Adelaide Freight bypass through Sedan, responses from federal and state MP’s, Mayors, the Department of Infrastructure and Transport and the RAA. This meeting is an update from the first held some months ago. This is a parish missional event which involves Ray Correll, Beth Walton and myself, as part of community outreach.

On Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November at 5 pm, on the eve of St Andrew’s Day, the Anglican mission agencies will come together to pray for each other and for the mission of the world at Evening Prayer at St Andrew’s Walkerville. Each of the mission agencies, the ABM, BCA and CMS will be represented including Anglicare. It is timely as we reflect on the role of the mission agencies, with the war in Gaza and Israel and how each of us reveal the peace of God and His

Son, Jesus Christ, in furthering God's kingdom in the world. The service will be followed by refreshments in the St Andrew's Church Annexe. All are welcome.

Just a reminder of the ABM Appeal for the Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza. The appeal aims to provide urgent care for the injured and all who need medical care. The UN has been working to increase humanitarian aid deliveries to hospitals in Gaza which are on the brink of collapse, facing fuel shortages and frequent bombardment. Any financial assistance will help now and in the recovery effort when the opportunity arises. There will be a retiring collection today, but you can also make a tax-deductible donation through the ABM website [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org) or using the QR code in the pew sheet.

The choir at St Saviour's has begun practicing with the Keli Group, a group of Christians from southern India who use our facilities regularly. We are jointly holding a carol service on Saturday night the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at 7 pm. The service will feature traditional carols from both cultures and bible readings. It aims to be a fun night so put this date in your diary. Also, if you would like to join the St Saviour's Choir, it meets at 5 pm each Thursday in the choir room of the church and at 9.15 am on Sunday mornings. We welcome new members of all ages and no experience necessary. By the way, our Christmas services this year include a Midnight Mass at 11 pm on Christmas Eve and at 9 am on Christmas Day.

Your friend and priest,

Paul