



## · **Father Paul Writes - 17<sup>th</sup> of November, 2024**

Welcome to St Saviour's, Glen Osmond; a special welcome to any visitors with us today. Please join us for morning tea in the adjoining hall following the morning services. If you are a visitor, please make yourself known to me at the door.

Today's readings focus on the future through a vision by the Old Testament prophet Daniel and with Jesus' predictions following his death on a cross. The OT Reading concerns the end of time. It contains the earliest statement of belief in the resurrection of the dead, and the first mention in the Bible of 'everlasting life'. In the Gospel reading, we have Jesus predicting the destruction of the Temple, the persecution of the disciples in synagogues and before governors and Kings. The passage of scripture is all part of the Gospel of Mark's Eschatological Discourse, that is the doctrine of the last things and Jesus' second coming.

The readings are set at almost the conclusion of the liturgical year and where we next Sunday celebrate Jesus Christ as Our King. It also represents the start of a campaign over 16 days addressing domestic violence. The Anglican Church's Families and Culture Commission has developed a campaign which aims to support the prevention of family and domestic violence in our communities. The initiative reflects the Church's commitment to supporting cultural change in our communities. The campaign is timely, given the number of women killed in domestic violence situations in SA earlier this year and the subsequent Royal Commission into addressing it. It is also timely as we approach the Season of Advent and celebrating Christ the King next Sunday. Jesus himself stood against violence and injustice, proclaiming a kingdom of compassion. The campaign will run until December the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Next Sunday at 2 pm, the Diocese at the start of this campaign is holding on workshop on Ending Spiritual Abuse in Domestic Violence Situations. The workshop will examine what spiritual abuse is, the ways scripture and theology can be misused, the place of the church in all of this and the ways that scripture and theology can help provide healing for victims and survivors. The National Program Manager for Families and Culture Commission, the Rev'd Tracey Lauerson will present the workshop at the Cynthia Poulton Hall at St Peter's Cathedral. I will be attending the workshop. Please let me know if you like to attend.

Next Sunday at 5 pm, St Michael's Mitcham is presenting a session on music for the Advent season. Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ and holds a special time in the liturgical calendar. The session on music aims to explore the various aspects of musical worship during this time, offering insights into the selection, performance and impact of Advent music within the church.

On Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of November at 5.30 pm the ABM's SA Provincial Committee will specifically pray for the missions of the church at an Evening Prayer via Zoom. It is where we give thanks for all that God is doing through the ABM, its subsidiary Anglicans in Development and its partners in Australia and across the Anglican Communion in mission. The ABM will be upholding all their partners in their prayers as they work for love, hope and justice. You are welcome to attend Please use this invitation to Join the Meeting;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81275809976?pwd=Ozqr09aHJCbaTRpCnaedlsmGam4wNA.1>  
Meeting ID: 812 7580 9976 Passcode: 444613

There is much happening in December, leading up to Christmas. There will be the Friendship Christmas lunch on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December from midday. Helen and I will host Christmas drinks at the Rectory on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December between 5 pm and 8 pm. All are welcome. Then on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, a Christmas Craft Day will be held between 9 am and 2 pm. The day is specifically aimed at children along with their parents in making Christmas decorations, in being told the Christmas story, in helping decorate the Christmas tree in the church and staying for lunch. Registration is essential at [saviours@adam.com.au](mailto:saviours@adam.com.au) or by ringing the office on 8379 4114 and leaving your name and phone number along with the numbers attending.

The Christmas service times have been set for this year. There will be a Carol Service featuring Nine Lessons and Carols on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at 7 pm. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of December (Christmas Eve), there will be a Children's and Family Service at 5 pm and Midnight Mass at 11 pm. Then on Christmas Day, the one service, a Sung Eucharist at 9 am.

Finally, you will have no doubt heard about the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. The Primate and Archbishop of Adelaide, Geoff Smith released a statement regarding the resignation on Wednesday. There are copies of this statement available at the back of the church if you wish to take one.

Every blessing, Paul