

Father Paul writes – 1st of June 2025
7th Sunday of Easter



Ascension Day; 40 days after Jesus Christ rose again. Jesus appeared to his disciples and many others before He ascended into heaven. Before He did, He commissioned the disciples to go out to all nations, baptising people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, a commission which stands for us today.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the help the first Christians received and we receive in doing this with the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is called Pentecost Sunday, a day where we say Happy Birthday to the Church. The word "Pentecost" means in Greek 50. It will be 50 days after Easter, where the Holy Spirit came like a rush of a violent wind amongst the early Christians and where they started speaking in different languages. I do not expect this to occur next Sunday, but I do encourage you to come along and wear something red. There will be a special morning tea following the 10 am service with a birthday cake!

The final stage of the Anglican Church's program called "Hope25" between Easter and Pentecost began on Thursday where we utilise the resources from the worldwide ecumenical program called "Thy Kingdom Come". There is a prayer journal available which explores the Lord's Prayer and another booklet written by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, which further explores the Lord's Prayer in a way that brings hope, challenge and encouragement. These resources are fantastic, so please take both copies and use daily. We are also asked to pray for five people during this time whom you may like to invite to our celebration of Pentecost.

Our next Friendship Lunch will be on Tuesday from midday. This is a great opportunity to join in with others for fellowship and to invite someone else to share in a two-course meal along with wine and orange juice for just 10-dollars. There is a sheet at the back of the church to register for the lunch but if you are unable to do this, please ring Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552.

Our next Bunnings BBQ in association with St Michael's Mitcham will be held on Thursday. This will be an opportunity where we sell sausages and drinks for our mission agencies. If you can assist between 8 am and

5 pm at Bunnings Mile End, please place your name on the roster at the back of the church.

The Burnside Inter Church Council is holding its annual Quiz Night on Friday night the 27th of June 2025 at the Burnside City Uniting Church. Tickets are available by scanning the QR code in the flyer. However, I will take bookings and book a table of 10 to start off with. It's always a fun night and for a good cause, in raising money to support the pastoral care workers or chaplains in our local schools.

A new roster is being formulated which starts on the 29th of June until the end of the year. Please let us know if you will be away or unable to be on the roster for any time between July and December. If you would like to consider being on the roster in being a welcomer, an intercessor, a reader, a lay assistant, in helping with the morning tea, in being a counter or assisting with setting up the church for the Sunday services, please let me know or the wardens in the next week or so. I do encourage you to arrange a swap with someone else on the roster if you are unable to be present on the day you are rostered.

Thank you to all who contributed to the ABM's Lenten and Good Friday Appeal. Some 260-dollars was raised in helping women in its partner countries to further empower them with education, livelihoods and community leadership and in standing with the Church in the Holy Land. Helen and I would also like to thank you for the generous Easter gift of nearly 600-dollars. It was very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

Thank you too for financially maintaining our ministry at St Saviour's. If you are not a regular giver, there are several options available, all of which are found on the back page of the pew sheet. Besides giving through the envelope system and the direct debit system through your bank, we do offer credit card facilities as well. If you wish to give through a credit card, please let one of the welcomers know as you arrive or as you leave and they should be able to assist. Giving as part of our time, talent and treasure is an important part of maintaining the ministry of the church.

Your friend and priest,

Paul