



**Father Paul writes – 21 September 2025**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

I welcome you as we today during this Season of Creation consider how we are stewards of God's creation and how we use our gifts to care for this world. Those gifts are taking responsibility for the things God has entrusted to us through our stewardship for our world. Today's Gospel reading challenges us to use our resources wisely, not for personal gain but for the common good, in living sustainably and in doing God's work. The bible reading relates to a servant in not being a slave to money and using it wisely in furthering God's kingdom. It teaches us that as Christians, we are owned by God as we are made in God's image and through baptism, we are claimed for Christ in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To be owned by God is to be secure in our deepest identity. As we reflect on today's Gospel, it is also an opportunity to review our financial giving to the church, in maintaining our ministry at St Saviour's, given we start a new set of giving envelopes from Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

The new sets of envelopes will be available from this Sunday for those who use the envelopes. If you would like a set, please let me know and we can arrange a set of envelopes for you. The envelopes provide the opportunity for a regular pattern of giving, rather than giving through the open plate. Alternatively, there is the direct debit system through your bank account. It is a matter of setting this up electronically yourself or through the bank. As well, we have a credit card facility located at the back of the church, where you can nominate an amount, you wish to donate. Further details are on the back of the pew sheet.

The Parish is going through the process of gaining a new tenant for the hall. A new tenant lease had been signed for the next two years with a fitness group, but unfortunately, they have backed out. Property company, Evans & Ayers which oversees the management of diocesan

rental properties has readvertised. We hope a new tenant can be found soon as the Parish is not gaining income through the hall rental at the moment.

I am taking some annual leave over the next two weeks. Hence, next Sunday, we will have the pleasure of the Rev'd Stuart Langshaw taking both services as we celebrate St Michael and All Angels. Then on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October, the Rev'd Peter Brown will preside at both services. The 10 am service will also be an occasion to baptise Adelaide Roberts-Gantner. Adelaide is the great grandchild to Brenda and Ray Roberts. Adelaide's parents Andrew and Samantha are visiting from the United States on holidays and hence are using the opportunity to have their first child baptised at St Saviour's. Fr Peter Thompson will preside at the 10 am Eucharist on Wednesdays and Judy Bowyer will lead Morning Prayer at 7.30 am on Thursdays.

Anglicare has closed its Mary Magdalane Centre in Gilbert Street in the city, due to the enormous rental bill for the church welfare agency. Hence, there has been a temporary halt to the delivery of donations of non-perishable food or hygiene items, something we do as a church on a weekly basis. The delivery of donations will resume on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September at the Anglicare SA warehouse at 1-13 Light Terrace at Thebarton. This will be only on Mondays and Tuesdays between 9 am and midday. Anglicare has also asked that donations are delivered in bags or boxes to make handling easier. Thanks to everyone who assists. If this poses difficulties for anyone on the roster, please let me know. Anglicare as I understand will continue to look for an alternative premises in the city.

On Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, St Saviour's will take part with St Michael's Mitcham in a BBQ at Bunnings at Mile End. The money raised will go towards our mission giving. If you are able to assist, there is a roster with various time slots on the day listed in the narthex.

And on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, we will hold our monthly Friendship Lunch. Costing just 10-dollars for a two-course meal, wine and orange juice, it is a great time for fellowship and to invite someone else too.

Again, there is a sheet at the back to the church. Otherwise, ring Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552.

Don't forget too that daylight saving starts on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October! Hence, turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

Your friend and priest,

Paul