



Father Paul writes 26th of October 2025

I welcome you to St Saviour's Glen Osmond. If you are a visitor, I hope you enjoy our services today. Please stay for morning tea following both services. The camel on the front cover of the pew sheet today relates to today's Gospel reading where Jesus gave an explanation to a rich man about what it means to inherit eternal life. The man's wealth had made him comfortable and gave him power and prestige. When Jesus told him to sell everything he owned, Jesus was touching the very basis of his security and identity. The man did not understand that he would be more secure if he followed Jesus than he did with all his wealth. Jesus does not ask all of us to sell everything we have. He does ask us though to get rid of anything that has become more important than God.

I am noticing some front fences dawned with white cloth as some Australians take on the tradition of celebrating Halloween next Friday. Halloween is thought to have had its roots in Christian beliefs and practices. The English word Halloween comes from the word "All Halloween Eve", being the evening before the Christian holy days of All Saints Day and All Souls Day. These two days are a time when we honour all saints and pray for the recently departed souls who are yet to reach heaven. Today's Halloween customs are more influenced by folk customs, with haunted attractions in order to frighten evil spirits.

We will next Sunday celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. On Sunday morning, we will honour in a special way the saints who will never be officially canonised. They are the people who we give thanks for, the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us who are now in heaven. Then on Sunday afternoon at 4.30 pm, we will remember our loved ones and parishioners who have died recently or over the years. This memorial service is a wonderful annual reminder of God's love which reaches across all time and space. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and to pray for them. If you wish to have someone remembered,

please place their name on the sheet at the back of the church over the next two Sundays or shortly before the memorial service on the day. The service will be followed by afternoon tea.

This afternoon at 4 pm, the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) will celebrate its 175th anniversary locally with a high tea at the Cynthia Poulton Hall at St Peter's Cathedral. The high tea will reflect on where the ABM has been over the past 175 years and where it will focus over the next 25 years. It will be followed by an Evensong at St Peter's Cathedral and where Archbishop Geoff Smith will preach. If you would like to come along, please let me know. Entry will be by donation.

Next Saturday at 10 am, there will be a Farewell Eucharist for the Archbishop. Archbishop Geoff Smith will finish up his role as the Primate of Australia next Friday and then lay his pastoral staff on the altar at the Cathedral at the end of the Farewell Eucharist Service at St Peter's Cathedral. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jennifer Ramos at bishopsoffice@adelaideanglicans.com

On Tuesday week, the 4th of November, St Saviour's will hold a Melbourne Cup Friendship Lunch from midday onwards. The two-course lunch is just 10-dollars per person and includes wine and orange juice. There will be several sweeps as along with a best prize for the best dressed and the best hat. The race will be seen on TV and so come along and make up a table with your friends. You can register on the sheet in the narthex or contact Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552. The Friendship Lunches at St Saviour's are held monthly except January on the first Tuesday of the month.

St Saviour's will hold a garage sale between 9 am and 3 pm on Saturday the 16th of November. The sale is part of the Garage Sale Trail around Adelaide over two weekends. The event is aimed at helping people offer their unwanted bric-a-brac, clothing, books etc for sale rather than possibly ending up in landfill. There will also be plants, cakes and pastries

for sale along with a BBQ and a Devonshire tea. If you have anything to donate between now and the 16th of November or can assist on the day, please contact Sue Lewis or Beth Walton on 0438 916 499. The day is a parish fundraiser and so come along on the day and support the garage sale and enjoy staying on for morning tea and or for lunch.

I will be attending the ABM's 175th anniversary celebrations in Sydney this week. The dinner at Parliament House in Sydney on Wednesday night will incorporate a Board meeting for me on Thursday and Friday. There will be representation at the dinner from Adelaide including Archbishop Geoff and wife Lynn, Bishop Sophie Relf-Christopher, Archdeacon Sam Goodes and the Rev'd Cameron Burr.

Your friend and priest,

Paul