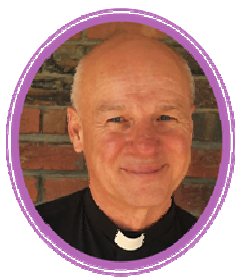


Father Paul writes 22nd of February 2026



I warmly welcome you today as we come together on this first Sunday of Lent to hear of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days being tempted by the devil and how Jesus resisted him at every encounter. It reminds us of the temptations we face too and how we can be strong like Jesus through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, that is being generous to others as God is to us.

I encourage you all to make the most of this solemn season over the next six weeks, hopefully deepening your relationship with God with the opportunities available at St Saviour's. Besides, making Sunday worship at 8 am and 10 am, there are mid-week services at 10 am on Wednesdays and 7.30 am on Thursdays. You are also welcome to join us for the Lenten Bible Studies on Wednesday mornings after the Eucharist at 10.45 am in the church's meeting room or at 7 pm in St Stephen's Chapel in the church. The study this year is called "The King Has Come" and has been written by Bp. Reg Piper. The study is a 40-day devotional which focuses on Matthew's Gospel with weekly discussion points. It is not too late to join the bible study. The cost of the book is 15-dollars.

The season of Lent is also a time when we walk with Jesus as he spent 40 days in the desert, without food and where he was tempted by the devil. It is also a time to recognise the importance of water and its place as the source and sustainer of life. The ABM Lenten Appeal this year focuses on providing clean water and basic sanitation to three ABM partners, Kenya, Vanuatu and Myanmar. Donation forms for the appeal are available today along with flyers containing more information about the tax-deductible appeal. You can also donate online at www.abmission.org or through a bank transfer.

The Annual Vestry Meeting for the Parish will be held on Sunday the 22nd of March in the meeting room following the 10 am Eucharist. This is the church's annual general meeting, where we receive the annual reports, elect a people's warden, Parish Councillors and other positions for the coming year. The 2026 budget will also be adopted. Nominations for the various positions can be made on the sheet in the narthex. For those preparing a report for the AVM, they need to be with the Parish Secretary Bobbie Luks by Friday so the documents can be collated, printed, and distributed two weeks before the meeting.

With every blessing, Fr Paul