

## Father Paul writes 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2026



I warmly welcome you today as we come together on this second Sunday of Lent to hear of Jesus being transfigured, where his face shone and his clothes became dazzling white. It was an experience witnessed by Jesus' closest disciples at the top of Mt Tabor, on his journey to Jerusalem where he was to be crucified but where he would rise again three days later. It was at Mt Tabor where Jesus was given encouragement by two of the greatest prophets, Moses and Elijah and where the disciples gained a glimpse of the glory of God. It is also where God speaks to the disciples, saying 'listen to him'. I hope during this season of Lent that you are taking time to even more so listen to God through our prayers, our regular worship and in our Lenten Bible Studies on Matthew by Bishop Reg Piper. 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 along with flyers containing more information about the tax-deductible appeal. You can also donate online at [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org) or through a bank transfer.

The Annual Vestry Meeting for the Parish will be held in three weeks' time 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 and Parish Councillors for the coming year. As well, we will adopt the budget for 2026 along with an ABM project for the year. There will be a brief morning tea before we start the meeting. Holy Week begins on March the 29th as we celebrate on Palm Sunday the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. There will be just the one service at 9 am, where we will start outside with the procession of palms into the church. The celebration of Easter on Sunday the 4th of April will start also outside with the lighting of the fire and the procession of the Paschal Candle into the church. The service will again be at 9 am followed by our BBQ Breakfast. Plans are also underway for a confirmation service with our new Archbishop, Brad Billings in April or May. If you would like to be confirmed, that is making the baptismal promises for yourself, please see me or contact me as soon as possible. Your friend and priest, Paul