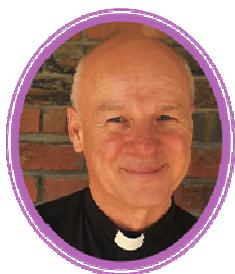


Father Paul writes 19th of April 2026



We today welcome the Archbishop of Adelaide, Brad Billings and his wife Karen to St Saviour's and as we celebrate Ted Jennings becoming a member of God's kingdom through baptism and confirmation along with Alice Davidson, who will also be confirmed, that is in reaffirming her baptismal vows for herself. Please stay for morning tea after the service.

Today we continue to celebrate Christ Risen during this season of Easter hearing the wonderful encounter between Jesus on the day of His resurrection and two disciples as they travelled home to a town outside of Jerusalem. The hopes and dreams for these two disciples had ended suddenly on Good Friday, by Jesus' horrendous death on a cross. Jesus walked beside them, even though they did not recognize him, What Jesus did though was open up the scriptures for them, recalling what God had done and then sharing a meal with them, in breaking bread. The disciples then recognize Jesus. Not surprisingly, they run back to Jerusalem and proclaimed the good news to the 11 disciples. So, it is for us that we can become easily overwhelmed with life's challenges and difficulties. We need to remember that Jesus walks beside us too. He may be hidden from our eyes, but he is there, often in unexpected places and encounters. May we always be open to the amazing and creative ways that the Risen Christ breaks through to us and accompanies us, where ever life takes us.

St Saviour's will once again take part this year in an ecumenical worldwide prayer movement called "Thy Kingdom Come". The global movement invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. Now into its 10th year, it has the theme for 2026 "God With Us". It will be an opportunity between Ascension Day the 14th of May and Pentecost on the 24th of May to pray for five people whom you wish to know the love of God, through Jesus Christ. A prayer journal will be available to use during these 10 days based on "God With Us" through the Holy Spirit, along with a daily bible study by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally. Both these resources will be available soon.

Services will resume at our normal times of 8 am and 10 am next Sunday. Next Sunday, we will mark Anzac Day at the 10 am Sung Eucharist. Anzac Day falls on Saturday this year, but we will certainly remember those who have given their lives through war with the reading of the ode and the playing of the last post at the conclusion of the service. *Your friend and priest, Fr Paul*