



Father Paul writes – 19th of July 2026

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

We today welcome the Rev'd Deb Jeanes as our guest preacher at both the 8 am and 10 am services. Deb is the Chaplain at St Peter's Woodlands Grammar School at Glenelg and is licensed as the Deacon for our Deanery area, namely the Torrens Deanery. As well, we welcome the Families, Youth and Children's Ministry Facilitator for the Diocese, Kat Elliott. She will speak about her role and the efforts being made to support parishes in this ministry.

We hear today of another parable or a story from Jesus related to nature, about the problems we all sometimes have with weeds in our gardens. We all know about them particularly at this time of the year! Jesus uses this parable to highlight about the good and the evil in the world. We are also reminded in the first reading from Isaiah that God alone has demonstrated his control of history, that he is the only God and that we are his witnesses. In our New Testament reading, Paul says there is a new life for us who live in Jesus Christ. But more than that: we have God's presence through the Holy Spirit to guide us and strengthen us, as we live our lives. We are not on our own.

Next Saturday at 3 pm, Alice Davidson and Ted Jennings will be married at St Saviour's. It will be a joy for me to be their wedding celebrant, having got to know them particularly well over the past year and in becoming parishioners. We are all invited to come along and share in this joyous occasion with their families and friends.

Our next Mitre 10 BBQ at Unley will be next Saturday. The BBQ is a fundraiser for the parish and is a good outreach opportunity. If you are able to help, please place your name on the roster at the back of the church.

Our next Friendship Lunch will be held on Tuesday the 4th of August. A great opportunity to share a meal with parishioners but also to invite others whom you would like to bring along, a neighbour, a friend or friends or someone who you believe would enjoy some company. The lunch is just 10-dollars and includes a two-course menu and wine. You can register by placing your name and the number of those who intend to come along on the sheet in the narthex. Otherwise, ring Sue Lewis on 0431 151 552.

Your friend and priest, Paul