

Father Paul writes 8th of November 2026

Welcome to St Saviour's Glen Osmond on this second Sunday of November, the closest Sunday to Remembrance Day, a time where we remember those who have died in conflict in the two World Wars and in later conflicts. It has also been marked as Defence Sunday, a time to thank members of the Defence Force for their work and to particularly highlight the work of the Anglican Church with their chaplaincies amongst Defence personnel and their families. We will mark the day with the Ode Reading and the Last Post towards the conclusion of the 10 am service. We will also welcome the Pastoral Care Worker at Burnside Primary School, Julia Asherellis who will speak about her role in supporting teachers, staff and students at the school. Julie is in part supported by St Saviour's through the Burnside Interchurch Council.

Every Christian is meant to be a lamp-carrier – a bearer of the light of Christ to a darkened world. But like the foolish bridesmaids we read about in today's Gospel, we sometimes allow the precious light of Christ in our lives to grow dim, or even go out altogether. The parable of the 10 bridesmaids from Jesus urges us to stay awake because we do not know the day nor the hour of the Lord's coming. We come today to keep the lamp of faith burning brightly in us and to be prepared, so that when Jesus does come for us, we can enter his kingdom.

On Saturday the 21st of November, St Michael's Mitcham will hold a special day of prayer to support and seek discernment for the Diocese of Adelaide Vision. Sessions will run from 9 am to 4 pm with different leaders from around the Diocese utilising a range of prayer types and approaches. You are not expected to come for the whole day but to choose a time that suits. The prayer day also comes as we begin a new liturgical year on Sunday the 29th of November.

My thanks to the Rev'd Peter Brown and the Rev'd Deb Jeanes in taking services for All Saints Day and All Souls Day, while I attended the ABM Board meeting in Sydney and presided at a wedding at Port Douglas. I will be taking two weeks annual leave from tomorrow. The Rev'd Stuart Langshaw will take the services next Sunday and the Rev'd Peter Brown on Sunday November the 22nd. I will be back on deck from Tuesday the 24th of November in time for the Season of Advent!

Your friend and priest, Paul