

## MINISTERS BLOG ( Douglas)

I thought that I had it all planned out. I had recently graduated and found a job in a firm and all I had to do now was work hard, build a **solid reputation and become a partner by the age of 35 and I'd be set for life. By the time I was offered a partnership I had realised I didn't** want to do that job for the rest of my life. I joined the prosecution service and rethought my plans. OK, I was a few years behind others **but again through hard work I'd be promoted and then could look at** where I wanted to go next. Again, by the time I was promoted I had decided I was meant to be doing something else with my life.

We can make whatever plans we want for our life and expend as much energy as we want in attaining them. The problem there is that we think we are in control. We have the freedom to make all these plans ourselves and without any reference to God. The problems arise **when our goals conflict with God's goals for us, when we think we are** in control and not God.

We will all face disappointment and frustration in life but only when we think we are in control and base things on our desires and wishes. Jeremiah reminds us that God has a plan for us to make us prosper; if **we seek God's plans and actually trust God then our expectations will** be different. We trust the outcome is what God ordained rather than what we hoped for ourselves.

**Robert Burns famously wrote, "the best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley (often go wrong)". Maybe if we asked God and put God first we'd be less upset at the outcomes.**

## EASTER SATURDAY DINNER

Charlies Restaurant, Corner Brighton Road and Sturt Road \$20 all you can eat dinner. Looking for people to join a table of migrants and assist in a conversation about Easter.

Please contact Sylvia, *Bridgebuilder International Friend*

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## Easter services

Maundy Thursday: 7pm: Communion  
Good Friday: 9.30am All Age Worship  
6.00pm Young Adults  
Sunday: 9.15am Worship for today  
Special Morning Tea  
10.45am All Age Worship  
6.00pm Young Adult

## Wednesday lunch 4th April 2012

Main course Roast Beef and vegetables Dessert Fruit pie

Cost \$10

Take aways can also be ordered and picked up between 1.00pm and 1.30pm Cost \$10

Please book with Margaret Scrimshaw or the Church office by 12 noon Tuesday April 3rd 2012

We look forward to seeing you.

AWUC ORGAN –As part of the ongoing care of the Perry Memorial Organ, we are pleased to advise that during the last month over 100 **pipes were removed from the organ to the organ builder's workshop** to have the Mixture Rank on the Great Manual revoiced and re-tuned. These pipes have now been reinstated to the organ chamber. This work was made possible through the generosity of the friends of the organ fund.

St Matthew Passion –Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2.30pm (today) at St Peter's Cathedral with the Kapelle Singers, Crafers Treble Choir and Chamber Orchestra.

## Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> ....Psalm Sunday

**Haydn's beautiful works "Stabat Mater" and Salve Regina",**

performed by the Adelaide Harmony Choir, soloists and orchestra at 2.30pm at Elder Hall, North Terrace.

Tickets at the door



Next Week

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 5, 7pm

Friday April 6, 9.30am & 6pm

Sunday April 8, Easter Day 9.15am, 10.45 & 6pm

Readings for Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25: 6-9

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

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Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

**"Hosanna!**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!"**

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

1st April, 2012

Palm Sunday

9.15 am Douglas Monaghan

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6.00 pm Douglas Monaghan

Friday : 7.00 pm Youth



Readings for Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 118 1-2, 19-29

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 11:1-11 or

John 12:12-16