

## Ministers Blog

For whatever reason, I watched ABC Q&A again this week. Half way through the program, a young woman asked a question about the value of religion clearly intimating that the church is responsible for much wrongdoing. When asked to expand, she listed a catalogue of complaint including **pedophile priests and church cover ups, and what she believes the church's** repressing stance on a number of social/moral issues. This garnered considerable applause from the audience.

Two of the panel who responded to her question identified themselves as Christians. In particular, one politician said he was a practicing Roman Catholic. This announcement was greeted with jeering and boo-ing. I was shocked.

**I wasn't aware a person's faith could be so disrespected in such a public manner without comment.** Christianity is out of favour with many. In **addition to the woman's list, I hear of Christians who are even unkind to their own.** People report unloving things said and done to others who bear **the same name, Christian.** **Even within a congregation it's known that people hurt their brothers and sisters in Christ.**

The church has a PR crisis on its hands bigger than the Titanic. The way forward is in showing each other and the wider community, how much we love one another; how compassionate we can really be.

While the church will not meet the same fate as the Titanic, without taking **seriously Jesus' mandate to love in his way, we could soon be in the Dark Ages, again.**

To celebrate the year of Mark, after Easter, the Sunday night 6.00 pm service will begin a series of sermons looking at Jesus in the Gospel of Mark and what it means for us today. All are welcome to attend.

Rev Douglas Monaghan.

## Centenary of the Torrensville Methodist/Uniting Church.

On May 6 at 2.00 pm there will be a celebration/reunion here at Adelaide West to mark the centenary of the official opening of the Hayward Avenue church on May 11, 1912. A short church service will be followed by afternoon tea (supplied), and a visit to the former church building. All welcome.

PASTY BAKE Starts 4th May (2 weeks away!) Prices this year are Pasties \$3.00 each and Plates \$8.00 each, please place your orders with Pam Young by phoning 8352 5230.

## Small Group feature of the week

<b>Greg and Kylie's Group</b>	Thursday Evenings fortnightly
Who are we: Young people from the 6pm service	
What we do: Discuss topics of interest, prayer, hang out, keen to do out-reach projects to help the wider community	

*If you would like a full list of small groups at AWUC or like any other information, contact Brett (0407 250 609) or Ruth (0450 694 844)*

Film Evening: 2 May at 7.30 pm, Brooklyn Park Church of Christ, **3 Allen Avenue, Brooklyn Park.** Film **"Soul Surfer"**, rated PG Entrance—Gold Coin. Supper (a plate would be appreciated). Fresh popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds go towards the Zimbabwe Short Term mission Trip. All welcome.



## Next Week

29th April, 2012

Easter 4

9.15 am Worship for Today

10.45 am Family Worship

6.00 pm Young Adults

Friday May 4th : 7.00 pm Youth

Readings for Easter 4

Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24,

John 10:11-18

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## April 22nd, 2012

9.15 am Phil Carr

10.45am Phil Carr

6.00 pm Douglas Monaghan

Wednesday 25th : NO Healing  
service (Anzac Day Public Holiday)

Friday 27th : 7.00 pm Youth



Readings for Easter 3

Acts 3:12-19, Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7,

Luke 24:36b-48

Luke 24:36-48 Jesus Appears to His Disciples  
36 While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, **'Peace be with you.'**<sup>37</sup> They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup> **He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.'** <sup>40</sup> And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup> While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, **he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'** <sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate in their presence.  
**44 Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.'** <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, **'Thus it is written, that the Messiah<sup>\*</sup> is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses<sup>\*</sup> of these things.'**