

## MINISTER'S BLOG (Douglas)

The word "miracle" gets bandied about a lot these days. The Crows win a game, "It's a miracle". You get a park near the shops, "It's a miracle". My kids clean their rooms without being asked, "It's a miracle", you see what I mean? So when we read about a miracle of Jesus we are reminded just what a miracle actually is. There are many different explanations of what a miracle is. For me, it is only a miracle if I can see God in it.

In this week's lectionary reading we read of a miracle of Jesus where He stills the storm. It is a traumatic time for the disciples, panicked and convinced they are about to die while Jesus sleeps. They cry out to Him, "don't you care that we are dying?". Jesus somewhat laconically opens His eyes and tells the storm to knock it off which it does. A miracle? Sure, but what does it tell us about God?

Some might say that Jesus doesn't care about the perils the disciples face as He is above all that. I disagree. For me, Jesus is unconcerned about the immediate perils faced as He has already brought about the saving of their lives simply by coming to earth. Jesus is God's plan for salvation realised. The disciples didn't need saving from the storm, they needed saving from their estrangement from God, and Jesus has accomplished this already. Whatever peril they face on earth is nothing to the peril they faced in eternity.

So when we face our storms and God feels very remote and unconcerned remember the saving work done by Jesus for you on a hill outside Jerusalem 2000 years ago. Jesus doesn't save us **from** the storm; He saves us **through** the storm.



Healing Service All welcome to join us this coming Wednesday, 27th June, in the chapel at 7:30 pm, where Belinda Willcocks will be 'wearing three hats' (i.e. leading, playing & sharing). For more information see Jilda Ralph.

**"Friday 29th June at 7.30 pm -Opening Organ Recital of the renovated and substantially extended outstanding Kent Town Wesley UCA organ.**

**The recital will be given by Dr Calvin Bowman, senior lecturer and organist at Australian National University and Director of Music at Wesley UCA, Canberra.**

**Tickets at the door \$20 or \$15 concession"**

## Special Congregation Meeting

The date for the special congregation meeting has been set as Sunday 1 July at 2pm at AWUC.

At this meeting the congregation will vote on calling the proposed minister. Members of the JNC will be present to provide information about the process that has taken place.

Bryan and I would like to thank everyone for all the thoughtful love and support you have shown our family over the past few months. The practical generosity and acts of kindness from our church family at such a sad time has been a real blessing and deeply appreciated. Thank you so much. Love Dorothy, Bryan, Miriam, Naomi and Rebecca Crosby.

## **Family Barbecue**

Families with young children (0-5) are invited to share a BBQ lunch on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup>. Come along to the church hall if the weather is cold/wet or we will make use of picnic rugs and the playground equipment if the sun is shining. Join us from 11:30am for a great chance to hang out and get to know one another. Sausages & bread provided, please bring anything else you require. RSVP to Kylie Roberts on 0400 522 119.

## **Pray for Rev Phil**

Give thanks for his inspirational Preaching of the Gospel

That his leadership will prepare us for a new era of growth under the Senior Pastor we want to call.

That his leadership will cause us each to examine our lives before God and be open to be lead by the Holy Spirit in all we do.

That the prayer ministry will become a significant part of AWUC

## **Singers and Instrumentalists wanted**

Be part of the action and sing or play for the installation of Andrew Dutney as the new president. We are looking for people from all over the state, of all ages and from different churches to take part in the worship at the Entertainment Centre. Rehearsals on Sundays at 3:30pm starting June 17<sup>th</sup> at Brougham Place Uniting Church (193 Brougham Place, North Adelaide). More info or to register – Jennifer Hughes ([Jennifer@cmla.org.au](mailto:Jennifer@cmla.org.au)) or 0422 539 028.



## Next Week July 1 2012

9.15 am Phil Carr

10.45am Phil Carr

6.00 pm Douglas Monaghan

Friday June : 7.30 pm Youth

### Readings Pentecost 5

2 Samuel 1: 1,17-27

Psalm: 130

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Mark 5: 21-43

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On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him."

### June 24

9.15 am Worship for Today

10.45 am Family Worship

6.00 pm Young Adults

June 20 Progressive Christianity

Friday June 22 : 7.00 pm Youth

### Readings for Pentecost 4

1 Samuel 17:1a,4-11,19-23 32-49

Or 1 Samuel 17: 57-18:5,10-16

Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Mark 4:35-41