

## MINISTER'S BLOG (Douglas)

I'm thinking back to the grandparents service held recently at the 9:15 service and I am looking forward to the C.Y. service at 10:45 this morning. To have two services with such heavy involvement of children and youth is just fantastic.

You see, I used to think that children and youth were the **future** of our church. I am now firmly of the view that this statement is wrong. I am now of the view that children and youth are **present** of our church. When we involve them in our planning, our councils, our meetings and our worship we are saying that we value them and their input, they are a part of our church here and now, not in some future still to come. They belong here.

I see our youth in particular taking on leadership roles in their communities, I see them sitting on our church council, I listen to their hopes and aspirations for the future direction of this church and I see them working towards this when they are given the chance. In short I see them flourishing and relishing what they can do as they serve this church.

I encourage and affirm this. I am grateful for the willingness to involve children and youth and I am sure we are seeing the benefits already. There will be plenty more to come. I applaud the worship committees for their flexibility in allowing these services. Can I encourage our youth to consider more roles in the church, even becoming congregational representatives to attend Synod meetings? Today we remember a lot of our youth served us in wars and paid the ultimate price. May we ever value our children and youth for what they can offer us now.

**"For your diary"** the Induction Service of Rev Rod Dyson will be held at Adelaide West on Tuesday, January 15th at 7.30pm.

### Small Group feature of the week:

<b>Jo and Shane's Group</b>	Thursday evening fellowship
Who are we: Anyone aged 30 to 50	
What we do: Rotate venue, have selected materials from Koorong as a group, DVD with questions	

**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)**



## "Songs and Scones"

Adelaide West Men's Choir  
& Friends Concert

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2.30pm @ AWUC  
Admission \$12; Conc \$10; Children free  
C U There!

Devonshire afternoon tea provided  
Proceeds to Adelaide West Refugee Fund

Apology to "Friendship Group" for not putting their notice in last week. Friendship group meets 1.30pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

**AWUC Evening Fellowship** is on Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm. This is our annual meeting to be followed by Eunice Monaghan, explaining the making of glass jewelry with the option of purchasing. Idea for Christmas.

**Henley and Grange Concert Band** presents  
"Our Families"

Sunday Nov18th 2012, 2-4pm at  
Adelaide West Uniting Church

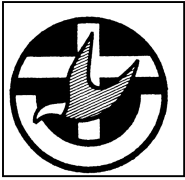
SYNOD CATERING A huge THANK YOU to anyone who contributed in any way toward the catering for Synod. It was the biggest task we had ever undertaken serving morning and afternoon tea to 350 people and lunch and dinner to approximately 120 each day for 3 days!

To my team who worked tirelessly all day for the first two days I cant thank you enough and to Helen and her (next generation) team who covered the third day you were indeed a blessing. Pam Young

### Cultural dance, drumming and singing groups

We have recently formed the Australian-Congolese Relief and Development Initiative, with our Patron being Hon Lyn Breuer. Our major aim is to send medical and educational equipment to the Congo, to assist in development there after years of destruction because of war. Our first fund-raising effort will be held at the Italian Club, 45 OG Road, Klemzig on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6.00pm. A Congolese Gospel Choir, the Burundi Drum Group and Fijian, Tongan and Samoan dance groups will provide the evening's entertainment. We would welcome your support for this venture. Tickets at \$25 each are available from both of us, or from the church office.

*Edmond Muliro and Esmond Dowdy*



## Nov 18, 2012

9.15 am Phil Carr  
10.45 am Phil Carr  
6.00 pm Douglas Monaghan  
7pm Friday 23rd Youth

### Readings Pentecost 25

1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10: 11-14, (15-18)  
,19-25  
Mark 13: 1-8

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## Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury.

Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

## Nov 11, 2012

9.15 am Worship for Today  
10.45am Family Worship  
6.00 pm Young Adults  
7pm Friday 16th Youth

### Readings for Pentecost 24

Ruth 3: 1-5, 4:13-17  
Psalm 127  
Hebrew 9: 24-28  
Mark 12: 38-44