

MINISTERS BLOG (Douglas)

Today's Gospel reading contains perhaps the most famous verse of the Bible, we see it referenced on bumper stickers, on T shirts, on signs at major sporting events, the ever present John 3:16.

Our familiarity with it and our repeatedly seeing it as a verse out of context causes us to miss another significant verse coming immediately after it, John 3:17, that Jesus came not to condemn the world but to save it through Himself. Jesus has not come at this time to judge us, but to reconcile us to God and to each other.

This suspension of judgment is remarkable and is the hallmark of Jesus' ministry. When faced with the woman caught in adultery he affirms His call, **"Neither do I condemn you". I have heard it said that judgment is what we demand for others, mercy is what we seek for ourselves.**

I wonder how often we judge others and ourselves? It has become part of our lives, I suppose we make hundreds of judgments each day about each other, what we say, how we dress and act etc. Jesus is into reconciliation and calls us to do the same. Jesus is free with forgiveness and so should we be. Our ministry is about reconciliation, to God and to each other; our judgments of one another can only get in the way.

Family Barbecue

Families with young children (0-5) are invited to share a BBQ tea at West Torrens Memorial Gardens Playground (next to library on Brooker Tce, Hilton) on Friday 23rd March. Come along from 5:30pm 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.

Cleaner

John Workolo has recently established a cleaning business as a VIP franchise. He is available for any cleaning work— inside, outside, exit cleaning, domestic commercial. John can be contacted on 0413 810 637 for all your cleaning needs. He is offering a 10% discount as an introductory offer for AWUC families.



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

Progressive Christianity Service



Wednesday 28th at 7pm Exploring Faith.

Issues in a group environment.

This month—"God and Prayer" - exploring

"What do we need from our relationship with "God" and how do we communicate with "God"?"

Come today to celebrate the ordination of "our own"

Douglas Monaghan and others here at 2pm

St Matthew Passion" –Sunday 1st April 2.30 –St Peter's Cathedral – with the Kapelle Singers, Crafers Treble Choir and Chamber Orchestra These are monumental settings by JS Bach of the Passion of Jesus Christ according the Gospels. They are intensely dramatic, moving and meditative. Bookings for these events can be made at BASS 1331 246 - tickets \$30-\$50

Sunday April 1st**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 \$30, \$28 concession. Ph 83528348 or 0408 528 349

Please Note: 9.15 am and 10.45 am worshippers

Please do not congregate in foyer area at beginning of 10.45 am service as noise is disrupting to worship.



Next Week

25th March, 2012

9.15 am Worship for Today

10.45 am Family Worship

6.00 pm Young Adults

Friday : 7.00 pm Youth

Wednesday 28th: Healing Service at 7.30pm

Readings for Lent 5

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51: 1-12 or

Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

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18th March, 2012

9.15 am Worship for Today

10.45am Family Worship

6.00 pm Young Adults

Friday : 7.00 pm Youth

Wednesday 21st: Progressive Christianity at 7pm

John 3:14-21



Readings for Lent 4
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."