

MINISTER'S BLOG (Douglas)

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When the famous preacher who had been followed by great crowds arrived back in his hometown you would think there would be rapturous homecoming. Here is the local boy done good, the celebrity, coming back amongst His own kith and kin, surely some sort of reception to be laid on?

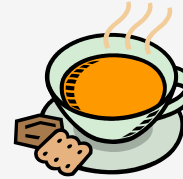
Alas not, Jesus is viewed with suspicion and scorn. It is pointed out that they know this carpenter; they know his family as they still stay in the village. They know His provenance, His capabilities, His history. This is no great Messiah; this is just a man who works with His hands building things for others. Tall poppy syndrome is alive and well in 1st century Galilee.

Familiarity with Jesus has this effect on us too. Are we guilty of thinking we know just exactly who Jesus is and what Jesus does? When we hear the name "Jesus" do we think we know who this person is, what He is capable of? I think we should never become comfortable with our image and understanding of Jesus. If we believe Jesus is God of all then how can we ever limit Him to one image, one understanding of our own construction.

Jesus invites us to be drawn deeper and deeper into the mystery that is Christ. Just as theologians over the centuries have discovered there is always more to Jesus than we ever thought. Let us be the opposite of the villagers, let's assume we don't know who Jesus is, and that this "discomfort" spurs us ever onwards towards a deeper understanding; a deeper relationship, where we rely less on ourselves, and more on Him.

Prayer breakfast next Saturday 14th July, 2012 at 8am. Come and join us in prayer for the community and then share in breakfast and fellowship.

Evening Fellowship Wednesday 11th July 7.30pm
Speaker Julie Quimby from "Cora Barclay Centre for Deaf Children"
All Welcome



Soup Morning

Sunday August 5th

(between the two morning services)

Gold coin donation

See insert for more information

Charity concert "Sing For Joy" will be held here on Sunday July 8th at 2pm. Presented by members Metropolitan Male Voice choir SA and the Churches together Choir of SA. Concert will include songs of praise and worship, hymns and solo items. Free admission, but an offering will be taken for the Leukemia Foundation

Family Barbecue

Families with young children (0-5) are invited to share a BBQ lunch on Saturday July 14th. 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

GB SA is selling these MEGA cute heat packs. This is just one of cute little friends you can purchase. They cost \$25 and above. please see Vicki to place your order. Final orders by the 22nd of July with all money. hope you are as excited about them as we are.

