

MINISTERS BLOG (Douglas)

The other day I went for a sandwich at a well-known chain. It took me about 5 minutes to negotiate the questions I was being asked relating to type of bread, whether it was to be toasted or not, what salad filling, dressing, etc. It **occurred to me just how “on demand” our society is. We have TV on demand, movies on demand, the internet provides news on demand, 24 hour banking and other services cater to the rule that the consumer is king and can get what they want, when they want it.**

I wonder if this sinks into our psyche. We become so used to being the ones calling the shots. We are used to simply asking and getting. I mention all this as the gospel reading for today is the healing of blind Bartimaeus. There is a **lot to be said for the faith of Barty as he continues to call for Jesus’ attention** despite the crowd telling him to pipe down. But I am more interested in the **response of Jesus. Jesus straight away asks him “What do you want me to do for you?”**

In a world where we are the ones asking and getting, Jesus stands as a counterpoint. Jesus offers His help straightaway. Jesus does not ask Barty for anything, Jesus simply places Himself at the service of another. This is the essence of service. The desire to serve another is clear evidence of the Spirit and is part of what we are called to do. Maybe we need to consider asking Jesus what we can do for Him and one another? Maybe we need to be the server once in a while?

THANK YOU to everyone for personal enquiries, visits, phone calls, cards and prayers on my recent hospitalisation. Special thanks to ministerial colleagues, and to the large number of African members of our congregation who have visited over the last several weeks. I am getting better and better everyday and will soon be perfect! *Esmond Dowdy*

Small Group feature of the week:

Young Guys on Tuesdays	Tuesday evening fortnightly
Who are we: Guys 18ish	
What we do: Catch up with drinks, snacks, casual and relaxed discussions, led by different members each time, talk and pray for each other	

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)

UNITING CHURCH FUNERAL FUND –Provide up to \$10,000 in a lump sum or by installments. Your funeral Bond will be invested to cater for the increasing cost of funerals and will be exempt from Centrelink Pension Assets Tests. Ph Synod Office 1300 274151 or email info@ucinvest.com.au for more info and an application form. Synod are also able to offer legal advice on your bequest instructions.

AWUC ORGAN SCHOLARSIP –Funds are available for professional pipe organ tuition for interested persons with the skills and passion to lead worship with the ministry of organ music. Please see Meredith Dowdy or Wayne Colebatch for details.

<p>“Songs and Scones” <u>Adelaide West Men’s Choir & Friends Concert</u> Sunday 25th Nov 2.30pm @ AWUC-- Admission \$12; Conc \$10; Children free---C U There! Devonshire afternoon tea provided- Proceeds to Adelaide West Refugee Fund</p>
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Thank you for donating to Byron Place; A drop in centre for homeless men and women where they can have a shower-leave their belongings-have coffee and fellowship. The Evening Fellowship bought boxes of toiletries, the craft group donated money to buy coffee mugs from our fete helping our church and Byron Place. We even received new towels. Anyone who **has any coffee mugs, toiletries or towels you don’t use any-more** Judy Johnston will always deliver them.

Does anyone have a portacot and/or a baby monitor that we could borrow for the period 28th Nov. to Jan.1st please? If so, could you please speak with Meredith or Esmond Dowdy. We would be most grateful. Telephone 82351193.



Nov 4, 2012

9.15 am Phil Carr

10.45 am Phil Carr

6.00 pm Douglas Monaghan

7pm Friday 9th Youth

Readings Pentecost 23

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9: 11-14

Mark 12: 28-34

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Mark 10: 46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

October 28, 2012

9.15 am Worship for Today

10.45am Family Worship

6.00 pm Young Adults

7pm Friday 2nd Youth

Readings for Pentecost 22

Job 42:1-6,10-17

Psalm 34:1-8,(19-22)

Hebrew 7: 23-28

Mark 10: 46-52