

## MINISTERS' Blog (Phil)

Home on the range, there's seldom an encouraging word. We're variously judged and criticized by those individuals preacher Carlisle Marney called, "cellar people". Consequently we can become disheartened (another word for, *discouraged*). That's why we need *balcony people*; flesh and blood contemporaries with one characteristic...a willingness to hang in there with us while we work through the challenge of discouragement. They hear us and don't condemn us for feeling this or wanting that. It doesn't mean they approve of the choices we make. Rather they stay with us and give us energy to work through our issues and encourage us to explore alternatives. They help us get perspective we might not otherwise have discovered on our own.

Some of our front row *balcony people* are right here in this church family this morning. And if we make our need known, these "brothers" and "sisters" will respond to us in surprising ways. They'll make all the difference to how we manage these cellar voices...and thus our life. Which of course is part of the main reason for being here...to *consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds* (Hebrews 10.24).

Henley & Grange Concert Band playing here today at 2pm, tickets \$12 available at the door

**Advance notice** there will be **no bus** on Christmas Day or December 30th, please speak with Wes Ashman to make other arrangements

### Small Group feature of the week:

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| <b>Thrive</b>   | Monday evening fellowship |
| Who are we: Young women aged 40ish  |                           |
| What we do: Support, prayer, bible study most nights, coffee and snacks, occasionally meet socially |                           |

**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**

**Back to Bethlehem**—November 24th at Mellor Park, 11am-4pm

Fundraising Opportunity to support

### **Pt Vincent Scripture Union Family Mission.**

On Sunday 25 November 2012 we will be selling sliced cake / biscuits to go with your cup of tea/coffee (between the 9:15am & 10:45 am services) - \$2.50/ slice of cake - 50c/ biscuit  
If you would like to know about this mission please talk to Louise Fielke, Richard/Sandy Altmann or Rachel Ferguson.

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

A congregational meeting is to be held on **Dec 9 at 2pm.**

### **Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community**

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### **Advent Retreat Days**

Friday 30 November

Wednesday 5 December

Saturday 8 December

Between 9.30am and 4.00pm

Cost \$25 per whole day: \$15 half day.

BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided.



## Nov 25, 2012

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

### Readings Christ the King/ Reign of Christ

2 Samuel 23: 1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

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## Mark 13:1-8



5-8 Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

## Nov 18, 2012

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