



THINK ON THESE THINGS.....

Reading: Proverbs 3:5,6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own understanding.

6 Acknowledge him in all your ways
and he will make your paths straight

Reflection:

Some of you will be aware of Pat's cousin's daughter Bella, who died earlier this year just months after having undergone a successful liver and kidney transplant. What you are probably not aware of is that Bella's older brother Michael is a very good young cricketer, and earlier this year was given a contract to play for the county side of Derbyshire. This past weekend was his debut for the team that played against Nottinghamshire in a 4-day match. The previous time Derbyshire had beaten Nottinghamshire away was in 2002, so no pressure!

Well, Michael had a dream debut. As a left arm fast bowler, he took three wickets in the first innings, and a further 2 wickets in the second innings. However, it was his performance with the bat that hit the headlines. Needing well over 300 runs to win the game, Michael came to the crease with the team needing to score over a hundred runs in a limited number of overs.

With batting not his strength, everyone expected the worse. It also happened to be his 22nd birthday, and the commentators were saying to each other – "wouldn't it be amazing if Michael could not only score a few runs, but also hit the winning runs not only on his debut, but also on his birthday."

With his entire family, extended family and team mates watching nervously on, that is exactly what happened! He batted like a real pro, and the elation on his face as he hit the winning runs was a joy to behold. Michael Cohen – remember the name!

This Sunday we'll be reflecting on yet another passage which focuses the attention on faith and risk as Peter stepped out of the boat to walk towards Jesus. In our Christian walk there will be times when we step out in faith and trust that God will support and see us through. Of course, it won't always work out as well as it did for Michael yesterday, but it is always wonderful to celebrate when it does!

Breath-Prayer for Today:

Thank you, Lord God that you encourage us to walk your way in faith, learning from our failures, but also rejoicing in the victories.

