



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Acts 2:1-21 (MEV)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** There appeared to them tongues as of fire, being distributed and resting on each of them, **4** and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to speak.

5 Now dwelling in Jerusalem were Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. **6** When this sound occurred, the crowd came together and were confounded, because each man heard them speaking in his own language. **7** They were all amazed and marveled, saying to each other, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" **8** How is it that we hear, each in our own native language? **9** Parthians, Medes and Elamites, residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya near Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages the mighty works of God." **12** They were all amazed and perplexed, saying to each other, "What does this mean?"

13 Others mocking said, "These men are full of new wine."

Peter's Speech at Pentecost

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all you who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to my words. **15** For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is the third hour of the day. **16** But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 'In the last days it shall be,' says God, 'that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

18 Even on My menservants and maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will show wonders in heaven above and signs on the earth below: blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke.

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and glorious day of the Lord comes.

21 And whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Psalm 104:24-34 (MEV)

24 O LORD, how manifold are Your works! With wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures—

25 so is this great and wide sea, which is full of innumerable creatures, living animals both small and great.

26 There go the ships, and there is Leviathan, which You have made to play in it.

27 These all wait upon You, that You may give them their food in due season.

28 When You give it to them, they gather it; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good food.

29 When You hide Your face, they are troubled; You take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

30 When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the surface of the ground.

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in His works.

32 He looks on the earth, and it trembles; He touches the mountains, and they smoke.

33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

34 May my meditation be sweet to Him, for I will be glad in the LORD. PRAISE THE LORD

Courage is the eye of faith.

Love is the heart of faith.

Truth is the head of faith.

God is the soul of faith. ~ Sri Chinmoy

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. ~ Hebrews 11:1

"Be the change that you wish to see in the world."

~ Mahatma Gandhi

The whole purpose of religion is to facilitate love and compassion, patience, tolerance, humility, forgiveness. ~ Dalai Lama

CHURCH ON A BUS ~ 31 May

As there is no driver available for Church on a bus for 31st May, we will be having a service with a difference at West Tamworth



Each person is invited to bring along something on the theme "Faith". It can be a prayer, poem, bible verse, story or any other item. Lunch will be supplied.

We will arrange for people to pick up the usual bus folk, and to return them home.

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

Pastoral Care: Meg Mangan 0466 337 005

Elders: Margaret Crowell Doss Wark
Barbara Murray

Ross Davidson
Gillian & Bruce Jarrett



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We remember Bruce and Marie Westbrook in our prayers. Marie has been unwell, and Bruce has been her carer during that time.
- We pray that Vic Hatfield's health will continue to improve.
- We pray for Phyll Bylund, and that her time in hospital won't drag on for too long. She is already feeling that she would like to be busy doing things, rather than sitting around.
- We pray for the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the members of this parish, at this time when coughs and colds are so prevalent amongst little ones.

We live by faith, not by sight. ~ 2 Corinthians 5:7

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (MEV)

The Valley of Dry Bones

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He carried me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, ² and He caused me to pass among them all around. And *there were* very many in the open valley. And *they were* very dry. ³ He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

⁴ Again He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you so that you live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you and will grow back flesh upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you so that you live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise and a shaking. And the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ When I looked, the sinews and the flesh grew upon them, and the skin covered them. But there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the wind; prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain so that they live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

¹¹ Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost. We are cut off completely.'

¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Pay attention, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up out of your graves. ¹⁴ And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I the LORD have spoken and performed it, says the LORD."



Bible Readings ~ 31 May

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-7



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth



John 15:26-27; 16:4-15 (MEV)

²⁶ "But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16:4-15

⁴ I have told you these things, so that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you about them.

The Work of the Spirit

"I did not tell you these things at the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' ⁶ Rather, sorrow has filled your heart because I have told you these things. ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ When He comes, He will convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment: ⁹ of sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ of righteousness, because I am going to My Father, and you will see Me no more; ¹¹ and of judgment, because the ruler of this world stands condemned.

¹² "I have yet many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ But when the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. For He will not speak on His own authority. But He will speak whatever He hears, and He will tell you things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will receive from Me and will declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is Mine. Therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and will declare it to you.

Meg's Musings

This Sunday is known as Pentecost Sunday - the day which recognises the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Because the physical manifestation of the arrival of Holy Spirit was tongues of flame, the colours for the day are yellow, orange and red. This seems especially appropriate in Australia at the moment, where autumn leaves are looking spectacular, and Cotoneaster berries are vivid red and orange.

At Easter time I have often thought that the Japonica's must seem so appropriate in the northern hemisphere, with their crimson blossoms and spiky stems, representing the crown of thorns.

God seems able to give us appropriate reminders through nature..... reminders that He is with us, reminders of the Christian seasons, and reminders of His beauty and grace.

Blessings from Meg



To salvage our relationships we cannot always be truthful, but we shouldn't be anything less than honest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

26 May ~ Bill Forrester

26 May ~ Glenda Slocombe

Happy birthday! Enjoy this year and use it as a launchpad for your future!



CHURCH SERVICES

5 June 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Meg Mangan

7 June 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

7 June 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan

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