



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Psalm 24 (NIV)

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
- ² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.
- ⁵ They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God their Savior.
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty—
he is the King of glory.



Mark 6:14-29 (NIV)

John the Baptist Beheaded

- ¹⁴ King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him."
- ¹⁵ Others said, "He is Elijah."
- And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago."
- ¹⁶ But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!"
- ¹⁷ For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, ²⁰ because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.
- ²¹ Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.
- The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." ²³ And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom."
- ²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?"
- "The head of John the Baptist," she answered.
- ²⁵ At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter."
- ²⁶ The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. ²⁹ On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

The greatest gift that you can give to others is the gift of unconditional love and acceptance. ~ Brian Tracy

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. ~ Reinhold Niebuhr

Those who are free of resentful thoughts surely find peace.
We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think.
When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves. ~ Buddha

NOTICE OF MEETINGS



Peel Valley Church Council Meeting **2 August**
West Tamworth **1pm** following lunch

CHURCH SERVICES

17 July	6pm	Hallsville	~ Rev S Hansford
19 July	8.30am	Gowrie	~ NO CHURCH
19 July	9am	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan HC
19 July	11am	West	~ Rev Bill Fishcer

Bible Readings ~ 19 July



2 Samuel 7:1-14	Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

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



..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We uphold the Boag family as they mourn the death of Diana. She was an encouraging and warm person who will be missed by many people.
- We pray for Nancy Parsons who is still in hospital.
- Beulah is booked in to see a specialist in Sydney later this month. We pray that he will be able to reduce her pain levels.
- We pray for Mary, a friend of Pat and Kevin. She is in hospital with a number of medical problems.
- We pray for all children and students returning to school and university after their break.

Meg's Musings

This week I had to go to Southside Church to return some equipment. I took along our 8 year old grandson, who is staying with us for a couple of weeks.

Aidan seemed quite surprised that the building was a church. He had the impression that churches look "a bit like a castle". He was even more surprised when he looked through the window and saw a set of drums.

Aidan has mostly encountered churches whilst on visits to England, where most of the churches are hundreds of years old, and look very traditional.

But no matter where we worship, and what the building looks like - no matter what form the music takes - we worship the same God a God who is always ready to accept us, and to accept the worship and praises which we bring to him.



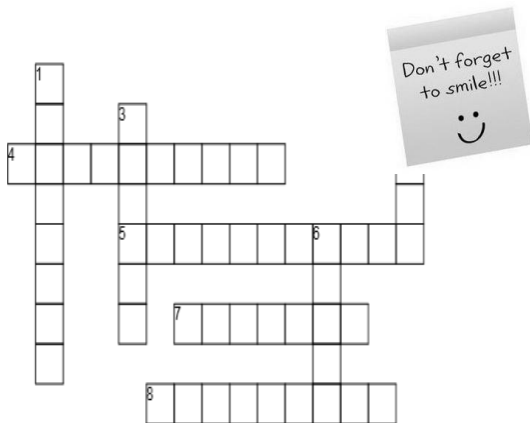
Blessings from Meg

God's Adopted Children

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)



Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

4. Remaining the same
5. Money or property left to children by their parents
7. The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
8. Assurance that something will be done as promised; to make certain

DOWN

1. A considerate and thoughtful act
2. To have selected something from several possibilities
3. A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
6. To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)

Praise for Spiritual Blessings in Christ

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love

⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.

God's Adopted Children

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,

⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,

¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,

¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.



When He cometh, when He cometh

To make up His jewels,

All His jewels, precious jewels,

His loved and His own.

Refrain

Like the stars of the morning,

His brightness adorning,

They shall shine in their beauty,

Bright gems for His crown.

He will gather, He will gather

The gems for His kingdom;

All the pure ones, all the bright ones,

His loved and His own.

Refrain

Little children, little children,

Who love their Redeemer,

Are the jewels, precious jewels,

His loved and His own.

Refrain

~W O Cushing

1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

18 July

~ Donna Harrow



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