



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

11-13 March 2016

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Isaiah 43:16-21 (NIV)

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says—
 he who made a way through the sea,
 a path through the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
 the army and reinforcements together,
 and they lay there, never to rise again,
 extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:
¹⁸ "Forget the former things;
 do not dwell on the past.
¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
 Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
 I am making a way in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland.
²⁰ The wild animals honour me,
 the jackals and the owls,
 because I provide water in the wilderness
 and streams in the wasteland,
 to give drink to my people, my chosen,
²¹ the people I formed for myself
 that they may proclaim my praise.

Psalms 126 (NIV)

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
 we were like those who dreamed.
² Our mouths were filled with laughter,
 Our tongues with songs of joy.
 Then it was said among the nations,
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
³ The LORD has done great things for us,
 and we are filled with joy.
⁴ Restore our fortunes, LORD,
 like streams in the Negev.
⁵ Those who sow with tears
 will reap with songs of joy.
⁶ Those who go out weeping,
 carrying seed to sow,
 will return with songs of joy,
 carrying sheaves with them

CHURCH SERVICES

18 March	6pm	Hallsville	~ Rev S Hansoford
20 March	8.30am	Gowrie	~ Ross Davidson
20 March	11am	West	~ Rev Bill Fischer
25 March	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ~ Rev Chris Wright		
27 March	8.30am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
27 March	11AM	West	~ Trevor Forrester

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 Barbara Murray Doss Wark
 Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



Philippians 3:4-14 (NIV)

⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.
 If someone else thinks they have reasons to put
 confidence in the flesh, I have more:
⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel,
 of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard
 to the law, a Pharisee;
⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for
 righteousness based on the law, faultless.
⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for
 the sake of Christ.
⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of
 the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,
 for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them
 garbage, that I may gain Christ
⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my
 own that comes from the law, but that which is through
 faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God
 on the basis of faith.
¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his
 resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming
 like him in his death,
¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from
 the dead.
¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have
 already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of
 that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.
¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to
 have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what
 is behind and straining toward what is ahead,
¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which
 God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

It is very rare or almost impossible that an event can be negative from all points of view.

I'm so glad friends don't come with price tags. I could never afford the wonderful friends I've got!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12 March	~ Joyce Dowsett
13 March	~ Reg Meyer
13 March	~ Doug Crowell

Been there, done that. Then been there several more times, because apparently I never learn.

Grace is when somebody hurts you and you try to understand their situation instead of trying to hurt them back.



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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- Lorobel Whitten is now an Australian citizen. We are all very pleased for her and Athol.
- Vic Hatfield is out of hospital and is recovering after a bout of pneumonia.
- Bob Forrester is also out of hospital after a toe amputation.
- Barbara Murray is quite unwell and has become increasingly immobile. She would appreciate our prayers.



Meg's Musings

Over the past week some lilies have grown and begun flowering in our garden.

It has been extremely rapid, as there was no sign of them only a short time ago.

We have two delicate scarlet blooms, and the promise of another variety of lily growing strongly.

Compared to the other plants in the garden, this seems astounding.

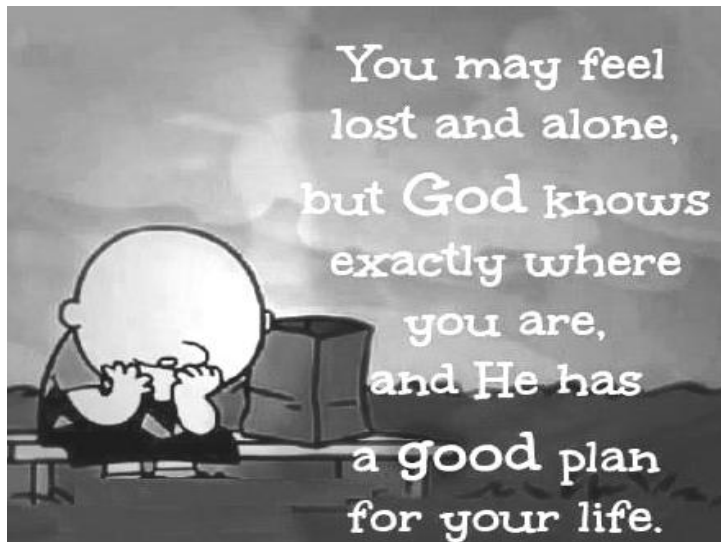
Whilst other plants are dying for lack of water, these lilies are bursting with health and vigor - yet they have not been watered.

Yet, as Christians, we should understand this, because we, too, have unseen resources and reserves.

When we go to God in prayer, he has promised that he will provide us with the necessary strength to complete the tasks which he has set for us. Isn't that wonderful news!



Blessings from Meg



Count Your Blessings

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Love your neighbour as much as yourself.

~ Anon

John 12:1-8 (NIV)

Jesus Anointed at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

³ Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

⁵ "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

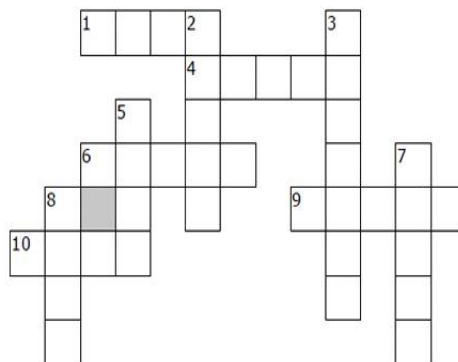
⁷ "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.

⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

Giving Him Your Best

Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. John 12:3a (NIV)

Based on John 12:1-8



ACROSS

1. The part of the body on which a person stands
4. The building in which a family lives
6. What we use to buy things
9. The disciple who betrayed Jesus
10. What grows on the head of a person

DOWN

2. A person who steals
3. A liquid produced and sold for its pleasant smell
5. The opposite of rich
7. Pay received for the labor of a worker
8. The woman who poured perfume on the feet of Jesus



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

27 March

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