



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Acts 5:27-32 (NIV)

<sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.

<sup>28</sup> "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"

<sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

<sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

<sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

## Revelations 1:4-8 (NIV) Greetings and Doxology

<sup>4</sup> John,  
To the seven churches in the province of Asia:  
Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.  
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."  
So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

## Psalms 150 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> **Praise the LORD.**  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,  
<sup>4</sup> praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and pipe,  
<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
**Praise the LORD.**

**When nothing goes right.... go left**

## Psalms 118:14-29 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my defense;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of joy and victory  
resound in the tents of the righteous:  
"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

<sup>16</sup> The LORD's right hand is lifted high;  
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

<sup>17</sup> I will not die but live,  
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has chastened me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of the righteous;  
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD  
through which the righteous may enter.

<sup>21</sup> I will give you thanks, for you answered me;  
you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

<sup>23</sup> the LORD has done this,  
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> The LORD has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.

<sup>25</sup> LORD, save us!  
LORD, grant us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.  
From the house of the LORD we bless you.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light shine on us.  
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession  
up to the horns of the altar.

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will praise you;  
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - Will Pearson will be holding a "conversation" with members of Peel Valley at 10:00am on Wednesday, 6th April at West Tamworth Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a small plate for morning tea.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 April ~ Laurie Mangan

"No, that is the great fallacy: the wisdom of old men. They do not grow wise. They grow careful." ~ Hemingway

"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared." - Buddha



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for continued healing for Peter Scorgie. He is home, but is still experiencing quite severe pain.
- We also pray for Tina, Beth and Peter's daughter.
- We pray for Barbara and John Murray as they grieve the loss of their friend Barbara Wakeham. We also prayer for the extended Wakeham family.
- We give thanks for the showers of rain which have fallen, and pray for further falls across our region.
- Welcome home to those friends who have been away.



### Meg's Musings

Today I made biscuits - nothing very startling about that. The basic recipe which I used was by Phyll Jeffreys. My mum never made biscuits in her life, so I was grateful for Phyll's recipe..... and so were my children and husband over the years, as I churned out many batches of those biscuits.

These days I have the confidence to vary them in lots of different ways - but I still build on that basic recipe.

In my Christian walk I also depend upon the pattern (or recipe) provided by many friends over the years. I am very appreciative of people who - as many as 50 years ago- modelled what it is like to live as a Christian.

These days I have made my own adaptations, but the basic pattern remains. I am so appreciative of the wonderful people whom God has placed in my life - people of love and grace who have helped me along the way. Some died many years ago, whilst others are still here, and still living with grace and integrity.

We never know who is watching as we live out our "ordinary" lives.

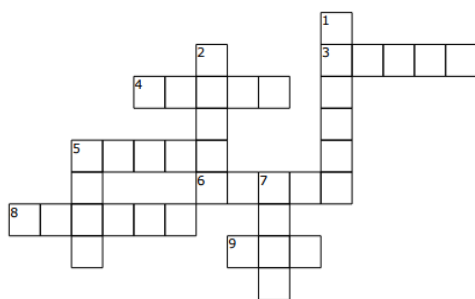
Blessings from Meg



### Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

#### DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

### John 20:19-31 (NIV)

#### Jesus Appears to His Disciples

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

<sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

#### Jesus Appears to Thomas

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

#### The Purpose of John's Gospel

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

<sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

"Recipe for a perfect weekend: mix you and your best friend, sunshine, outdoors and stir with Love to purr-fecton." ~ Tom Hackett

#### CHURCH SERVICES

1 April	6pm	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
10 April	9am	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan HC
10 April	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
10 April	11am	West	~ Meg Mangan HC

#### 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



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville

**24 April**

Maturing is realising how many things don't require you comment. ~ Rachel Wolchin

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